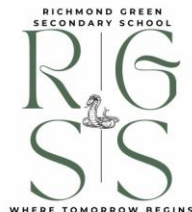


## RICHMOND GREEN SECONDARY SCHOOL – FAMILY BULLETIN



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### RGSS INFORMATION – Friday, June 7, 2024



#### 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.

#### 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](#)

### **Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

All grade 12 classes are cancelled on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Grade 12 students will write period 4 exams. For students in grades 9- 11, the timetable will be as follows:

Period 4 9:20 – 10:40

Period 3 10:45 – 12:00

Lunch 12 – 12:55

Period 2 1:00 – 2:15

Period 1 2:20 – 3:35

We wish all students best of luck on their exams.

### **Graduation**

On Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> our grade 12 students attended their graduation information assembly. Students had an opportunity to pick up their cap and gown, grad tickets and composite.

For details about graduation, please see [the presentation](#).

### **OSSLT**

Please note that if your student participated in the Spring OSSLT writing session, results will be sent to their Gapps accounts early next week.

The OSSLT assessed the reading and writing skills included in the expectations of The Ontario Curriculum across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of the OSSLT is a graduation requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

Students who have successfully completed the OSSLT will have this noted on their Provincial Report Card and on the Ontario Student Transcript.

**A hard copy of the results will be available from the main office of the school between the dates of Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.**

The next opportunity to write the test will be the fall. The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course may be available via summer school and night school for some students who have been

unsuccessful. If students were unsuccessful, a teacher will be in touch with the student to discuss future options. Students must meet the secondary school literacy requirements in order to receive an OSSD. For further details, please visit the Ministry website at [www.edu.gov.on.ca](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca)

### **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 BFCN scholarships please complete the [Black Foundation of Community Networks \(BFCN\) 13th Annual Scholarship Application](#) 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 BFCN scholarships please complete the [Black Foundation of Community Networks \(BFCN\) 10th Annual Aim 2 Achieve Award Application](#) Google form.

BFCN 2024 [Scholarship Directory](#)

BFCN [Scholarship Application Workshop Registration](#) (June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm)

### **Important Changes to YRT Route 90 (Leslie St)**

Starting June 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 [YRT website](#) and/or [this flyer](#) for more details.

### **Tune in YRDSB: Indigenous Education in Action – Making Moccasins**

### **Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter – June 2024 –**

### **Preparing for Summer**

### **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:

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

Please see [this flyer](#) for more information.

## **When to Worry about Worry: Youth and Anxiety in a Post-Pandemic World**

Free information session

- Tuesday, June 18, 2024 | 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., Tamari Family Hall

Please see [this flyer](#) for more information

## **PEAC**

Applications Open for Board's Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee

York Region District School Board is accepting applications for membership on the Board's Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC). PEAC supports parent and family engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. Applications are due **June 12, 2024**.

For more information, please visit the [YRDSB Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee webpage](#).

## **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 [flyer](#) with additional information is available. If you have any questions, please email [LLIL@yrdsb.ca](mailto:LLIL@yrdsb.ca).

## **Guidance**

The last day to register for summer school is Friday, June 7, 2024. Students can register through MyBlueprint.

## **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 [uplands@yrdsb.ca](mailto:uplands@yrdsb.ca) 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 [First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Ancestry Self-Identification brochure](#) was updated in 2022. Current students can self-identify by completing [this form](#) and submitting it to the principal.

### **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.

### **School Washrooms**

Students are reminded that school washrooms are not to be used for social activities including eating. At the beginning of the year, we introduced school "zones". The Green zones are areas where students may sit, collaborate, socialize and eat. Yellow zones are for collaborating and socializing. Red zones are spaces such as stairwells (walking through only) and washrooms (bio breaks only). The zones are for everyone's safety in the school.

## **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 [2023-2024 Guide to the School Year](#).

## **RGSS is on Instagram!**

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

## **Student Expectations in the Community**

We are lucky to have positive relationships with community vendors. Many students enjoy eating lunch at the Costco food court. Costco has asked if students could please:

- purchase their food and leave once done eating
- use debit and credit as preferred payment methods (for speed of transactions)
- stay in the food court only unless entering the store with a membership card

Following these guidelines will ensure students enjoy continued access to the food court.

## **Bussing**

Bussing is provided to eligible students through Student Transportation Services (STS). STS operates bus routes for students in JK-12 for both the York Region District School Board and the York Catholic District School Board. More information, including daily late bus reports, can be found at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com). Please note, it is important that students ride **only on their designated route**. This is for everyone's safety and security.

## **School Start Up Forms**

School start up forms were sent to families and students this week. Please see the [Resources and FAQs for families](#) for more information. Secondary students received the following message:

### **School Start-Up Forms (Message to Secondary Students)**

*Each year, we ask secondary school students to review important school and Board policies and to indicate that they have reviewed this information. Students are asked to [complete this form](#) online. If you have any questions about the information in the form, please speak with your teacher, principal or vice-principal.*

*It is important that all students complete and submit these forms as soon as possible at the start of the school year.*

## **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.

## **Attendance**



Students are expected to be in their scheduled classes each period. If you sign your child out of school, they need to leave school property. This includes the library during school hours, as it is considered to be school property during the school day.

Please do not give your child permission without calling and giving the office notice for them to be in the library during the day. If your child is going to be absent or away from any of their classes, please contact the Main Office **email is preferred** - [richmond.green.ss.attendance@yrdsb.ca](mailto:richmond.green.ss.attendance@yrdsb.ca) or by phone 905-780- 7858, press option 1. Please let us know your child's student number, full name and grade.

## **Updating Contact Information**

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

## **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.

## **Notice From Richmond Green Library**

In recent years, we have faced recurring challenges in our library washrooms, including issues such as vaping, eating, and disruptive gathering during school hours. Despite the diligent efforts of both the library and RGSS, it's hard to maintain continuous monitoring due to limited staff availability.



After a thorough review of the situations, the library and RGSS will start to implement new measures to address these concerns. Effective November 9, 2023, the library will enforce restricted access to the washrooms during school hours.

1. Locking washrooms: Both library washrooms will remain locked during school hours.
2. Key sign-out procedure: Students may obtain a washroom key by leaving their student cards at the service desk. Student cards will be returned upon key return. **Only one student is permitted at a time.**
3. Limited occupancy: A maximum of two users will be allowed to enter the same washroom simultaneously.
4. Reporting disruptions: Any disruptive behaviours observed will be reported to both the library and RGSS administration for appropriate action.

We hope these measures will help create a more conducive and respectful environment within our library facilities, and promote a better learning atmosphere for all RGSS students.

### **Kinnect Youth Mentoring Program**

Social support network and mentoring program for Black students. Please see [the flyer](#) for more information.

### **Medical Information**

A reminder if your child has a serious medical condition and has not received the medical forms, please fill out the appropriate form(s) below and return to the Main Office. **Please complete new forms each school year.**

<a href="#"><u>Anaphylaxis HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></a>	This form should be completed for all students with a life threatening allergy.
<a href="#"><u>Asthma HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></a>	This form should be completed for all students with asthma.
<a href="#"><u>Epilepsy (Seizure Disorders) HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></a>	This form should be complete for all students with a seizure disorder (including epilepsy).
<a href="#"><u>Type 1 Diabetes HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></a>	This form should be completed for all students with diabetes.
<a href="#"><u>Health Care Plan (Other)</u></a>	This form should be completed for all other serious and potentially life threatening health conditions that are not already specifically addressed (Asthma, anaphylactic, diabetes, and seizure health care plans).



## **COVID Health and Safety Protocols for 2023-2024**

York Region Public Health has advised that schools continue to be required to follow the [Ministry's COVID-19: health and safety measures at schools](#).

All students, staff and visitors need to complete the self-screening tool. Students should complete the [COVID-19 self screening tool](#) and follow instructions and next steps. Masks are optional for students, staff and visitors.

Surfaces in the school building will continue to be disinfected and hand sanitizer is available. Appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette will continue to be promoted throughout the day.

### **Key Dates**

- Last day for cafeteria serverly – Tuesday, June 18, 2024
- Exams – Wednesday, June 19, 2024 to Tuesday, June 25, 2024
- Grade 12 period 4 exams – Tuesday, June 18, 2024
- RGSS Graduation – Tuesday, June 25, 2024
- Mark Review Day - Instructional Day – Wednesday, June 26, 2024 (modified timetable)
- P. A. Days – Thursday, June 27, 2024 and Friday, June 28, 2024