# The Richmond Hill High School Bulletin Week of November 14, 2022





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# Wisdom is knowing the right path to take. Integrity is taking it." M.H. McKee

### What's Happening This Week at RHHS

This Week	Next Week
Monday, November 14 ●	Monday, November 21  ■ School Council
Tuesday, November 15	Tuesday, November 22  ■ Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre  ■ Report Card distribution (tentative)
Wednesday, November 16  ● CIMC/CSMC math contest	Wednesday, November 23 ●
Thursday, November 17	<ul> <li>Thursday, November 24</li> <li>OSSLT (previously eligible students)</li> <li>Grade 8 Open House</li> </ul>
Friday, November 18   ◆ PA Day	Friday, November 25  ■ Staff vs Student Trivia Challenge

#### **Important Information:**

★ School Programs Presentations at School Council - Mark your Calendar
On Monday November 21st from 7:00 - 8:00 pm staff will be sharing information on the
following topics: Course Selection Myths and Facts, Advanced Placement, Cooperative
Education, Specialist High Skills Major. Presentations will be 20 minutes in length and
parents/guardians will have the opportunity to see 3 presentations. More information will
follow in a separate email.

#### **★** Moving Forward Hand in Hand:

Parent/caregiver series supporting students of African Caribbean Canadian Heritage.

The series, *Moving Forward Hand in Hand*, will provide a number of parent/caregiver in-person and web events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing. The first session in the series focuses on "Understanding the Impacts of Anti-Black Racism on Children and Youth Mental Health" and will be offered in person on November 23rd and repeated on November 30th. These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian of students who identify as Black.

For more information on event registration, dates and locations, please review the <u>flyer</u>.

Register by November 20th, 2022

#### **★** Engagement Matters:

YRDSB is delighted to share the <u>Fall 2022 edition of Engagement Matters</u>. This newsletter is designed to inspire, connect and inform families across our school board. This edition includes valuable information about building relationships, including:

- A spotlight on our community partner, Girls Inc. of York Region
- Information about attending a PEAC meeting
- How to join the Edsby School Council Hub
- Supporting policies under review

#### **★** Introduction to Mental Health:

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will help you gain an understanding of mental health, mental health issues, associated stigma and coping strategies and community resources.

### **■** Mental Health.pdf

## ★ Secondary Students COVID Screening:

All school-based staff and secondary students and visitors are required to complete a daily self-assessment screening.

Secondary students to complete on-line self-assessment <u>COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool</u> prior to entering the school on a daily basis.

# **Sharing Section**

#### **RHHS Music: 100 Years in Concert**

On Tuesday, November 8th, the RHHS Music Department held the RHHS Music: 100 Years in Concert. This event was attended by alumni dating back to 1962 and had past music students join our current students in playing and singing a selection of pieces. Thank you to all who participated.





# **Remembrance Day**

On Friday, November 11th, we held a whole school assembly to honour the Veterans who have sacrificed their lives for our country. Students were asked, after the assembly, to pin their poppies to the wreath beside our memorial to RHHS students who fought in the World Wars.



# **School Reminders**

Daily School Schedule	
Class	Time
Period 1	8:50 – 10:05
Homeroom/Announcements	10:05 – 10:10
Period 2(1st Lunch)	10:15 – 11:30
Period 3 (2nd Lunch) - Grade 9s	11:35 – 12:50
Period 4 (3rdLunch) - Grade 10s	12:55 – 2:10
Period 5	2:15 - 3:30

RHHS School Council	
Upcoming Dates	Information
<ul> <li>Monday November 21, 2022</li> <li>Monday February 27, 2023</li> <li>Monday March 20, 2023</li> <li>Monday May 15, 2023</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Meetings will be held in the school library and also <u>virtually</u>. The meeting ID is 294 102 167 612 and the passcode is MLYa4s.</li> <li>Meetings start at 7:00 PM</li> </ul>

#### **RHHS on Social Media**

- TWITTER: <a href="https://twitter.com/rhhs\_yrdsb?lang=en">https://twitter.com/rhhs\_yrdsb?lang=en</a> (School)
  <a href="https://twitter.com/rhhs\_stuco?lang=en">https://twitter.com/rhhs\_stuco?lang=en</a> (Student Council) @RHHSLearningCo1 (Library)
- INSTAGRAM: rhhs\_yrdsb (School)rhhs\_stuco (Student Council) rhhsllc (Library)
- WEBSITE: <u>www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/Pages/default.aspx</u> (School) www.rhhsstuco.ca (Student Council)

### **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	Phone with valid reason indicating the time of absence or send a
Classes	note with the student
Leaving Before the End of the	Student signs out in attendance office with a note from the
Day	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. Click on the "Report It" button above for a direct link to the "Report It" site.

**Mental Health Newsletters/Tip Sheets for Parents** 

Nurture Your Child's Mental Health