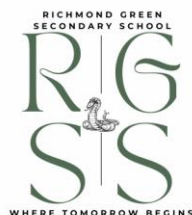


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RGSS INFORMATION – Friday, May 17, 2024



Summer Opportunities

[The Come Up Black Youth Internship Program](#) - for Black-Identifying Students entering grade 11 in September (due by May 20)

[The Come Up Summer Program](#) - for Black-identifying students entering grade 9 or 10 in September (due by May 27)

Armenian Heritage Month

The month of May is Armenian Heritage Month. Armenian Heritage month was given Royal Assent in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in 2022 through Bill 105 Act to proclaim the month of May as Armenian Heritage Month.

May is a significant month for the Armenian community. May 28, 1918, is widely celebrated by Armenian people around the world as the day Armenians regained sovereignty over their historical territory. The 1918 Armenian Declaration of Independence is a symbol of Armenians' aspiration for freedom, democracy and independence. May 28th is one of the most important Armenian holidays, and many parades and festivities take place during the month of May.

Message to Students

This message was sent to all YRDSB students this week: (please note, this is for your information only. Only students can join the meeting).

Calling all YRDSB Students!!

On behalf of the York Region Presidents' Council, the YRDSB's official student senate, we are excited to invite you to our ***May General Assembly!***

General Assemblies are a great chance to share **YOUR VOICE** on topics that you want to share at the board level, an amazing opportunity to **CONNECT** with students from across the different regions in YRDSB, personally meet and chat with the members of the YRPC cabinet, and of course with **free refreshments and snacks** (All our attendees can confirm it's a great selection)!

The May GA will be focusing on the topics of:

- Caring and Safe Schools presentation and suggestions on how to improve the presentation
- The new Quash App
- The development of the new Multi-Year Strategic Plan

Register for a fun evening of networking, new friendships, snacks, and passion for student voice!

Meeting Details:

Location: Middlefield Collegiate Institute (525 Highglen Ave, Markham, ON L3S 3L5) or Google Meet

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Time: 7:00 pm -9:00 pm

Who can join: ***ALL YRDSB STUDENTS ARE WELCOME!***

If you cannot attend in person, you may join us virtually. Google Meet details will be emailed to you on Tuesday.

Please [register here](#) by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 to confirm your attendance.

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**.

Interested parent and family applicants are invited to attend a virtual information session to learn more about this family engagement opportunity on **May 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** For more information on the application process and instructions on how to join the virtual information session, please visit the [YRDSB Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee webpage](#).

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.

Indigenous and International Languages

Registration for September classes will open mid-July and close the third week of class. Remote learning will be in real-time using Google Classroom to deliver both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities.

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

Guidance

On Thursday, May 23, 2024 during lunch in room 139/141, Grade 11&12 students are invited to join our guest speaker to learn more about OSAP and financing your post-secondary school education

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



MACCA 2024 Scholarships

Fast Track Career Expo

Fast Track Career Expo for Students and Families

The Pathways' Team in Curriculum and Instructional Services invites students and their families to participate in [Fast Track: Explore Your Future Conference](#) on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024** at the Venu Event Space in Vaughan (2800 Hwy 7, Vaughan ON, L4K 1W8). This is a collaborative event with the York Catholic District School Board.

Evening Conference:

- This is for students in Grades 9 - 12 and their families and takes place from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- There will be a Pathways and Career Expo that includes local employers, trade unions, colleges, industry partners and associations who will be available to provide students and their families with information on career opportunities.
- The evening will include presentations from guest speakers who will talk about the types of soft skills that employers are looking for and how students can present themselves professionally in various environments; and transitioning to the skilled trades.
- [Promotional Flyer](#)
- [Registration Link](#)

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 for more information.

Jewish Heritage Month by Tune In YRDSB

Join us on this special episode of Tune in YRDSB with host Jordan Rappaport, Equity & Inclusive Education Consultant, alongside Hayden Bendavid, Equity & Inclusive Education Consultant, Rebecca Zaiontz, Teacher at Johnny Lombardi PS and Leonora Buskin, Community Partnership Developer, as they talk about the importance of pride in identity, how folks identify as being Jewish and so much more. Don't miss this important conversation!

Tune In YRDSB: Asian Heritage Month Podcast

Tune In YRDSB: Social Anxiety and Supporting Healthy Relationships

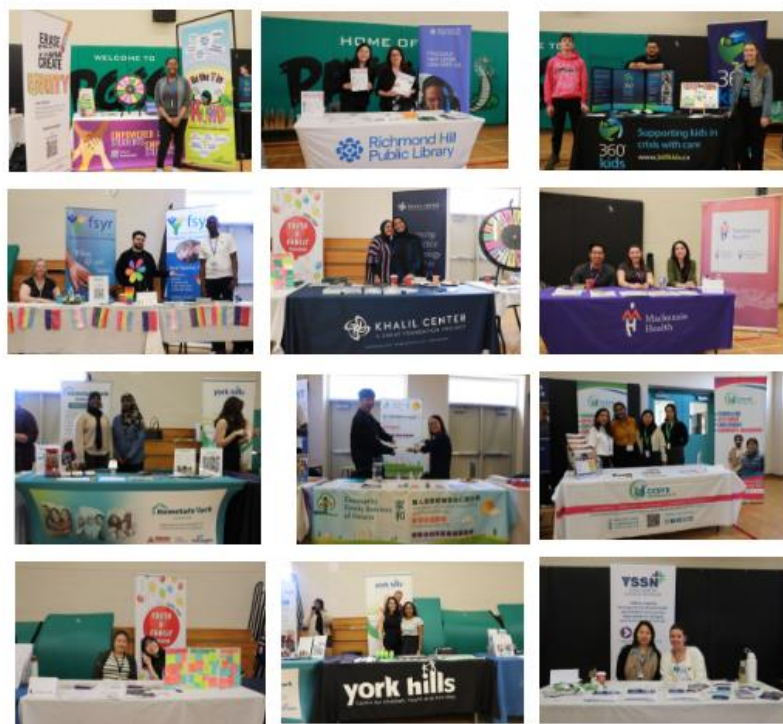
Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter – May 2024:

Updated Message from York Region Public Health - Measles

Asian Heritage Month

Please see the following [flyer](#) for information and registration about an upcoming Family Engagement Evening: Embracing Diversity, Celebrating East Asian Heritage on Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30

Mental Health Fair



On Thursday, May 2, 2024, Richmond Green hosted a culturally responsive mental health fair. Over 30 vendors came to attend the event and provide resources to support students. Students were able to ask questions and collect resources based on their interests, identities and needs. A member of our school team was able to record some of our community partners. Once the video is ready, we will have it translated into several languages and it will be hosted on our site for families to access. Please see

the pictures below for a sneak peek at the wide variety of community partners who supported our learning event.

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.

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. 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 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

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.**

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

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| | addressed (Asthma, anaphylactic, diabetes, and seizure health care plans). |
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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

- Victoria Day – Monday, May 20, 2024 (No School)
- RGSS Prom – Thursday, May 30, 2024
- Birthday Bash – Friday, June 7, 2024
- Exams – Wednesday, June 19, 2024 to Tuesday, June 25, 2024
- RGSS Graduation – Tuesday, June 25, 2024
- Mark Review Day - Instructional Day – Wednesday, June 26, 2024
- P. A. Day – Thursday, June 27, 2024 and Friday, June 28, 2024