

The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin
Week of June 17, 2019



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“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.”

- Robert Louis Stevenson

What’s Happening This Week at RHHS

Monday June 17

Toogood Pond field trip - Rout

Dept. Head Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18

1:1 Info Evening for Gr. 8 Families - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19

Period 1 Exams - 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 20

Period 2 Exams - 9:00 a.m.

Graduation trip - Haghjoo/Montgomery

Friday, June 21

Period 3 Exams - 9:00 a.m.

Monday June 24

Period 4 Exams - 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 25

Period 5 Exams - 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, June 26

Exam Review Day

Period 1 - 8:50 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.

Period 2 - 9:25 a.m. - 9:55 a.m.

Period 3 - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Period 4 - 10:35 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.

Period 5 - 11:10 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Lunch (Staff) 11:45 a.m. - 12:25

Teacher Interviews 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 27

P.A. Day

Graduation

Friday, June 28

P.A. Day

Important Information:

Final Exam Schedule - June 2019

Our June 2019 Exam Schedule was emailed to all of our students via their gapps account last Thursday. Hard copies of the schedule were also distributed in each Period 1 (Homeroom) class on Friday May 24th. There is also a link to this schedule on our RHHS website under "School Information." For your convenience, here are the direct links:

 [June 2019 Final Exam Schedule Final - All Exams.pdf](#)

 [FINAL Exam Guidelines.pdf](#)

Please note that each day's exam corresponds to each period in school. For example, Period 1 exams will occur on the first day of exams (June 19), Period 2 exams will occur on the second day of exams (June 20), etc.

What have our Raiders been up to?

Athletic Banquet

On Tuesday June 11th, RHHS held it's annual Athletic Banquet to celebrate all of the athletic successes in the 2018-2019 school year. There were approximately 150 students in attendance. Thank you to all of the athletes and coaches who attended dinner and the awards ceremony. We look forward to another fantastic year of athletics at Richmond Hill High School in 2019-2020!

Music Banquet

In the evening of Thursday June 13th, we had our Music Banquet. There were approximately 200 students in attendance. It was a fabulous evening complete with awards, dinner and dancing. We even managed to watch the start of the Raptors game on the big screen!

Cupcake Wars and International Pizza Extravaganza!

Cupcake Wars had its last grand finale this week. Another successful competition where students had the opportunity to show mastery of their skills ,creativity and talent. As always, a job well done!

Carnival Day!

Today (Friday June 14th) we had our annual Carnival Day. This day was a huge success thanks to many people. The weather cooperated and everyone had a great time!

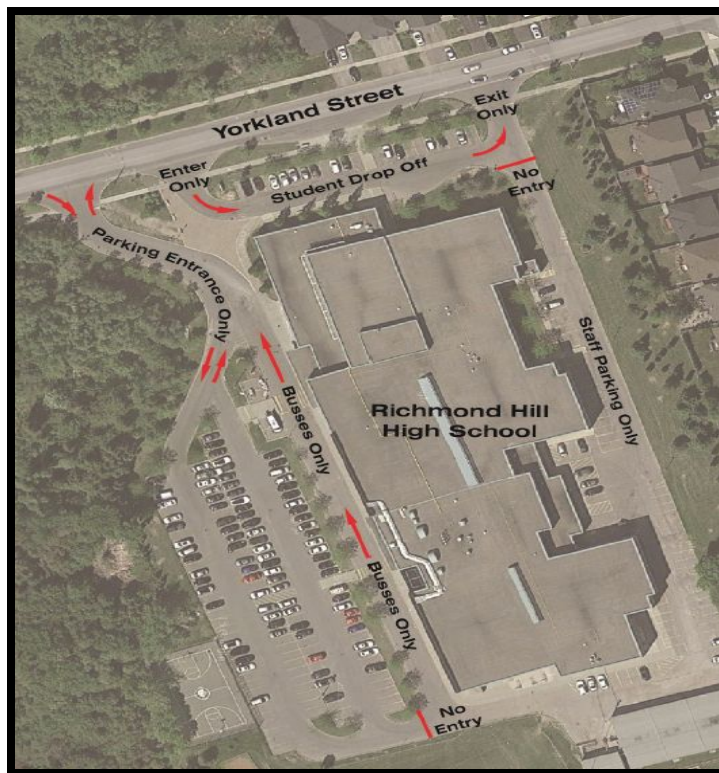
Richmond Hill H.S. Parking Lot Flow for Increased Safety

For the continued safety of our students we will be continuing with our altered vehicle flow on our parking lot and driveway areas. Below is a diagram of the parking lot flow at Richmond Hill H.S. Signage is posted for the traffic flow.

The vehicle directional flow is:

- The south driveway off of Yorkland St. to the school is only for busses, trucks making deliveries, visitors who will be parking their vehicle and coming into the school and staff and student parking. This area is not for student drop off or pick up.
- The upper driveway at the front doors of the school is for busses only and those requiring handicap parking. This area is not for student drop off or pick up.
- The second south entrance off of Yorkland St. to the school is the entrance for student drop off and pick up loop.
- The north driveway off of Yorkland St. to the school is an exit from the student drop off and pick up loop only. Parking on the north side of the school is for staff only. This driveway is a fire route and vehicles are not to be parked in the driveway.

We thank you for your cooperation in advance to follow our new vehicle traffic flow routes to make our school safe for all students and visitors.



- As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals 19 and older to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario. Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time. It is illegal for anyone regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:
 - at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
 - on children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
 - in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
 - in places where home child care is provided – even if children aren't present*

*Please note that these are the provincial regulations and by-laws could be different at a municipal level. There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the

student's Health Care Plan. If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful . You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

- [Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know](#)
- [Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk With Your Teen](#)

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.

- Students are not permitted to vape (use e-cigarettes) on school property or within 20 metres of school property. See below for an article to support you in speaking to your teen about vaping from Health Canada.
 - [Talking to your teen about vaping: a tip sheet for parents](#)
 - Please remember that the parking lots are **NOT to be used** for picking up your children. There is a drop off zone at the front of the school and there is presently parking along the road. We realize the parking situation remains a challenge and appreciate your support in ensuring that the building and the parking lot is a safe place for our students when the school day ends. Please refer to the parking expectations at the bottom of this newsletter.
 - Student Devices for 1:1- If your child is in Grade 9 please remember to send them with their laptop or tablet when they come to school. Thank you for your support!
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Article:

Here is an article to help support your child as we begin our final exams.

- [Brain-Based Strategies to Reduce Test Stress](#)

Upcoming Events:

York Pride Fest Parade - June 15, 2019

YRDSB is committed to fostering a sense of belonging for all staff and students and engaging families and communities as supportive educational partners who enrich our schools. Once again this year, York Region District School Board will participate in the annual York Pride Fest Parade taking place on Saturday, June 15 in downtown Newmarket. We would like to extend an invitation to all staff, union partners and members of our YRDSB parent community to participate. The parade will start at 3:00 PM from the intersection of Main Street South and Ontario Street. We ask that everyone arrive at this intersection no later than 2:30 PM to begin taking our place in the parade. Please note that photos may be taken by YRDSB staff, parade organizers or members of the public. Don't forget to use the hashtags and snapchat on the day of the event!

#YorkPride #HandInHand

We hope that you will be able to join us!

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July 2, 2019 to July 25, 2019 - Monday to Thursday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM*

*At some locations classes end at 2:30 PM

For Your Amusement:

Teacher: What is your birthday?

Student: November 20th Teacher:

Which year? Student: Every year!

Teacher: "Sam, if you had 5 dollars and you asked your mother for another 5, how many dollars would you have?"

Student: "5 dollars, sir."

Teacher: "I don't think you understand the question, Sam."

Student: "No sir, you don't understand my Mom!"

A first grade teacher handed out a coloring page to her students - on it was a picture of a frog holding an umbrella.



When the class handed them in, one little boy had colored the frog bright purple. The teacher scolded him, asking, “How often have you seen a purple frog?”

The little boy answered, “The same number of times I’ve seen a frog holding an umbrella.”

For a full list and details of events please refer to the school web page:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/default.aspx>

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.

Information Items:

Download the YRDSB App!

Did you know that you can download the York Region District School Board app, *YRDSB Mobile*, using your iPhone, Android or Blackberry 10 device?

YRDSB Mobile provides parents and students with up-to-date news, access to student resources, school maps and contact information. Users are able to access the *Report It* tool, school year calendars, transportation information and much more.

To download the free app, search for "YRDSB" in your app store.