

The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin

Week of February 10, 2020



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"The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways. The point, however, is to change it." — Karl Marx, Eleven Theses on Feuerbach

What's Happening This Week at RHHS

Monday, February 10

Tentative Lit Blitz Feb. 10-14
SHSM First Aid Training - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 11

SHSM First Aid Training - 9:00 a.m.
Sr. Girls' Volleyball home game - 2:15 p.m. - Irving

Wednesday February 12

Photo Retake Day
OBA Festival - Gr. 9,11 and 12 - Siu
Nordic Ski Team - YRAA Championship - Duntroon
Canadian Computing Competition - 9:00 a.m.-12:50 p.m.

Thursday, February 13

OBA Festival - Gr. 10 - LeParc - 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. - Siu

Friday, February 14

Monday, February 17

FAMILY DAY

Tuesday, February 18

Wednesday, February 19

Aga Khan Museum - 8:50 a.m. - V.Chan

Thursday, February 20

Skills Canada Cardboard Boat Race - York U - Johnson

Important Information:

- **School Schedule:** Our daily schedule will be as follows:

8:50 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.	Anthem and Period 1
10:05 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	Morning Announcements
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Period 2
11:35 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.	Period 3 (Grade Nine Lunch)
12:55 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	Period 4 (Grade Ten Lunch)
2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Period 5

- **Immunization Clinic:** An immunization clinic organized by York Region Public Health will be held on Mon., Feb. 24th at RHHS for the full school day. Students that received a letter in the mail from York Region Public Health will be receiving their immunizations and need to bring their health card and immunization card to school on that day. For students that require immunizations you may also visit your doctor or local clinic to receive the immunizations prior to February 24th. Once complete please contact Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 extension 73456 for updating records. If you have any further questions please contact Ms. Mitchell, Vice-Principal, RHHS.
- **Trustee Greeting:** Please find attached at the end of the bulletin the trustee's greeting for our newsletter for February.
- **Contact Email Address:** If you have not been receiving emails from the school with a variety of different information, it might be that we do not have your current email address in our system. In that case please call the main office and update your email address with us.
- **Document Requests:** Should a parent/legal guardian require document(s) for a governmental agency (e.g. CRA), regarding their child's enrollment, please print; complete; sign; and *submit in person* the form available at this link through your child's YRDSB Gapp email [LETTER REQUEST](#). Alternatively a hard copy of the form can be requested from the main office. Email requests are not acceptable. Please note the time-frame for requests to be processed may be up to 48 hours. During holidays and other non-attendance days, the wait time may be extended. Requests will not be fulfilled during Winter Break; March Break; and July/August when the School is closed.
- **Student Devices for 1:1:** If your child is in Grade 9 or 10 please remember to send them with their laptop or tablet when they come to school.
- **Care of Personal Possession and Valuables:** Students at RHHS have been provided with a locker in which to safely store their possessions and valuables. Please remind your child that they should store their valuables and possessions such as cell phones, tablets, etc. in secured lockers when they are not on their person. Leaving valuables in unsupervised spaces such as change rooms, etc. may lead to a loss of these valuables.
- **Allergies/Medical Conditions:** Please inform the school office if your child has a serious or life-threatening allergy or medical condition. Students who have provided information regarding a serious medical condition will receive a medical information form to be completed and returned.
- **Students Signed Out Of Class for medical appointments, etc.:** If your child needs to sign out during the school day please try to ensure that the student has a note from you regarding the same that can be shown to their class teacher which will permit the teacher to allow the student to come to the main office to sign out. This would prevent phone calls from the office into the classroom thereby minimizing disruption to learning activities in the class.
- **Student pickups and dropoffs:** are to occur in the loop on the west side of our school off Yorkland Street. Parents/guardians are **not to drive into the north or south parking lots from 8:30 - 9:00 am and 3:15 - 4:00 pm** during peak traffic times. Please be mindful of students cycling into and out of the parking lot. We appreciate your patience and we encourage our students to walk, cycle or take public transit whenever support to support and maintain our EcoSchools Gold Status
- **RHHS on Social Media:** Did you know that we share information with you about our school and the achievements of our students. You can follow us on the web, Twitter or Instagram
 - TWITTER: https://twitter.com/rhhs_yrdsb?lang=en (School) https://twitter.com/rhhs_stuco?lang=en (Student Council) @RHHSLearningCo1 (Library)
 - INSTAGRAM: [rhhs_yrdsb](#) (School) [rhhs_stuco](#) (Student Council) [rhhsllc](#) (Library)
 - WEBSITE: www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/Pages/default.aspx (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 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.

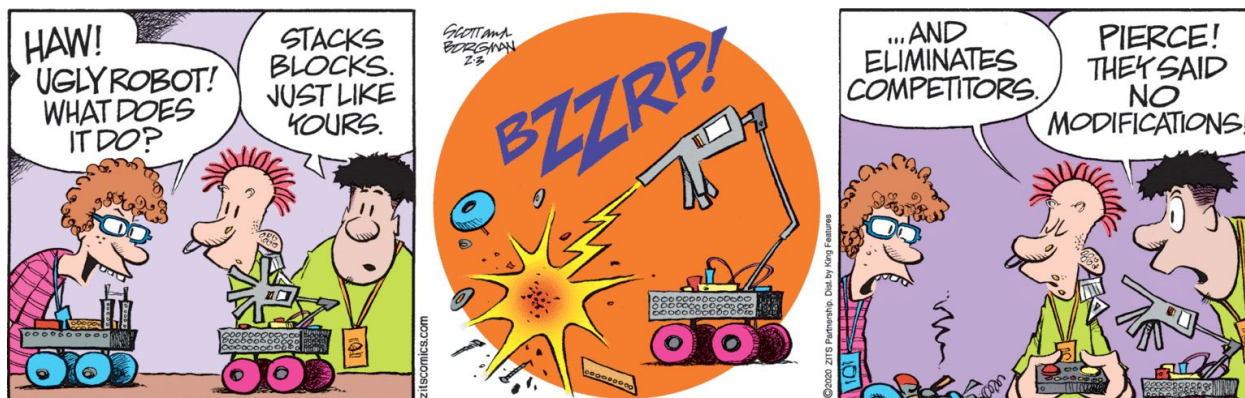
STEAM Education

[Finding the Art in STEAM Education](#)

RHHS Parent Guide

We are pleased to share with you the 2019-2020 [Parents' Guide](#)

For Your Amusement: **zits** by Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Message from Our Trustee

As we enter another month of winter, this is a good time to be thinking about our health, well-being and the importance of self-care. We know that, like all of us, our students can focus better when they feel better. Our schools play an important role in health and mental health promotion and education, and fostering well-being and mental health is one of our priorities as a school board.

There is a lot of work taking place in our schools and board to create healthy schools and promote mental health and well-being, including:

- Providing training and resources for educators on strategies to support mentally healthy classrooms for all students, including holding a mental health conference.
- Hiring identity specific mental health workers and developing partnerships with community partners to serve the diverse needs of our students.
- Developing a Student Suicide Intervention Protocol to help keep students safe in the event of suicidal thoughts or actions.
- Educating students about the risks of substance use and misuse, including vaping and cannabis.
- Providing strategies and supports for students in preparing for exams and managing stress.

This commitment is also reflected in Board policy like the Healthy Schools and Workplaces policy and procedures. Setting policy, which governs the operation of the Board, is one of the roles of trustees, and we greatly value the input provided by students, staff members, family and community members. I encourage you to look at the policies under review and share your feedback.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2020. At the Board meeting in December, trustees unanimously approved the addition of new permanent Indigenous Trustee and Indigenous Student Trustee positions. We are committed to Indigenous Education in our Board and it is important that these voices are represented at the table. We hope to fill the positions as soon as possible and will share more information as it becomes available.

A message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees is also available on the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca.

Corrie McBain
Trustee,
Richmond Hill, Wards 1, 2 and 4