

# The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin

## Week of November 19, 2018



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*"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?" -Dr. Seuss*

## What's Happening This Week at RHHS

### Monday, November 19

Dept. Head meeting - 3:45 p.m.  
One Act Play Rehearsal - 6-10 p.m. -  
Williamson/Mackay  
School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Library

### Tuesday, November 20

Midterm Report Cards distributed  
Honda Factory field trip - Wengle/Chu  
Ont. Science Centre field trip - Chan  
One Act Play Rehearsal - 6-10 p.m. -  
Williamson/Mackay

### Wednesday, November 21

TIFF field trip - Wilson/D'Aversa  
Swim Meet - Prep 2 - Walker  
CIMC/CSMC - Period 1-2 - C.Park  
One Act Play Rehearsal - 6-10 p.m. -  
Williamson/Mackay

### Thursday, November 22

Gr. 11/12 Geography field trip-Toronto - Fortier  
Therapy Dogs - 1:00 p.m. - Kim/Yousef  
One Act Play Rehearsal - 6-10 p.m. -  
Williamson/Mackay  
Pathways Fair - 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, November 23

P.A. Day - no classes

### Monday, November 26

Lit Blitz Week - Period 2 - Charrette  
One Act Play Rehearsal - 6-10 p.m. -  
Williamson/Mackay

### Tuesday, November 27

Award Ceremony Computer Club - Ryerson  
Lit Blitz Week - Period 2 - Charrette  
One Act Play Rehearsal - 6-10 p.m. -  
Williamson/Mackay  
Preparing for the Professions & Graduate School  
7p.m. - Library

### Wednesday, November 28

Full Disclosure  
Gr. 9 Bowling field trip - S.Walker  
Gr. 11 Law trip - Newmarket - Pestrin/Macphail  
Lit Blitz Week - Period 2 - Charrette  
One Act Play Rehearsal - 6-10 p.m. -  
Williamson/Mackay

### Thursday, November 29

Stuco Event  
AGO field trip - Soloway/Wilson  
Lit Blitz Week - Period 2 - Charrette  
One Act Play Rehearsal - 6-10 p.m. -  
Williamson/Mackay

### Friday, November 30

One Act Play Rehearsal - 6-10 p.m.

# Important Information:

## **NEW! Pathways Planning and Course Selection Platform: Grades 7 - 12**

The York Region District School Board will be providing your child with an engaging and new interactive online education and career/life planning platform starting in November 2018. Career Cruising will not be available to students after November 15, 2018. Students will be notified via their GAPPS account email of the steps required to save information, that has been stored in their Individual Pathway Plan (IPP,) from Career Cruising into their GAPPS account.

This new platform will include a number of beneficial resources to support your child as they progress through high school, including:

- ✓ **Who Am I** – 6 unique assessments for self-exploration and discovery (including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, Motivations, and Compatibility)
- ✓ **High School** – A tool to visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all pathways
- ✓ **Post-Secondary** – A database to explore post-secondary opportunities and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace sectors across Canada
- ✓ **Goals** – An interactive goal setting tool to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans
- ✓ **Occupations** – A database of over 500 occupations to compare comprehensive information on jobs
- ✓ **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Interactive tools to record personal experiences, build resumes and write cover letters
- ✓ **Money** – An engaging budget-making tool to help students track income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- ✓ **Job Search** – A tool to explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- ✓ **Portfolios** – A portfolio builder to create multiple portfolios and share it with parents, teachers, or future employers

***Schools will be receiving more information regarding the transition to this new platform in the coming weeks and will continue to provide students and parents/guardians with updates.***

- Richmond Hill High School's Pathways Fair will take place on **Thursday November 22 from 7-9 pm** in the RHHS large and small gyms. Representatives from Ontario colleges and universities, as well as some out of province universities, will be here to provide information and answer questions about their schools and programs.
- As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals 19 and older to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario. Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time. It is illegal for anyone regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:
  - at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
  - on children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
  - in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
  - in places where home child care is provided – even if children aren't present\*

\*Please note that these are the provincial regulations and by-laws could be different at a municipal level There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student's Health Care Plan. If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful . You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

- [Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know](#)
- [Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk With Your Teen](#)

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.

- **Prom Committee Fundraiser: Graduation Hoodies & RHHS Pom Pom Toques**

Sales start on Monday, November 29th and ends on Friday, November 9th. The Prom Committee is raising funds to reduce the cost of prom tickets. They will be selling forest green Graduation Hoodies for \$38 (+ \$5 for Arm Personalization) and RHHS Pom-Pom Toques for \$20. They are hoping to inspire some school spirit and leave graduating students with a memento of their time at RHHS. Purchases can be made on School Cash Online or Cash at the prom committee booth in the front foyer.



- Please remember that the parking lots are **NOT to be used** for picking up your children. There is a drop off zone at the front of the school and there is presently parking along the road. We realize the parking situation remains a challenge and appreciate your support in ensuring that the building and the parking lot is a safe place for our students when the school day ends. Please refer to the parking expectations at the bottom of this newsletter.
- **School Schedule:** This year we will be trying a slightly new school schedule to ensure our morning announcements reach as many of our students as possible. Beginning September 5<sup>th</sup> our announcements will be read at the end of period 1. We will try this out for the semester and will look for feedback from staff and students as the year progresses. Our daily schedule will be as follows:

8:50 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	<b>Anthem and Period 1</b>
10:05 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	<b>Morning Announcements</b>
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Period 2</b>
11:35 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.	<b>Period 3 (Grade Nine Lunch)</b>
12:55 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	<b>Period 4 (Grade Ten Lunch)</b>
2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	<b>Period 5</b>
- **Student Devices for 1:1:** If your child is in Grade 9 please remember to send them with their laptop or tablet when they come to school.

## Tech Tip of the Week

Check here every week for tips in using tech in your day.

- [Google Slides sticky note brainstorming: Powerful planning](#)
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## 1:1 and Modern Learning in our Classrooms

Articles:

- [Modifying the Flipped Classroom: The "In-Class" Version](#)
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Resources:

- [Multiple Intelligences Theory: Widely Used, Yet Misunderstood](#)
- [A Strategy for Effective Student Collaboration](#)

## For Your Amusement:



For a full list and details of events please refer to the school web page:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/default.aspx>

### **ABSENCE POLICY:**

**VALID ABSENCES** include illness, bereavement or family emergency.

**AUTHORIZED ABSENCES** include dentist/doctor appointments, driver's test, and court appearances.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES** refer to field trips and school sanctioned events. Students are still considered to be at school.

**EXTENDED ABSENCES** of three days or more require the completion of a "Special Leave" form at least one week in advance of the leave. This form may be obtained from the Main Office. A parent/guardian signature is required. It is the student's responsibility to catch up on all work missed. **DO NOT plan absences or family vacations during culminating and exam periods as the evaluations CANNOT be rescheduled.**

Type of Absence	Parent/Guardian Responsibility
Absent for a Full Day	Phone the school with a valid reason the same day or send a note upon return
Absent for One or More Classes	Phone with valid reason indicating the time of absence or send a note with the student
Leaving Before the End of the Day	Student signs out in attendance office with a note from the parent/guardian
In the Event of an Emergency	Contact the office as soon as possible.

*For safety reasons, students who have signed out must leave the building as they will not be directly supervised.*



This reporting feature can be found on our school and Board website. It is meant for 'non-emergency' reporting as it is not monitored 24 hours per day - if a student needs immediate assistance or counseling please contact Kids Help Phone or 911.

You are encouraged to discuss incidents of bullying by other students with your family and a trusted member of staff at the school. Completing a report online is not a substitute for having a discussion with the teacher or Principal. Any incidents involving staff members should immediately be communicated to the Principal or Superintendent of the school and are not to be reported online; any staff reports submitted online will be deleted.

We teach our students that character matters. Every day, students exhibit these positive character traits, and we acknowledge these students in many ways. If you witness a student doing something that exhibits extreme acts of courage, initiative, respect, responsibility, empathy, fairness, honesty, optimism or any other outstanding behaviour, please let us know.

Information Items:

### **Download the YRDSB App!**

Did you know that you can download the York Region District School Board app, *YRDSB Mobile*, using your iPhone, Android or Blackberry 10 device?

*YRDSB Mobile* provides parents and students with up-to-date news, access to student resources, school maps and contact information. Users are able to access the *Report It* tool, school year calendars, transportation information and much more.

To download the free app, search for "YRDSB" in your app store.

## **Richmond Hill H.S. Parking Lot Flow for Increased Safety**

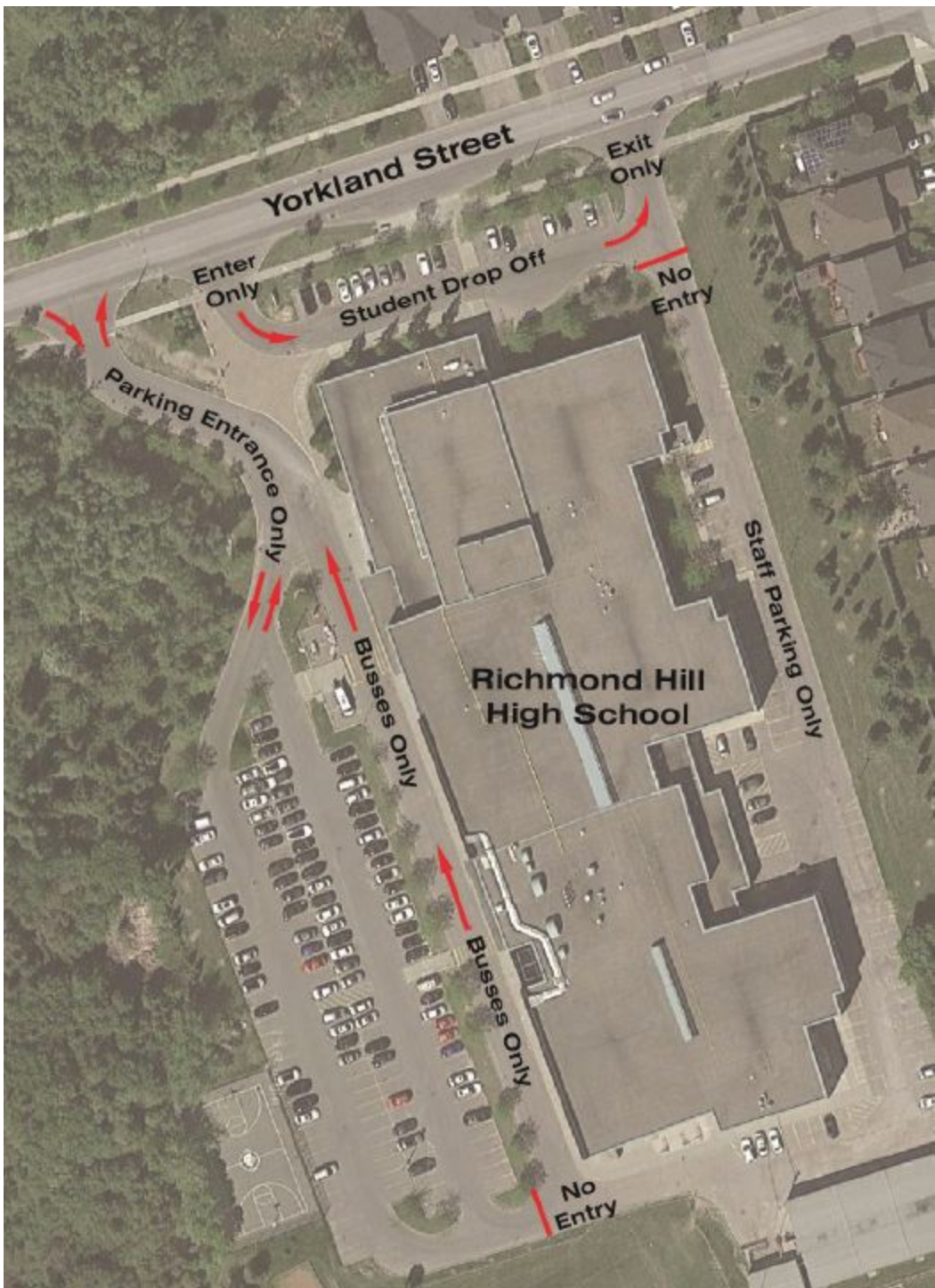
For the continued safety of our students we will be continuing with our altered vehicle flow on our parking lot and driveway areas. Below is a diagram of the parking lot flow at Richmond Hill H.S. Signage is posted for the traffic flow.

The vehicle directional flow is:

- The south driveway off of Yorkland St. to the school is only for busses, trucks making deliveries, visitors who will be parking their vehicle and coming into the school and staff and student parking. This area is not for student drop off or pick up.
- The upper driveway at the front doors of the school is for busses only and those requiring handicap parking. This area is not for student drop off or pick up.
- The second south entrance off of Yorkland St. to the school is the entrance for student drop off and pick up loop.
- The north driveway off of Yorkland St. to the school is an exit from the student drop off and pick up loop only. Parking on the north side of the school is for staff only. This driveway is a fire route and vehicles are not to be parked in the driveway.

We thank you for your cooperation in advance to follow our new vehicle traffic flow routes to make our school safe for all students and visitors.





Yorkland Street

Enter Only

Exit Only

Student Drop Off

No Entry

Parking Entrance Only

Buses Only

Richmond Hill High School

Staff Parking Only

Buses Only

No Entry



PREPARING FOR  
**Professional &  
Graduate Programs**

with **Micah Schieven** from  
**University of Toronto**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**7:00 P M ~ 8:00 P M**

**RICHMOND HILL HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**ALL STUDENTS, PARENTS AND  
GUARDIANS ARE WELCOME  
TO ATTEND**

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ARCHITECTURE  
EDUCATION  
LAW  
MBA IN BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION  
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MEDICINE  
PHARMACY  
NURSING  
HEALTH SCIENCE  
DENTISTRY  
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