

RGSS Clubs and Councils 2023/2024

Name of Club/ Council	Staff sponsor name (s) and email contact information	Meeting Day	Time	What are the major goals of your club/council?
TechCrew	James.robertson@yrdsb.ca	Wednesday	Lunch in Room 151. And lots of irregular times.	To provide logistics and technical support to school events
Ecoteam	cindy.wan@yrdsb.ca cindy.wan@yrdsb.ca; pilateris@yrdsb.ca; hayden.so@yrdsb.ca	Thursdays	Lunch 12:20-12:50	1. To be environmental friendly and raise awareness about environmental issues 2. To complete the schools' Ecoschool application
Fitness Club	Cavaliere, Coletta, Fraser	Wednesdays & Fridays from November to May	Lunch time 12:05- 12:50	The club is designed to promote health and fitness. It provides an opportunity for all students to access the weight room. Students can lift weights, do cardio or stretch.
Chess Club	Alastair Kribs alastair.kribs@yrdsb.ca	Thursdays	Lunch	The Chess Club is designed for beginners and advanced players. Students are welcome to drop in to play a game with another student or take a lesson with a member from the club.
Jack	Kara.bainbridge@yrdsb.ca and leah.dies@yrdsb.ca	Thursdays	12:00pm	Our club promotes positive mental health through a variety of activities and other education platforms.
Positive Space	kara.bainbridge@yrdsb.ca and elyse.blicker@yrdsb.ca	Wednesdays	12pm-12:30pm	Provide a safe and positive space for students of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and allies. We provide fun activities and students enjoy socializing.
L.E.A.D. (Leaders in Equity and Diversity)	Nicole Brentnell and Kara Bainbridge nicole.brentnell@yrdsb.ca kara.bainbridge@yrdsb.ca	Tuesday	12:00 pm -12:30 pm	This group is responsible for creating a positive school climate, organizing school events that showcase our mandate and message of equity and diversity as well as promoting Character Matter traits throughout the year. The group will also have a consistent goal of establishing Richmond Green SS as an inclusive, safe and welcoming school environment.
Physics Club	Mr. So (hayden.so@gapps.yrdsb.ca)	Thursday	12:15-12:45	Discuss physics concepts, perform physics activities, share our love/curiosity in physics
Art Club/Art Council	Joanna.bull@yrdsb.ca, crystal.piche@yrds, janice.howland@yrdsb.ca	Thursday	Lunch	Art club is open to all students at RGSS. Join us in room 128 Thursday at lunch. Meet new friends, get creative, and explore the monthly art theme. All members are required to pay a \$10 material fee. Interested in an art leadership role? Art Council advises on and supports school based art projects. Sign-up to create murals, plan the arts banquet, lead art club and other exciting RGSS art initiatives.
Peer Tutoring	Mr. Sit, jonathan.sit@yrdsb.ca	--	--	To provide individual tutoring in English, Math, Science to other students in need of support
Girl Code	Maryam Qaheri, Aga Niedzielska	Monday	Lunch in room 124	This club is a supportive and positive space for girls to gain confidence, learn about self- advocacy, and make friends. It is a safe space

				to talk about a variety of topics that affect girls, including friendships, managing emotions, dealing with stress, learning about safe and responsible social media use, and more! You've got something you want to talk about? Let us know!
Breakfast Club	Ariana Tullio ariana.tullio@yrdsb.ca	Monday after school	3:35-5:30pm	Makes breakfast for the school and hands out goods to students in the mornings before school starts.
Student Council	Mike Ma (mike.ma@yrdsb.ca) and Ariana Tullio (ariana.tullio@yrdsb.ca)	Monday and Friday during lunch	Monday and Friday during lunch	Student council works to create and promote events within the school community. Some examples include spirit weeks, semi formal, birthday bash etc..
MATH CLUB RGSS	Mila Postelnyak	room 327	12:15-12:45, every Tuesday	Increase students' interest, enjoyment, confidence, and ability in mathematics.
Best Buddies	Maryam Qaheri, Maeve O'Neill	Tuesdays	Lunch	-promote inclusion by creating lasting one-to-one friendships between individuals living with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities
Writers' Guild	Allison Thorpe allison.thorpe@yrdsb.ca	Tuesday	Each week at 4:30 - 5:30 pm online and on the last Tuesday of each month at 12 noon in room 201	Writers Guild is A Writing Club where teens meet to discover and express themselves through all forms of writing. It is a space in which teens set their voices free. Teens are encouraged to enter Writing Contests, both local and international, and teachers are available and willing to edit writing creations prior to submission. The online platform includes students from other York Region Schools as well as a Teacher Advisor from Markville Secondary School, Ms. Bozabalian. An Open Mic event is held monthly in the drama room at RGSS, where any student may participate, just for the fun of it. Open Mic often includes musical performances and dramatic presentations.
Nubian RGSS	Allison Thorpe allison.thorpe@yrdsb.ca	Wednesday	Lunchtime in room 201	Nubian RGSS is a validating space for Black students seeking personal growth and well-being opportunities and resources. The Club promotes African Heritage Awareness through networking, education, and social activities. Students connect with and by way of elders, peers, events, and workshops.
RGBA - Richmond Green Broadcast Association	Selina.Colatosti@yrdsb.ca	Wednesdays @ lunch	room 104	The members of the RGBA produce the school podcast - Rattle Radio and newspaper - Rattle Report.
HOSA club	Lakshmi Mocherla	Wednesday	During Lunch time in room 307	HOSA club is targeted towards helping students in preparing for a career in health or medical sciences. Students receive an opportunity to learn medical-related knowledge and participate in a national competition based on skills in healthcare.
Richmond Green Investment Club	Venkata.Mocherla@yrdsb.ca	Mondays (bi-weekly)	12:15pm - 1:00pm (room 307 for question below)	The Richmond Green Investment Club strives in providing students the opportunity to learn finance and investments. Providing a realistic and high level understanding of long and short term markets. Motivating students to invest.

Muslim Students Association	Shelina Jaffer	Has not been decided at this time	Lunch Time	Educational Awareness, Building Community
Math club	Shikha Gupta (shikha.gupta@yrdsb.ca)	Tuesday	lunch time, Room 327	Do presentations and practice fun and challenging math questions from contests, among other activities.
DECA	Nora Chapman nora.chapman@yrdsb.ca	Wednesdays (general) and Friday (Exec)	lunch	prepare for regionals and provincial competition
Computer Science Club	Mr. Hsiung - jeremy.hsiung@yrdsb.ca	Wednesday (Competitive Programming), Fridays (Projects) (The Projects branch meets on Thursdays if Friday is not a school day)	12:15 in Room 221	The Computer Science Club has 2 branches, each focusing on a different theme. The Competitive Programming branch focuses on writing and performing well on contests such as the University of Waterloo's Canadian Computing Competition (CCC). It prepares students for post-secondary applications, and provides a stimulating environment to challenge oneself with pure computer science problems such as algorithms. The Projects branch focuses on teamwork, problem-solving, and programming by working on larger real-world projects. One example is the Model UN website that the Computer Science Club is designing. Other projects will become available based on club members' interests.
Calligraphy Club	Rachel Bodig rachel.bodig@gapps.yrdsb.ca	Wednesdays	12:15 in 204	Learn and practice calligraphy. Learn how to design cohesive themes and colour palettes.
Dance Club	Aga Niedzielska (but looking for new supervisor!)	TBC	12:20 - 12:5 PM	Do you like to dance? Do you like K-Pop? As a team, we choreograph dances to our favorite songs, and then perform them at RGSS' Winter Wonderland, and Birthday Bash. We also enter the annual YRDSB Step Out Dance Competition.
French Cafe	Daniella Di Lucia (daniella.dilucia@yrdsb.ca)	Every second Friday	Lunch	Explore French culture and engage in informal French speaking opportunities while also encouraging and promoting French throughout the school.
Practice Club	Brendan McLean, brendan.mclean@yrdsb.ca	Monday/Wednesday	12:00-12:55	Practice club is a safe, non-judgmental, focused space where musicians can hone their musical talents, learn a new instrument, get help from a mentor or teacher, or be a mentor for someone less experienced. All students and instruments are welcomed.
Science Club	suki chan suki.chan@yrdsb.ca	Every other Thursday during lunch	Every other Thursday during lunch	To enjoy science through activities beyond classroom (for example, competitions, experiments and speakers/experts in any science field)
Athletic Council	christine.Dafoe@yrdsb.ca , Vasic	No set day at this point	Lunch time and After school for timekeeping games	Athletic Council supports RGSS athletics! We run intramurals to keep students active and competing in a recreational environment. We also score keep our school games to support our teams. Athletic council also plans and run Athletic Banquet at the end of the year to celebrate all of our athletes who competed on YRAA school teams. It is a great club for

				anyone who enjoys sports!
Entrepreneurship Club	Afsana Ahmed (afsana.ahmed@yrdsb.ca)	Thursdays every two weeks	12:10 pm to 1:50 pm	The major goals of the entrepreneurship club is to expand student leadership skills at RGSS. Student leaders will implement management, leadership, and innovative activities to help develop and prepare club participants to be the next generation of business leaders around the world. Additionally, the student leaders will aim to help students discover what they want within their careers, whilst making friendships along the way.
Baking Club	Maria.doucas@yrdsb.ca (Maria Doucas) nora.chapman@yrdsb.ca (Nora Chapman) jessica.deluca-kurek@yrdsb.ca (Jessica Deluca-Kurek)	Tuesdays	Lunch Hour (12:00-12:50)	Offering students the opportunity to develop teamwork/literacy skills and general life skills (cooking, food prep, kitchen safety, etc.) by reading recipes, creating baked goods and working together to create meals and snacks.
Express Yourself Club	joanne.norman@yrdsb.ca	Fridays at lunch	203	There is a need to build up self-confidence in students in order for them to discover their true selves and be able to express it in a safe, welcoming place. They will get performance experience, physical confidence and enjoy the time together with other students of a like mind. Activities would include: singing, storytelling, reading poetry, dancing, bboxing and even stand up comedy, depending on what individuals want to express.
Thinking and Logical Fallacies	roxanne.fuller@yrdsb.ca	Mondays from 12:15-12:55pm	Drama Studio (rm 151)	This club is to encourage active discussion among passionate students and critical thinking. It also helps students increase cognitive function, and help students practice literature through discussions and provides opportunities for MLL to practice English. Overall, this club supports student's choice and voice and allows them to be in an environment where they do not feel insecure or restricted in any way.
RGSS Upcycles	tatyana.dalcourt@yrdsb.ca	Club will meet every other Thursday from 12:20-1:00PM	223	Include activities related to thrifting, upcycling clothes, and DIYs. Educate students about sustainability, fast fashion, clothing hacks, tips for thrifting, etc.
Spaghetti Club	mroneill294@gmail.com	Wednesdays 12:00-1:00	Family Studies Kitchen	SPAGHETTI CLUB is a lunch time club that provides students in RGSS community classes the opportunity to learn how to make spaghetti. The club will take place over four biweekly sessions so that students have the opportunity to hone their skills and develop increased independence over time.
Mahjong Club	terence.tam@yrdsb.ca	Mondays 12-1	226	To let RGSS students play, socialize, and learn about Mahjong and Chinese culture with their peers. In addition, this club will provide a safe space for newly immigrated RGSS with each students at RGSS and encourage them to build connections and friendships other.
Strategic Games Club	jeremy.hsiung@yrdsb.ca	Tuesdays, 12-1	221	This club will focus on communication,

				teamwork, logical reasoning, and debate skills. The Board Game Club is based on socializing around a variety of board games.
Public Speaking Club	nora.chapman@yrdsb.ca	Wednesdays, 12-1	219	This club is a good way for students to improve their public speaking skills in a supportive and encouraging environment. Additionally, by improving public speaking abilities, students will strengthen skills like confidence, leadership, and diversity of thought. Additionally, we want to strengthen club members' presentation skills, by teaching them how to create an effective presentation and convey it properly. This is a skill which is fundamental for high school, and beyond.
Astronomy Club	afsana.ahmed@yrdsb.ca	Tuesdays, 12-1	200	The RGSS Astronomy Club is a student-run club where students of any level of expertise can visit us and learn more about a diverse range of topics related to astronomy! We will cover many questions and subjects, such as "What is Astronomy?" to "The Future of the Universe." The goal of this club is not to just sit students down in a room and educate them about astronomy, but to make it fun and engaging for them, using a variety of activities. After all, it's a club, not a course! Another goal we have is to give students the opportunity to have some real life experiences with all that they've learned in the club! If possible, there will be field trips to observatories, stargazing nights, and more.