



## RICHMOND GREEN SECONDARY SCHOOL – PARENT BULLETIN

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### RGSS INFORMATION – Friday, October 27, 2023



#### Model United Nations (MUN)

Last weekend, the RGSS Model United Nations delegation participated in a regional competition at Central Peel Secondary School. Ms. Morris is very proud of our team. A big shout out to Nichita Borodin, Cameron Shulver, Ray Jou and Jayin Hindocha for the excellent contributions you made to your committees. We would also like to congratulate Nicholas Moreno-Ip for

Verbal Commendations in the Theranos committee; Celine Hsu for Best Delegate in the Money Heist committee; Daniel Feng for Best Delegate in the Money Heist committee; Aaira Kamal for Best Delegate in the Suits committee; Aryan Rajagopal for Best Delegate in the Anti-Cyber Warfare committee; and Abigail Qian for Best Delegate in the Ad Hoc committee. As a result of winning 5 out of the 8 committees in this conference RGSS has brought home the trophy for the CPSS Best Delegation Award. Congratulations everyone for being part of Richmond Green's Best Ever Performance at a conference and for creating history, winning 5 Best Delegate Awards set a new record at this conference.

#### Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work – Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

“Take Our Kids to Work” (TOKW) is an initiative, hosted by The Students Commission of Canada (SCC), that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to **OBSERVE** a work environment for one day. As suggested by the *Premier’s Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel Report*, the program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work. On **Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative or family friend.**

**Please follow the link provided to guardian and grade 9 student gapps accounts to indicate where and how your Grade 9 student will be participating in this experiential**

learning day by **October 25<sup>th</sup>**. For any general inquiries, please contact the school main office for assistance or email us at [richmond.green.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:richmond.green.ss@yrdsb.ca)

## **Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter – November 2023**

November's Mental Health Newsletter for families and caregivers has a focus on "Stress and Resilience."

### **York Region Public Health**

**HEY PARENTS!** **KEEP YOUR KIDS HEALTHY AND IN SCHOOL**

**Are your child's immunizations up to date?**  
It's your responsibility to tell York Region Public Health, not your doctor's.

Update online now!  
[york.ca/GetImmunized](http://york.ca/GetImmunized)

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### **School Council**

The Central School Council Forum took place this week at Richmond Hill High School. All elementary and secondary School Council representatives attended this evening. Thank you to Hila Draper, Karim Hasham and Jaclyn Zhang for representing RGSS. After a keynote address on Active School Travel, participants joined engaging breakout sessions on topics like mental health, digital tools, literacy, transition to high school and the School Council handbook.

As a reminder, our next Richmond Green School Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend. More information will be provided closer to the date.

### **Youth Gambling Awareness Series**

This workshop series offers educational prevention sessions to parents and caregivers. Participants will engage in learning on gambling awareness, including potential risks, making informed decisions, and healthy and active living. Please see [this flyer](#) for more information and registration.

## **Photo Retake Day – October 30**

Any student who missed having their picture taken on September 18<sup>th</sup> (e.g., absence, not yet started at Richmond Green) will have the opportunity to have their picture taken on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Any student who wants to purchase a photo package may also have their picture taken on this day.

## **Halloween – October 31**

The health and safety of our students is a top priority. For students who wish to celebrate Halloween at school, please keep these reminders in mind:

- When planning costumes that no replica weapons of any kind are allowed.
- Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume.

## **Student Council Presents Fright Night**

On October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm Richmond Green's student council will present Fright Night. This is an evening where students can purchase a ticket and attend a scary movie in the comfort of the school's drama room. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase during the event. This year's Fright Night will feature the animated horror movie, Coraline. Please be advised that the evening is Halloween themed and will feature decorations accompanied with a PG rated movie with dystopian and fantasy themes. There will be adult supervision throughout the entire evening.

## **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.

## **Level Up! Skilled Trades Career Fair – November 15 and 16**

Families and students will have an opportunity to learn about Ontario's 140+ trades through interactive exhibitions and hands-on activities, while hearing directly from tradespeople and local employers about life-changing career opportunities. The evening event is open to families from 7-8:30pm. Please visit [www.levelupontario.ca](http://www.levelupontario.ca) and see the attached [flyer](#).

## **Engagement Fee**

We are proud at Richmond Green to host a vast number of clubs, sports teams and other activities and events for students. The Student Engagement fee supports the operation of these activities for students. The Student Engagement Fee is an optional but recommended fee on [School Cash Online](#). Without sufficient funds, we have to charge higher fees for club/team participation and transportation. We appreciate your support.

Moving forward, the cost of school activities will be differentiated for students who have paid the engagement fee and who have not. This includes activities such as semi-formal, prom, etc.

## **Computer Purchase Program**

Renewed Computer Technology (RTC) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology, skill development and learning opportunities, in a social and environmentally responsible manner. Please see the [attached letter](#) with information flyer to learn more.

## **Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter – October 2023**

### **Tune IN YRDSB – Islamic Heritage Month**

As we recognize Islamic Heritage Month, the latest episode of Tune In YRDSB explores the importance of creating identity-affirming spaces in schools and workplaces. Hear more about the experiences of Muslim students, staff and families in York Region District School Board.

## **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)

## **Kinnect Youth Mentoring Program**

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

## **In the Community**

We are fortunate at Richmond Green Secondary School to have so many community resources near our school, including the park and various plazas. We remind students that their behaviour and actions in the community should reflect the same expectations that we have within the school building. Student behaviour off school property reflects

on the school community. Egregious behaviour will be addressed by the school and consequences will be put in place for students whose behaviour does not create a caring, safe and inclusive school environment as presented to students in our start up presentations.

## **GIVE Information Session**

Get Involved. Volunteer in Education. Develop Skills to Support School Communities. This free information session is organized by York Region District School Board in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region. Please see [this flyer](#) for more details and registration.

## **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.

## **Attendance**



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.

## **TeachAssist 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.

## **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="#"><b><u>Anaphylaxis HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></b></a>	This form should be completed for all students with a life threatening allergy.
<a href="#"><b><u>Asthma HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></b></a>	This form should be completed for all students with asthma.
<a href="#"><b><u>Epilepsy (Seizure Disorders) HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></b></a>	This form should be complete for all students with a seizure disorder (including epilepsy).
<a href="#"><b><u>Type 1 Diabetes HEALTH CARE PLAN</u></b></a>	This form should be completed for all students with diabetes.
<a href="#"><b><u>Health Care Plan (Other)</u></b></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**

- Photo Retake Day – Monday, October 30 (for students without school photos)
- Fright Night – Monday, October 30 6-9 pm (for students with ticket purchase)
- Take Our Kids to Work Day – Wednesday, November 1, 2023
- Last day of Term 1 (Civics and Careers) – November 8, 2023
- Remembrance Day – November 11, 2023
- PA Day – Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – Students do not come to school
- Grade 8 Open House – Monday, November 20 (evening)
- Midterm Report Cards distributed electronically – November 20 - 22