

The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin

Week of January 13, 2020



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“Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change.” — Wayne W. Dyer

What's Happening This Week at RHHS

Monday, January 13

Course Selection Presentations -(Gr. 9 - Period 1)
(Gr. 10 - Period)

Tuesday, January 14

Course Selection Presentations -(Gr. 11 - Period 1)
(Gr. 12 - Period 2)
Jr. Boys Basketball home game - 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday January 15

Last Day of Assessments
Nordic Ski Team Event - Harwood Hills Barrie- Pollock
Jr. Boys Basketball - St. Augustine C.H.S. - 2:10 p.m. - Grigorov
Vocal Music Showcase

Thursday, January 16

Credit Rescue Day - All Day Library - Duckworth
Therapy Dog Visit - 1:00-2:30 p.m. - Kim

Friday, January 17

Monday, January 20

School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Library

Tuesday, January 21

Wednesday January 22

ELL Parents' Night - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 23

Exams - 9:00 a.m. - Period 1

Friday, January 24

Exams - 9:00 a.m. - Period 2

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

- **Exam Schedules:** The Final Exam schedule for Semester 1 (January 2020) has been distributed to students in their homerooms. In addition, an e-copy of the schedule was sent to the gapps accounts of all students and is also posted on the school website. If your child has a Period 1 spare or lunch, they can pick up a hardcopy from the main office.
- **Grade 9 EQAO:** As you are probably aware the Grade 9 Math EQAO for January 2020 has been postponed. An email communication was sent to all parents by YRDSB and a school communication has been sent to all parents of Grade 9 students taking math this semester.
- **Youth Engagement Program:** Please see information regarding the Youth Engagement program attached to this bulletin.
- **Aquatic Leadership Program:** Please see information regarding the Aquatic Leadership program attached to this bulletin.
- **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.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

[Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing](#)

RHHS Parent Guide

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

For Your Amusement: Zits by JERRY SCOTT & JIM BORGMAN



2020 March Break

Youth Engagement Program



Who is Suitable for this Program?

- This program is geared to mature students in Grade 9 – Grade 12 who may be interested in Policing or working within a Police service (not mandatory).
- This program is very structured and has a physical fitness component which all participants will be involved in.
- This program is designed to assist students in gaining self-confidence, self-discipline, self-awareness and resiliency.

Students Must Be:

- Resident of York Region
- Between the ages of 15-18 years old
- Currently in Grade 9 – Grade 12
- Currently attending a York Region Secondary School
- Complete an Essay and submit with the application
- All students must have their own transportation to this program – public transit is not an option

Our Goal:

- To have a week of learning and to experience a small portion of what the recruitment process may be like when applying to York Regional Police
- To enable you to get to know yourself better, your strengths as well as areas you can enhance
- To have you meet other students with similar goals and form lasting friendships
- To have you interact and work with Officers who will continue to mentor you during this week

How to Apply:

- Interested applicants please **email** csv@yrp.ca requesting a copy of the application
- Applications must be completed digitally and emailed back to csv@yrp.ca

For more information or further questions contact:

Debbie Robinson #5459, Supervisor, Community Safety Village, York Regional Police by email at csv@yrp.ca

Aquatic Leadership Program – Winter 2020

Be certified as a lifeguard ready for employment

Program Information:

The Aquatic Leadership Program – Part 2 is offered in partnership between the York Region District School Board, Continuing Education and the City of Markham and the Town of Aurora. The program will be offered in two locations and uses a blended learning format consisting of pool instruction, face-to-face instruction and online learning to deliver a Ministry of Education credit while earning qualifications to be a trained lifeguard and swim instructor.

Winter 2020 Part 2: City of Markham and Town of Aurora

Upon completion, successful students may earn the following courses and certifications:

Ø Secondary School Grade 12 Credit - Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership - PLF4M Ø National Lifeguard Certification

Ø Lifesaving Society Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certifications (Markham) or Red Cross Water Safety Instructor and Lifesaving Society Lifesaving Instructor Certifications (Aurora)

	Town of Aurora Part 2	City of Markham Part 2
Location	Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex 1400 Wellington St. East Aurora, ON L4G 7B6 905-726-4770	Milliken Mills Community Centre 7600 Kennedy Rd Markham, ON L3R 9S5 905-477-6410
Date	Mondays and Wednesdays February 10, 2020 to June 17, 2020 Saturdays Online February 22, 2020, February 29, 2020, March 28, 2020 and May 23, 2020	Tuesdays and Thursdays February 11, 2020 to June 18, 2020 Saturday Online March 28, 2020
Time	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Pool and Classroom Dates	February 10, 12, 19, 24, 26 March 4, 9, 23, 25, 30 April 1, 8, 15, 22, 27, 29 May 4, 6, 11, 13, 20, 25, 27 June 1, 3, 8, 10, 15	February 11, 13, 20, 25, 27, March 3, 5, 10, 24, 26, 31 April 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 30 May 5, 7, 12, 19, 21, 26 June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16,
Online Only Dates	February 22, 29 March 2, 11, 28 April 6, 20, May 23 June 17	February 18 March 12, 28 April 28, May 14, 28 June 18
Eligibility	Participants must be 16 years or older by June 2020 exam date and hold Bronze Cross certification and Standard First Aid.	Participants must be 16 years or older by June 2020 exam date and hold Bronze Cross certification and Standard First Aid.

Students must pass the final exam for each aquatic course including the in-water examinations in order to receive their Lifeguarding and Swim Instructor qualifications. Credits and aquatic certifications may be granted independently.

For more information visit: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/ALP-Overview.aspx>

Contact: YRDSB Continuing Education Services at (905) 884-3434 or aquaticleadership@yrdsb.ca