

**The Richmond Hill High School Family Bulletin**  
**Week of December 19, 2022**



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**“Education is one thing no one can take away from you.”**  
**—Elin Nordegren**

**What’s Happening This Week at RHHS**

<b>This Week: Jolly Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<p><b><u>Monday, December 19</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PJ/Slumber Day</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Monday, January 9</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Tuesday, December 20</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Flannel Day</li> <li>● Light Show</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Tuesday, January 10</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Wednesday, December 21</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ugly Sweater Day</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, January 11</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One Act Plays</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Thursday, December 22</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Winter Whiteout (wear white)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Thursday, January 12</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One Act Plays</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Friday, December 23</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Festive Friday (festive colours, accessories, and clothing)</li> <li>● Last day of school</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Friday, January 13</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>

## Important Information:

### ★ Exams

Semester 1 exams will be held from January 26th - February 1st, 2023. The schedule is

Period 1 Exams	Thursday, January 26, 2023
Period 2 Exams	Friday, January 27, 2023
Period 3 Exams	Monday, January 30, 2023
Period 4 Exams	Tuesday, January 31, 2023
Period 5 Exams	Wednesday, February 1, 2023

A separate email will be sent with all of the exam guidelines and information.

### ★ Student Trustee Candidate Applications Open

If you will be in grade 11 or 12 next school year and are passionate about student voice, consider becoming a student trustee, and representing students across YRDSB.

Student trustees network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice. Learn more about the role and how you can apply at [www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees](http://www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees).

Applications can be submitted December 15, 2022 - January 13, 2023. The deadline to apply is January 13, 2023 11:59 p.m.

All students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote for the candidate who represents our area of the Board. There are four areas of the Board (central, east, north and west). Once the four final candidates are announced, students can vote for two of the four candidates to represent them as student trustees in the 2023-2024 school year.

Students will receive information on how to vote in the election during the campaign and voting period.

### ★ Update - School Merchandise:

The deadline to purchase school merchandise has been extended to December 23rd. Order your RHHS merch on [schoolcashionline.com](http://schoolcashionline.com).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Caravaggio @ [christina.caravaggio@gapps.yrdsb.ca](mailto:christina.caravaggio@gapps.yrdsb.ca).

### ★ Light Up the Hill

Every year during the holiday season, Richmond Hill High School hosts an event Light Up The Hill. This year it will be an outdoor walkthrough event with festive lights and fun interactive stations throughout the school grounds for our community. It is a fun experience that showcases a variety of different holidays and traditions from the month of December and beyond. This event is hosted by many, many clubs and councils with drama council taking the lead!

This is a community event to bring people together during the holiday season, and we would love for you and your loved ones to join us on **December 20, 2022, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.**

Here are some of the super fun things you can expect to see:

- Lights
- Lunar New Year station
- Winter sports
- Hanukkah station
- Snowflake cutting
- Cookie decorating
- Shabe Yalda station
- Holiday Movies and Hot Chocolate
- Karaoke
- Candyland

We are asking all people visiting to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the food drive.

### ★ Know Your Rights: Muslim Students and Families

In this session, students and families will learn about their legal rights and responsibilities within schools. Participants will be provided with tools and resources that will support them throughout their child's school experience, allowing them to feel more confident and empowered.

January 25, 2023

7:00-8:30 p.m.

[Register for event](#)

### ★ 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 [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) prior to entering the school on a daily basis.

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## Sharing Section

### Music Holiday Serenade

The Holiday Serenade was held on Dec 14, 2022 at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. It was great to be back at the venue to kick off our holiday festivities.



## 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 style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monday February 27, 2023</li> <li>Monday March 20, 2023</li> <li>Monday May 15, 2023</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings will be held in the school library and also <a href="#">virtually</a>. The meeting ID is <b>294 102 167 612</b> and the passcode is <b>MLYa4s</b>.</li> <li>Meetings start at 7:00 PM</li> </ul>

### RHHS on Social Media

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>TWITTER:</b> <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)</li> <li><b>INSTAGRAM:</b> rhhs_yrdsb (School)rhhs_stuco (Student Council) rhhsllc (Library)</li> <li><b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/Pages/default.aspx">www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/Pages/default.aspx</a> (School) <a href="http://www.rhhsstuco.ca">www.rhhsstuco.ca</a> (Student Council)</li> </ul>
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### Absence Policy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>VALID ABSENCES</b> include illness, bereavement or family emergency.</li> <li><b>AUTHORIZED ABSENCES</b> include dentist/doctor appointments, driver's test, and court appearances.</li> <li><b>EXCUSED ABSENCES</b> refer to field trips and school sanctioned events. Students are still considered to be at school.</li> <li><b>EXTENDED ABSENCES</b> 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. <b>DO NOT plan absences or family vacations during culminating and exam periods as the evaluations CANNOT be rescheduled.</b></li> </ul>
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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. Click on the "Report It" button above for a direct link to the "Report It" site.

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

[Resources and Newsletter for Mental Health Supports for Parents from YRDSB](#)

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