

The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin

Week of February 4, 2019



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“Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all.” - Dale Carnegie

What’s Happening This Week at RHHS

<p><u>Monday, February 4</u> Semester 2 Start Up Staff Meeting - 3:45 p.m.</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 5</u> Lunar New Year - Diamond Day</p> <p><u>Wednesday, February 6</u> Sr. Girls’ Volleyball @ Markville S.S. - Irving Immunization Clinic - Per. 3,4,& 5 - Room 2024. Composer Visit - Symphonic Winds - Gr. 10 Siu - 2:30-4:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 7</u> AMC Math Contest - Period 1 (all grades) C.Park Report cards distributed Grad Retake Day SLAM Poetry Quarter Finals - Bond Lake - Cimetta</p> <p><u>Friday, February 8</u> DECA Provincial Competition - Sheraton Centre Toronto - Axelrod Safe Food Handling - Stinson Indoor Soccer - The Hanger Downsview - Duckworth Composer Visit - Concert Band - Siu - 7:30-9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><u>Monday, February 11</u> Lit Blitz Week - Period 1 - Charrette</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 12</u> Lit Blitz Week - Period 1 - Charrette Science Centre trip - Rout</p> <p><u>Wednesday, February 13</u> Lit Blitz Week - Period 1 - Charrette</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 14</u> Lit Blitz Week - Period 1 - Charrette Valentine’s Day</p> <p><u>Friday, February 15</u></p>
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Important Information:

- We wish to inform you of staffing changes affecting the leadership of our school. After three years as the Vice Principal of Richmond Hill High School, Rob Cotey has been appointed as Vice Principal Bill Hogarth Secondary

School effective, February 1, 2019. We have greatly benefited from his wisdom, enthusiasm for learning, leadership and most of all how much he cares about our students, staff and community. We hope he has enjoyed his time at RHHS and wish him well in his new position

As a result, I am pleased to announce that Ms. Stacey Sadacharan has been appointed Vice Principal to Richmond Hill High School effective, February 1, 2019. Ms. Sadacharan is an experienced and knowledgeable school leader with extensive experience in the York Region District School Board. She is currently the Subject Head of Science at Alexander Mackenzie High School.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Sadacharan to our school.

- Graduating Students Applying to Post-Secondary Schools for Fall Admissions
 - This is a reminder to our graduating students to carefully check all college and university deadlines including: admissions and supplemental applications, scholarships, residence, response to offers, language proficiency testing and payment of fees. Please be sure to check with your post-secondary school directly or on their website to confirm all deadlines. Some application deadlines may occur prior to January 16, 2019. If you have any questions, please visit the Guidance Office.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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.

- [Top 10 Tools For The Digital Classroom](#)
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1:1 and Modern Learning in our Classrooms

Please check out our [1:1 Google Classroom](#) for ideas relating to pedagogy and the use of technology. When you enter the class click on the '+' button on the right side of the page. The code for access is: qelkqo

Articles:

- [Transferring Ownership of Writing to Students](#)

Resources:

- [10 Meditation Apps For The Classroom](#)
- [Want Students to Remember What They Learn? Have Them Teach It.](#)
- [Why Most Successful People Fail Miserably First](#)

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
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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.

