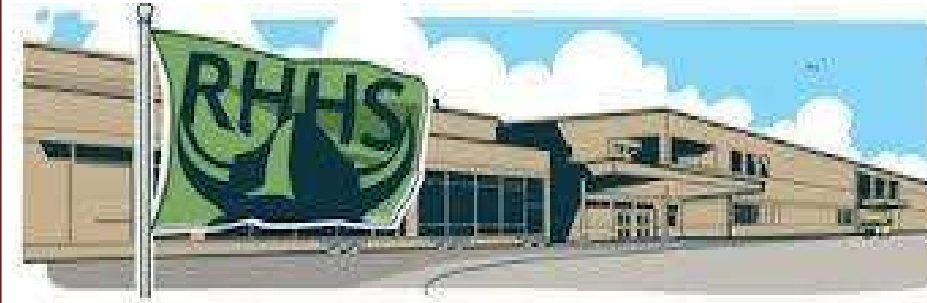


**The Richmond Hill High School Family Bulletin**  
**Week of January 16, 2023**



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**We are all different, which is great because we are all unique.**  
**Without diversity, life would be very boring.**  
 ~ Catherine Pulsifer

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

This Week	Next Week
<b><u>Monday, January 16</u></b> •	<b><u>Monday, January 23</u></b> • Grade 9 EQAO Math
<b><u>Tuesday, January 17</u></b> • SHSM Review Day • Grade 9 Drama Show	<b><u>Tuesday, January 24</u></b> • Grade 9 EQAO Math
<b><u>Wednesday, January 18</u></b> •	<b><u>Wednesday, January 25</u></b> •
<b><u>Thursday, January 19</u></b> • Credit Rescue Day • Family Course Selection Evening	<b><u>Thursday, January 26</u></b> • Exams (Period 1)
<b><u>Friday, January 20</u></b> • Final Day for 70% Term Assessment	<b><u>Friday, January 27</u></b> • Exams (Period 2)

## Important Information:

### ★ Semester 1 Grads:

If your child is finishing grade 12 this semester and not returning for classes semester two, please ensure they have completed the following form -

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScO09b3SEq2FwZVV-1VWVOJUrB5S4atu\\_kOq8KK7zQWzP1rTw/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScO09b3SEq2FwZVV-1VWVOJUrB5S4atu_kOq8KK7zQWzP1rTw/viewform?usp=pp_url)

### ★ Student Trustee:

The deadline has been extended for students to apply for the position of student trustee for the 2023-2024 school year. **Applications will be accepted until Monday, January 16 at 11:59 p.m.** If you are a current Grade 10 or 11 student and are interested, the application form and information about the role of student trustee and application process are available at [www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees](http://www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees).

### ★ Grad Picture Retakes:

For more information, please see [this flyer](#).

### ★ Course Selection Information Evening:

Please read this [information letter](#) regarding course selection for the 2023-24 school year.

### ★ Advocacy and Allyship:

YRDSB is hosting a 3 part Information series that looks at how to engage and help build shared solutions. Families will build on knowledge about discrimination, racism, bias, stereotypes and how to advocate and become an ally. See the flyer below for more information.

📎 **Advocacy and Allyship.pdf**

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

📎 Newsletter January.pdf

### ★ Caregiver Orientation: New Autism Diagnosis:

📎 **New Autism Diagnosis - English.pdf**

📎 **New Autism Diagnosis - Tamil.pdf**

### ★ Tamil Heritage Month:

#### ● Community Events:

- [City of Vaughan](#) Tamil Heritage Month and Thai Pongal Celebration
- [Markham](#) Tamil Heritage Month and Thai Pongal Celebration
- [Stouffville](#) Tamil Heritage Month and Thai Pongal Celebration

## ★ Arts Camp Counsellor-in-Training (CIT) Application and Selection Process for Students in Grades 10-12:

Arts Camp 2023 is held from May 27th to June 3rd, 2023 in Haliburton, Ontario.

### Application Process:

- Only students in Grades 10-12 may apply for a Counsellor-in-Training (CIT) position. Consideration will first be given to students in Grades 10 and 11.
- The role of CIT is a position of responsibility and requires students to have demonstrated and continue to demonstrate leadership in their schools and/or communities.
- Applicants must complete the online form [CITApplication](#) in its entirety.
- In order to prepare answers for the required questions within the application, applicants may view the application in its entirety before responding through their @gapps.yrdsb.ca account. Access to this document is only through @gapps.yrdsb.ca account. [CITApplicationPreview](#)
- Applicants must also upload a current resume in PDF format when prompted in the online form.
- Students require parental/guardian consent and support of a referring teacher and school administrator to apply for a CIT position at Arts Camp.
- There is no limit to the number of applications submitted from a particular school. In addition to demonstrated leadership experience and/or experience working with children, a CIT applicant must meet the following 4 criteria:
  - student demonstrates positive character in school;
  - student demonstrates positive behaviour in school;
  - student would benefit from and positively contribute, as a leader, to an arts program in an inclusive community; and
  - student is prepared and mature enough to spend a week away from home and school.
- A confirmation email will be sent to all applicants once they have completed the online application form.
- An online reference/approval form will be sent to referring teachers and Principal/Vice Principals for each applicant. Each student application is dependent upon a positive reference from all parties.
- A mandatory CIT Information Session will be held in person on Tuesday, January 17th, 2023.
- The deadline for CIT applications is Friday, January, 27th, 2023.
- Payment and full registration for camp will be arranged once the Counsellor/CIT selection process has concluded.

### Selection Process:

- Approximately 25 secondary spaces will be allocated to Counsellors-in-Training (CITs).
- CIT selection will be conducted by the Arts Camp Leadership Team and is based on the student application, including resume and participation in a mandatory group information session and individual virtual interview.
- Successful candidates assuming the position of CIT will be assigned a cabin for mentoring and leading throughout the duration of Arts Camp.
- Given that Arts Camp programming and leadership responsibilities encompass the entire day, including overnight supervision, selected CITs may require accommodation, such as adjusted timelines and support to fulfil school responsibilities (assignments, homework, etc.) they may be missing while at camp.
- CIT applicants must complete the [CITApplication](#) using the link provided no later than January 27th, 2023.
- The Arts Camp Admin Team has final approval of the roster of students accepted to Arts Camp 2023.

### ★ 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.

### 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.

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## 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

- **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. 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](#)

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