RICHMOND GREEN SECONDARY SCHOOL – FAMILY BULLETIN

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RGSS INFORMATION – Friday, June 21, 2024



Graduation

Graduation will be on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, Grand York Ballroom, 600 Highway 7, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2

Graduates arrive at 5:45 p.m. and ceremony begins at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your pre-purchased tickets. Congratulations to the class of 2024!

June Examination Period

Final examinations will be held from Wednesday, June 19 to Tuesday, June 25, 2024. As directed by YRDSB, period 4 grade 12 exams will be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Mark review day will be Wednesday, June 26, 2024 and will follow a modified timetable. Students must be present for all exams; **please note that all exams begin at 9:30 a.m.** Please do not plan vacation during this time.

Link to exam instructions Link to exam schedule

Exam Review Day - Wednesday, June 26th (modified timetable)

Students have the opportunity to review the exam during class time:

EXAM REVIEW DAY Homeroom: 9:20 - 9:25 Period 1: 9:25 - 10:00 Period 2: 10:05 - 10:40 Period 3: 10:45 - 11:20 Period 4: 11:25 - 12:00 Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 1:00 - 3:35: individual appointments with teachers as necessary

Transcripts

Grade 12 graduates can pick up their transcripts beginning Monday, July 8, 2024 to Thursday, July 25, 2024 in the Main Office from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please email <u>richmond.green.ss@yrdsb.ca</u> with instructions if you require someone other than yourself (e.g, parent/guardian) to pick up the transcript.

PA Day Schedule

Date: June 27, 2024

Length: Full Day

Topic: Transition Planning and School Improvement Planning

Entity Hosting: All Secondary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School Administration and Board based personnel

Description: School Teams will engage in School Improvement Planning, reflecting on the impact of strategies used during the year and their impact on student outcomes.

Date: June 28, 2024

Length: Full Day

Topic: Transition and School Improvement Planning

Entity Hosting: All Secondary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School Administration and Board based personnel

Description: School Teams will engage in School Improvement Planning, reflecting on the impact of strategies used during the year and their impact on student outcomes.

Important Changes to YRT Route 90 (Leslie St)

Starting Sunday, June 30, 2024 Route 90 – Leslie Street **will no longer stop at Richmond Green Secondary** School (stop 4630). The school will be serviced on

Leslie Street at stop 7114. Please see the <u>YRT website</u> and/or <u>this flyer</u> for more details.

2024-2025 School Year Calendar

The <u>calendar for next year</u> is available on the YRDSB public website. Please click the red "approved school year calendar for 2024-2025" tab.

Skilled Trade and Apprenticeship Event

Markham Public Library is hosting its first ever skilled trade and apprenticeship fair this summer for youth and adult. Please see the poster attached and details below.

Details of the event:

- <u>Saturday July 13, 12:00 PM 3:00PM</u>
- Milliken Mill Library
- Free admission, no need to register -<u>https://markham.bibliocommons.com/events/661e89191e57af28004020b3</u> (this event page provides details on participating partners in June)

Please see this flyer for more information.

Indigenous History Month and Indigenous People's Day

National Indigenous History month is a time to celebrate the diverse cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities, as opposed to focusing on what has been done to them. The Canadian Government unanimously declared June as **National Indigenous History Month** in 2009 through a motion in the House of Commons. The month, which includes National Indigenous Peoples Day, is a perfect time to reflect upon the long relationship between the many different Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island and Canadians throughout history. For students and teachers, it is a good time to become better acquainted with the different First Peoples who share this land with us.

June 21 was declared **National Indigenous Peoples Day** in 1996 by then Governor General Romeo Leblanc. The day was chosen in consultation with some national organizations for Indigenous Peoples including the Assembly of First Nations and coincides with the summer solstice which is significant for some First Nations.

Secondary Credit Courses Indigenous Languages and International Languages – Program Registration

Secondary Credit Courses (Grades 9 to 12)

Registration will open mid-July and will close the 3rd week of class. Remote learning will be in real-time using Google Classroom to deliver both synchronous and asynchronous

learning opportunities. A <u>flyer</u> with additional information is available. If you have any questions, please email <u>ILIL@yrdsb.ca</u>.

Adult ESL

Adult Non-Credit English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are available on an ongoing basis including the summer semester from June 17 to July 26, 2024. Online and in-person classes throughout York Region are available from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. & 6 to 9 p.m.

Please contact 905-731-9557 or <u>uplands@yrdsb.ca</u> for more information.

Indigenous Self-Identification

The York Region District School Board is committed to First Nation, Métis, and Inuit students' success. We continue to support Indigenous students and work to provide a curriculum that facilitates learning about contemporary and traditional First Nation, Métis, and Inuit cultures, histories and perspectives among all students. To continue supporting self-identified students, the <u>First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Ancestry Self-Identification brochure</u> was updated in 2022. Current students can self-identify by completing <u>this form</u> and submitting it to the principal.

Indigenous Peoples Month and Pride Month

YRDSB and Richmond Green Secondary School are proud to celebrate Indigenous People's Month and Pride Month during June.

June is Indigenous Peoples Month and an important opportunity to recognize, celebrate and learn about the rich history, heritage, resilience and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples of Turtle Island.

Indigenous peoples have been on this land since time immemorial and have demonstrated resilience, wisdom and strength in the face of immeasurable adversity. Their deep connection to the land, unique cultures and traditions serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of preserving cultural heritage.

As we begin our celebration of PRIDE month, we want to acknowledge our 2SLGBTQIA+ students, staff and community members. This month is a special opportunity for us to celebrate and highlight all that makes you shine.

BCFN (Black Foundation of Community Networks) Scholarship Program

This year, BFCN will be awarding four \$1000 scholarships to qualifying students pursuing education at an accredited Canadian University or College in September 2024.

Two scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students and two scholarships will be awarded to graduate students.

For more information and to apply for BCFN scholarships please complete the <u>Black</u> <u>Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) 13th Annual Scholarship</u> <u>Application</u> Google form.

Aim 2 Achieve Award

The Aim 2 Achieve Award will recognize Black students who are celebrating achievement after facing adversity. This year BFCN will be awarding two Aim 2 Achieve awards.

For more information and to apply for BCFN scholarships please complete the <u>Black</u> <u>Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) 10th Annual Aim 2 Achieve Award</u> <u>Application</u> Google form.

Tune In YRDSB: Experience Business, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Tune in YRDSB: Indigenous Education in Action – Making Moccasins

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter – June 2024

Personal Property

The school and the Board are not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen personal items. You can reduce the risk by leaving valuable items at home. Always secure items. More information can be found in the <u>2023-2024 Guide to the School Year</u>.

RGSS is on Instagram!

Follow @rgssofficial to receive updates on school news, events, student achievement, and more!

School Safety

Please be reminded that all visitors to the school must sign in at the main office and get a visitor tag. This tag should be clearly visible while in the building on business. Students are reminded not to bring guests anywhere on school property (indoors and outdoors) as well as to the library during school hours.

Updating Contact Information

If you need to update any contact information (e.g., home or email address, telephone number, etc.,) please email: <u>richmond.green.ss@yrdsb.ca</u>

Teach Assist Parent Portal

Students in Secondary School use TeachAssist to view their schedules and ongoing assessment. They can also schedule guidance appointments. Parent/guardians may also register for the TeachAssist Parent Portal. Through this portal, you will be able to view your child(ren)'s marks, and book interviews with teachers for the Interview evenings held each semester (more information on this semester's interview evening will come closer to the date).

To register for the TeachAssist Parent Portal, please visit:

https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb/parents/index.php

You will need to enter the email address you have on file at the school. You will then be sent a one-time email to confirm your registration.

Key Dates

- Exams Wednesday, June 19, 2024 to Tuesday, June 25, 2024 beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- Graduation Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel Tuesday, June 25, 2024
- Instructional Mark Review Day Wednesday, June 26, 2024 (modified timetable)
- PA Days Thursday, June 27, 2024 and Friday, June 28, 2024
- Report Cards electronic distribution beginning Monday, July 8, 2024
- Transcripts available for pick up in the Main Office beginning Monday, July 8, 2024
- First day of school for incoming grade 9 students and students in the Community Classes Tuesday, September 3, 2024
- First day of school for grade 10 12 students Wednesday, September 4, 2024