

The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin

Week of July 2, 2018



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"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." Maya Angelou

Tech Tip of the Week

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

- [5T Challenge - Changing Video Start and End Times](#)

What We're Reading:

- [Quest Conference 2017 - Dr. Jean Clinton - Keynote Address Highlights](#)
- [What's behind the rise in youth suicides?](#)
- [Suicide rates among Canadian women are rising faster than men. It's unclear why](#)

1:1 and our Classrooms

- [12 Principles Of Modern Learning](#)
- [Addictive video games may change children's brains in the same way as drugs and alcohol, study reveals](#)

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.
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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.



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Dear Families,

As the school year comes to a close, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for the important role that you play in our education system. It is our privilege to work alongside you in partnership to support your children in reaching their full potential.

Over the past year, through town halls, coffee chats, community consultations, surveys and informal conversations, we have heard directly from students, families, employees and community members. The feedback we heard will guide and strengthen our ongoing work to identify and remove barriers and provide opportunities for all of our students to thrive and soar. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share their thoughts with us. We look forward to sharing our goals and strategic priorities with you in the new school year.

We hope that you have seen evidence of your child's growth, learning and achievement throughout the year. Students and staff members have been working hard and continue to impress us with all that they have accomplished.

There are lots of opportunities to continue supporting your child's learning over the summer, whether through reading, playing games or visiting local sites. In addition, the Board also offers a variety of summer learning programs for all ages. We also hope that you find time to relax and rejuvenate and enjoy the long days of sunshine and good weather.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer with your families. We look forward to welcoming both our new and returning families for the 2018-19 school year.

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko
Director of Education
York Region District School Board

Corrie McBain
Chair
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