

The Richmond Hill High School Family Bulletin
Week of January 9, 2023



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***** IMPORTANT NOTICE *****

Due to expected severe weather conditions, all YRDSB in-person schools and workplaces will be closed tomorrow, Friday, December 23, 2022. Asynchronous learning activities will be provided for students.

To all of our RHHS families, we wish you a restful holiday or winter break, lots of merriment, and a peaceful new year. See you on January 9, 2023.

Wishing you a wonderful break

What's Happening This Week at RHHS

This Week	Next Week
<u>Monday, January 9</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First day back to school	<u>Monday, January 16</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•
<u>Tuesday, January 10</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	<u>Tuesday, January 17</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SHSM Review Day• Grade 9 Drama Show
<u>Wednesday, January 11</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Act Plays	<u>Wednesday, January 18</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•
<u>Thursday, January 12</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Act Plays	<u>Thursday, January 19</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Credit Rescue Day• Family Course Selection Evening
<u>Friday, January 13</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	<u>Friday, January 20</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final Day for 70% Term Assessment

Important Information:

★ **SHSM Review Day:**

On Tuesday, January 17th, SHSM students will have the opportunity to check their progression towards their red seal diploma with guidance counsellors in the library. All students will be called to the library for a progress check.

★ **Course Selection Presentations:**

On Friday, February 10th, Guidance will be doing virtual course selection presentations during period 1. MyBlueprint opens for course selection submissions on February 16th and closes February 24th.

★ **STEAM Application:**


For information on the Grade 9 STEAM application process, please see the [attached information](#).

★ **Exams:**

Exam information was sent home earlier this week. A copy of the information can be found [here](#).


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

The YRDSB will offer a series of professional learning sessions and workshops that focus on creating identity affirming learning environments. This workshop will help students and families learn about their legal rights and responsibilities within schools.

 [Identity Affirming Spaces.pdf](#)

★ **The Rhapsody:**

York Region District School Board families, educators & students (grade 9+) are invited to join the screening of The Rhapsody, a documentary about a Polish Canadian composer/Holocaust survivor, Leo Spellman.

 [The Rhapsody.pdf](#)


★ **NACCA Art Exhibition:**

The Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA) will be co-organizing an Art Exhibition at the Old Town Hall during Black History Month 2023. Please see the information below for more details.

 [NACCA Artwork.pdf](#)

★ **BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop:**

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries.


 [BFCN-Scholarship-Application-Workshop-YRDSB.pdf](#)

★ **The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter December 2022:**

 [Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter.pdf](#)

★ **Poverty in York Region 2023:**

All parents, guardians and staff are welcome to attend any or all of the free virtual workshops about poverty, housing rights and resources in York Region.

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

Sharing Section

Light Up the Hill

Thank you to the Drama Council for putting together the annual “Light up the Hill”. Guests were greeted with food tastings, crafts, music, and a wonderful display of lights.





Food Drive

Thank you RHHS for making our food drive a success. Here is what we collected as it was prepared to be dropped off at the Food Bank.



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 (3rd Lunch) - Grade 10s	12:55 – 2:10
Period 5	2:15 - 3:30

RHHS School Council

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

RHHS on Social Media

<ul style="list-style-type: none">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)
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Absence Policy

<ul style="list-style-type: none">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.
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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.

Mental Health Newsletters/Tip Sheets for Parents

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