

# The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin

## Week of May 20, 2019



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***“The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity. The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty.” - Winston Churchill***

### What's Happening This Week at RHHS

#### Monday, May 20

Victoria Day - No Classes

#### Tuesday, May 21

Mountain Biking - Race 2 - King City - 10:30 a.m.  
Soloway  
Rugby game - 2:00 p.m. - Mackinlay  
Dept. Head Meeting - 3:45 p.m.

#### Wednesday, May 22

A.P. Exam - Late Testing Dates - Doganoglu  
Sheridan College Tour - Steam - Wilson  
Musical Arts Trip to Newmarket Theatre -  
Warkentin-Coulter  
Ultimate Frisbee - Thornlea - 3:00 p.m. - Smiley/Fridman  
Pizza Club 4:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, May 23

London District Science Olympics - Spatafora  
Gr. 10 Fitness 5K Run - 10:30 a.m. - Pollock  
Boys' Baseball game @ Stronach Aurora Rec. - 12:55 p.m.  
- Mulla/Smiley  
KAST School Visit to Trillium Woods P.S. - Richardson

#### Friday, May 24

University Courthouse Trip - Pestrin

#### Monday, May 27

Gr. 8 1:1 Parents' Info Night - 6:00 p.m.  
School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Library

#### Tuesday, May 28

Newmarket Courthouse trip - Pestrin/MacPhail

#### Wednesday, May 29

Beach Volleyball - Walker  
Cafe Crepe - D'Angelo 10:05 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
Rugby game - 2:30 p.m. - Mackinlay  
Ultimate Frisbee home game - 3:30 p.m. Smiley/Fridman

#### Thursday, May 30

Last Day of Field Trips  
SNAP Track and Field -  
Rout/Warkentin-Coulter/Montgomery  
Cafe Crepe - 10:05 a.m.-1:30 p.m. - Kessl/D'Angelo  
KAST School Visit - Trillium Woods - 2:45 p.m.

#### Friday, May 31

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## Important Information:

### Coffee Chat with Trustees and Board Chair

Families of York Region, the YRDSB will be hosting a series of coffee chats in local schools. This is an opportunity to meet Trustees and the Board Chair and discuss issues that matter to you. Refreshments will be served.

#### **Georgina Coffee Chat**

Board Chair Corrie McBain, Vice-Chair Juanita Nathan and Trustee Cynthia Cordova

May 22, 2019

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

[Keswick H.S.](#) Library: 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick, ON

#### **Markham Coffee Chat**

Board Chair Corrie McBain, Vice-Chair Juanita Nathan and Trustee Allan Tam

May 27, 2019

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

[Markham D.H.S.](#) Library: 89 Church St. Markham, ON

### Key Dates From Our Guidance Department:

- Community Hours Due for Graduates – May 24
- Grad Gown and payment completed on School Cash Online – May 24
- Just a friendly reminder to all parents/guardians to please **remain in the main drop off/pick up area at the front entrance** when dropping off or picking up your child.
- Students driving to school must have a valid parking pass (see the Main Office) displayed on their front dash in their vehicle. They are reminded to park in the last row of the parking lot near the fence. We appreciate your support!

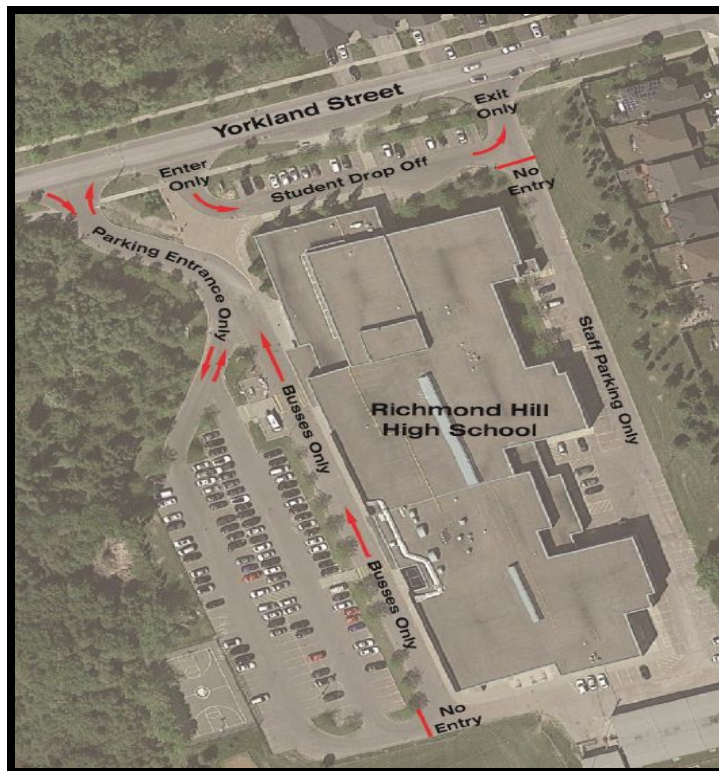
## Richmond Hill H.S. Parking Lot Flow for Increased Safety

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:

Although this article is written for teachers, please read the following article on how to support your child in developing resilience. Together (home and school partnership) we can encourage our youths to become more resilient in their everyday lives!

- [Encouraging Student to Develop Resilience](#)

## 1:1 and Modern Learning in our Classrooms

Please check out our [1:1 Google Classroom](#) for ideas relating to pedagogy and the use of technology. When you enter the class click on the '+' button on the right side of the page. The code for access is: qelkqo

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## Upcoming Events:

On behalf of the York Region District School Board, the YRDSB Recruitment Team (HRS) will be hosting an upcoming drop-in **Information Session and Career Fair** specifically targeting French Teachers and Educational Assistants (including various classifications, CYCW, DSW, etc.).

**When:** Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Location:** Richmond Green SS (attached is the event flyer with additional details)

YRDSB's Information Session & Career Fair is an excellent networking opportunity for current and prospective candidates to connect with YRDSB recruiters and hiring managers to share information and resources about working and learning at YRDSB...**so please do not delay and register today!**

To REGISTER, complete this form: [Information Session and Career Fair](#) (space is limited, please register as soon as possible).

(Note: This link can also be accessed via the attached flyer.)

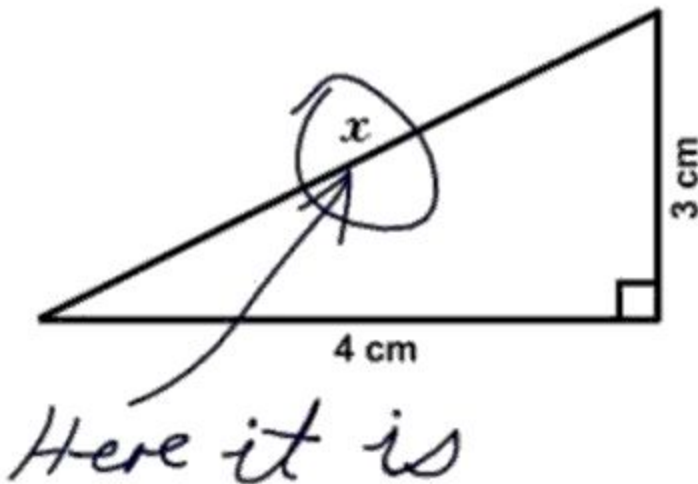
"Bike to School Week 2019" takes place from May 27 to 31. Celebrate cycling and active transportation along with students and teachers across Ontario during Bike to School Week. Information, resources, and a list of incentives are available to help you with planning and promoting this week. Check it out at:

<http://www.bikemonth.ca/biketoschool>

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For Your Amusement:

**Find  $x$ .**



Ocular Trauma - by Wade Clarke ©2005

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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.