

The Richmond Hill High School Student and Family Bulletin
Week of October 17, 2022



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“When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.” – Malala Yousafzai

What’s Happening This Week at RHHS

This Week	Next Week
<p><u>Monday, October 17</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Council Meeting (7:00pm) 	<p><u>Monday, October 24</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Diwali
<p><u>Tuesday, October 18</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	<p><u>Tuesday, October 25</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
<p><u>Wednesday, October 19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interim report cards 	<p><u>Wednesday, October 26</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
<p><u>Thursday, October 20</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	<p><u>Thursday, October 27</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Progress Meetings (6:30-8:30 pm)
<p><u>Friday, October 21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PA Day (no school) 	<p><u>Friday, October 28</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●

Important Information:

★ **Inclusive School & Community Services Community and Partnership Developers:**

Our Community and Partnership Developers respond to the needs of the school community by working with community partners to increase opportunities for parent engagement, student achievement and well-being. Please see the flyer below for contact information for the school board's Community and Partnership Developers.

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★ **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test:**

This year, the Ministry of Education is allowing all eligible students to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test in the fall sitting. We will be sharing specific details with students once we have more information.

★ **Student Progress Meetings:**

Student Progress Meetings will take place on October 27 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. More information will follow next week when Interim Reports are sent home.

★ **Take Our Kids to Work Day:**

Take Our Kids to Work Day, for all Grade 9 students, will take place on Wednesday, November 2, 2022. This is an opportunity for your child to spend the day at the workplace of a parent/guardian, relative, friend or volunteer. If students do not have a workplace to attend, there will be an alternative program being offered at school. No regular Grade 9 courses will be running.

★ **Guidance Updates:**

Grade 9 Visits - Guidance counsellors and the Student Success teacher have gone into all grade 9 classes to introduce ourselves. Students learned how to make a guidance appointment and the role guidance and student success has in their life here at RHHS.

After school information sessions - Guidance has presented information sessions to students about AP (Advanced Placement) classes, the US/UK University Application Process and Scholarships. Information about sessions like these are always posted in advance in the Guidance classroom and on the Guidance instagram.

Grade 12 Grad Counselling - Guidance will be going into all grade 12 period 5 classes next week (October 19-26) to talk to students about graduation requirements, the university/college application process and post-secondary transitions. Grade 12 students with a period 5 spare or in a grade 11 class will attend the presentation in the library.

OCAS (Ontario College Application Service) Applications - grade 12 students can begin their application to college now on <http://www.ontariocolleges.ca>. Information will be given during the Grad Counselling presentation.

OUAC (Ontario Universities' Application Centre) Applications - grade 12 students will receive an email to their gapps account some time next week with the PIN (Personal Identification Number) that will allow them to start their university application. Information will be given during the Grad Counselling presentation.

Guidance Appointments - students make appointments to see their counsellor through Teach Assist. Students are welcome to see any counsellor they want (it doesn't have to be their alpha counsellor), but we ask that they remain consistent in seeing that counsellor. Parents/guardians are always welcome to join an appointment by calling Ms. Lam, our guidance secretary, to inform her that you will be attending. Ms. Lam can be reached at 905-884-2131, ext. 1004.

★ **Secondary Students COVID Screening:**

All school-based staff and secondary students and visitors are 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.

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"> ● Monday October 17, 2022 ● Monday November 21, 2022 ● Monday February 27, 2023 ● Monday March 20, 2023 ● Monday May 15, 2023 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meetings will be held in the school library and also virtually. The meeting ID is 294 102 167 612 and the passcode is MLYa4s. ● Meetings start at 7:00 PM

RHHS on Social Media

- **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.

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](#)
