

The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin

Week of May 6, 2019



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"Create the highest, grandest vision possible for your life, because you become what you believe."

- Oprah Winfrey

What's Happening This Week at RHHS

Monday, May 6

AP Exams May 6-17th - Doganoglu
SHSM SPSE Event field trip - Axelrod
Staff Meeting - 3:45 p.m.
Ultimate Frisbee @ St. Augustine - 2:55 p.m.
Smiley/Fridman
One Act Plays Rehearsal - 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Williamson/MacKay

Tuesday, May 7

YREAA Regional Badminton Tournament
Co-ed Volleyball - Pugh/Irving
Aga Khan Museum field trip - ME class - Warkentin-Coulter
Boys' Baseball @ Richmond Green - 12:50 a.m. -
Mulla/Smiley
One Act Plays Rehearsal - 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Williamson/MacKay

Wednesday, May 8

Ripley's Aquarium field trip - Rout
Flag Football @ Tommy Douglas - Lachner
Girls Slo-pitch - All Day (Cowx and Pugh)
One Act Plays Rehearsal - 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Williamson/MacKay

Thursday, May 9

University of Guelph Science Olympics - Spatafora
University of Waterloo Chem 13 Contest - Spatafora
College Degree Panel Presentation - Period 1
Track & Field - Bill Crothers - Duckworth/Kemp
Women in the Trades Symposium - Centennial - Richardson
KAST - Trillium Woods P.S. - 2:45 p.m. - Richardson
One Act Plays Performance - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 10

Stratford Festival trip - Pomakov
WonderCoaster Engineering Competition - Wonderland
One Act Plays Performance - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 13

Biology Trip - University of Toronto - Hazlewood

Tuesday, May 14

Lula Lounge - 9:50 - 2:15 p.m. - Kessel/D'Angelo
Ultimate Frisbee @ Vaughan S.S. - 2:55 p.m. - Smiley/Fridman

Wednesday, May 15

Indoor Boys' Soccer - Concord Sports Park - Duckworth/Fried
Gr. 11 ROM Trip - Cowx/Dean/Simm
Cafe Crepe Gr. 9 field trip - 10:00 a.m. - 12:45 P.M. - Kertesz
Mountain Biking - YRAA Race 1 - 10:35 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. - Soloway
Rubicon Food Factory field trip - Gr. 10 Business -
1:00 p.m. - Woo

Thursday, May 16

University of Waterloo Avogadro Contest - Spatafora
Track & Field - YRAA - Duckworth/Kemp
KAST - Trillium Woods P.S. - 2:45 p.m. - Richardson
Ultimate Frisbee @ RHHS - 3:30 p.m. - Smiley/Fridman

Friday, May 17

Flag Football @ Markham D.H.S. - Simm
Track & Field - YRAA Meet Day 2 - Duckworth/Kemp
Theatrical Performance @ Newmarket Theatre -
Montgomery/Haghjoo - 9:15 a.m.

Important Information:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), qualified families with children enrolled at our school have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost.

Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at the school and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

Family size

Annual income*

2 people - \$30,286

3 people - \$37,234

4 people - \$45,206

5 people - \$51,272

6 people - \$57,286

7 people or more - \$64,381

Desktop computers are available for \$71 and laptop computers are available for \$161, including software, a two-year hardware and labour depot warranty, and delivery to the school. Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household.

If you are interested in applying, please finalize your order no later than April 30, 2019 by completing an online application at www.rcto.ca/outreach using the group code on the attached program flyer.

Please note: If you do not pay by April 30, 2019 you will not be eligible to receive a computer.

Please note - There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

- Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income
- Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary.

If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, you may arrange to use a school computer to complete the application online.

For more information, including complete application and payment instructions, please refer to the attached program flyer and checklist.

Sincerely,

Ms. S. Mitchell

Vice-Principal

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with access to affordable, renewed computers to help meet education and career goals. Working with Richmond Hill H.S. we are offering the following packages.

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

Desktop Package \$60.00 plus shipping \$11.00 = \$71.00

You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software Others: Monitor, Keyboard and Mouse

Laptop Package \$150.00 plus shipping \$11.00 = \$161.00

For more information, please contact:

Main Office

Richmond Hill H.S.

P: (905) 884-2131

E: richmond.hill.hs@yrdsb.ca

Application & Payment Deadline: April 30, 2019 | Group ID Code: L4S1A2-476

Fill out an online application and provide payment before April 30, 2019 at www.rcto.ca/outreach

In order to successfully complete your online application, please include the following:

The Group ID Code: L4S1A2-476 | Richmond Hill H.S. as the group name

AND select Mississauga as your centre.

Proof of Financial Status - Applicants must qualify as an individual with limited income under the limited income cut-off standards listed below. Families receiving social assistance are advised to check with their OW case worker. Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

Please note – York Region District School Board is not responsible for: repair, replacement, or ongoing maintenance of the refurbished equipment provided by RCT through this program; verification of valid licenses installed on refurbished equipment provided by RCT through this program; loss of data or damage to devices.

Payment: \$60.00 for a desktop and \$150.00 for a laptop - plus \$11.00 shipping.

- Debit/Credit Card , Certified Cheque , Western Union Cheque, Bank Draft, or Money Order

- NO CASH. Thank you!

Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology – Applicant name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick-up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

Group Name: Richmond Hill H.S. Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca

Key Dates From Our Guidance Department:

- College Degree Panel Presentation

The GTA Colleges will be coming into RHHS to give a presentation about their degree programs to our grade 11 students on Thursday May 9th. This will be during period 1 and will be in the large gym. The presentation will run for the entire period. Please bring your classes down to the gym at the beginning of the period, providing the College representatives with the full period for their panel presentation and questions. I thank each of you in advance for your support in our effort to provide this information about pathway options to our students.

- 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!
- Graduating Students Applying to Post-Secondary Schools for Fall Admissions
 - This is a reminder to our graduating students to carefully check all college and university deadlines including: admissions and supplemental applications, scholarships, residence, response to offers, language proficiency testing and payment of fees. Please be sure to check with your post-secondary school directly or on their website to confirm all deadlines. If you have any questions, please visit the Guidance Office.
- 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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Technology-Based Article:

[“Alexa, Do You Belong in the Classroom?”](#)

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

Article:

- [How to Protect Kids from Cyber-Bullying](#)
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Mental Health & Well-Being Workshop for Parents

[Parents for Children's Mental Health Meeting](#)

Upcoming Events:

“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>

For Your Amusement:



“Due to recent technological advances,
everything I taught you about computers
is no longer valid.”

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.

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.

