

The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin

Week of March 2, 2020



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“Vulnerability is the birthplace of innovation, creativity and change.” — Brene Brown

What's Happening This Week at RHHS

Monday, March 9

Tuesday, March 10

Interim Marks due
Jr. Girls' Volleyball tournament @ TDCS - Cowx

Wednesday, March 11

SNAP Floor Hockey @ RGSS - 9:30 a.m. - Montgomery

Thursday, March 12

Interim Reports Distributed

Friday, March 13

Monday, March 16-20 MARCH BREAK

Monday, March 23

School Assembly - Period 5
School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Library

Tuesday, March 24

Wednesday, March 25

Fire Drill - 10:20 a.m.
ROM Field trip - 9:30 a.m. - Soloway

Thursday, March 26

Indoor Girls' Soccer Tournament - Trio Sportsplex Vaughan - 7:45 a.m.
Parent Teacher Interviews - 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 27

Alternate Fire Drill
YRDSB Programming Contest - Huron Heights
7:45 am. - Huron Heights - Mangat
PARTY Program @ Southlake Hospital - 8:00 a.m.
Cowx

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

- **360 Kids Clothes and Toiletries Drive:** Please bring in toiletries and gently used clothing such for the drive we are running for 360 Kids who are teens who are out of their homes. The drive will run from March 2 until April 5. Please help us for this worthy cause in honour of Women's History Month. Please bring items to room 1030 or 1035.
- **Yearbooks:** Yearbooks are available for purchase on [School Cash](#) for \$35.00. Please order early to ensure a copy as there is a limited supply.
- **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.

Technology In The Classroom

[The Elements of a Digital Classroom](#)

Mental Health Newsletters/Tip Sheets for Parents

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

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



