

The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin

Week of April 15, 2019



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Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.-Albert Einstein

What's Happening This Week at RHHS

Monday, April 15

Midterm marks due
Semester 2 Term 2 begins
Chemistry Contest - Gr. 11&12 - AP Chemistry - Spatafora
Dept. Head Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16

Kin Lab at McMaster University - Lachner
Ontario Science Centre - Rout
Programming Contest @ Wm. Lyon Mackenzie C.I. - Martin
Honda Plant field trip - Alliston - 11:30 a.m. - Hatzimalis

Wednesday, April 17

Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament at RHHS -Irving/Pugh
Gardner Museum - Visual Arts trip - Chan
Photo Location Session - U of T - Soloway
Music Festival - Cosmopolitan Music Hall - 11:15 a.m.
Siu/Geng
Regional Parent Symposium - Sheraton Parkway - 5:00 pm.

Thursday, April 18

Report Card Distribution

Friday, April 19

Good Friday - no classes

Monday, April 22

Easter Monday - no classes

Tuesday, April 23

Rock with COPS - Siu - 11:35-2:10
AP Pre-administration Session for students - 3:30 p.m.
Doganoglu
One Act Plays Rehearsal - 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Williamson/MacKay

Wednesday, April 24

OUAC Transmission
Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament @ Uxbridge HS - Irving/Pugh
YRAA Finals Sr. Badminton - Pan Am Markham - S.Walker
Ontario Science Centre field trip-Warkentin-Coulter
Play @ Richmond Hill Centre for Performing Arts - Montgomery
Pizza Club 4 p.m.
One Act Plays Rehearsal - 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Williamson/MacKay

Thursday, April 25

Full Disclosure
OCAS Transmission
Tulip Campaign for Best Buddies
Jr. Badminton Tournament - Lachner
Computer Contest - Don Mills Collegiate - Mangat
Coffee House - Cafeteria - 5:30 p.m.
One Act Plays Rehearsal - 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Williamson/MacKay

Friday, April 26

Good Friday - Eastern Christianity - Diamond Day
One Act Plays Rehearsal - 6:00-10:00 p.m.
Williamson/MacKay

Important Information:

- Key Dates From Guidance Department:

Marks Uploaded to Ontario Universities and Colleges – April 23

Full Disclosure Deadline – April 25 (must see a guidance counselor prior to this date)

College Degree Panel – May 9 – period 1

Community Hours Due for Graduates – May 24

Grad Gown and payment completed on School Cash Online – May 24

- Items from the lost and found bin will be displayed in the main hallway from Monday April 15th until Tuesday April 23rd. Please encourage your children to stop by to see if any items belong to them. Any left over items will be sent out for donation.

- York Region Vaping Information Sessions

Acknowledging the growing issue of vaping in our schools and the health risks associated with e-cigarettes and vaping, Caring and Safe Schools and York Region Public Health are hosting Vaping Information Sessions for families and members of your school communities.

The session will discuss: What are vapes and e-cigarettes? Why do youth vape and try e-cigarettes? What are the negative health effects of vaping? Vaping and the law and school progressive discipline.

Two sessions are available: April 15, 2019, 7PM at Vaughan Secondary School April 29, 2019, 7PM at Newmarket High School To register, please RSVP by April 8 using bit.ly/aprilvaping.

Our Board is committed to creating and maintaining caring, safe and inclusive environments that support the social and emotional well-being of all our students and employees. As outlined in the Board Plan (BIPSA): Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, schools are ideal settings for mental health promotion, addiction awareness education, resiliency development, and connecting those in need to care pathways.

- Just a friendly reminder to all parents/guardians to please **remain in the main drop off/pick up area at the front entrance** when dropping off or picking up your child.
- Students driving to school must have a valid parking pass (see the Main Office) displayed on their front dash in their vehicle. They are reminded to park in the last row of the parking lot near the fence. We appreciate your support!
- 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. 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.

- Students are not permitted to vape (use e-cigarettes) on school property or within 20 metres of school property. See below for an article to support you in speaking to your teen about vaping from Health Canada.
 - [Talking to your teen about vaping: a tip sheet for parents](#)
- 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. Thank you for your support!

Technology-Based Article:

[Kids' Gaming Obsession Isn't Really About the Games](#)

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

Article:

- [Building Metacognition Into Test Prep](#)
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Mental Health & Well-Being Workshop for Parents

[Parents for Children's Mental Health Meeting](#)

Upcoming Events:

SAVE THE DATE!

York Region District School Board Poetry Slam Finals

We guarantee an incredible evening for everyone who attends so please invite your friends, colleagues and family members. Join us and experience how engaging and transformative slam poetry can be for our students and their schools.

When: Monday April 29, 2019 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm (doors open at 5:30)

Where: Markham District High School 89 Church St., Markham ON L3P 2M3 Elementary finalists include: Buttonville P.S., David Suzuki P.S., Bond Lake P.S. and Romeo Dallaire P.S.

Secondary finalists include: Markham District H.S., Maple H.S., King City S.S. and **Richmond Hill H.S.**

For further information please contact: Yvonne Kelly:yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca or 416-697-4208 Inclusive School and Community Services

For Your Amusement:



"I'd like to participate in gym class, but I'm afraid I'll get overheated and contribute to the global warming problem."

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.

