

# The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin

## Week of October 28, 2019



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*“Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” — Barack Obama*

## What’s Happening This Week at RHHS

### Monday, October 28

McMaster University - 9:30 a.m. - Cowx  
Sr. Boys’ Volleyball game @ Sir Wm. Mulock SS  
2:15 p.m. - Irving  
Jr. Girls’ Basketball home game - 3:25 p.m.  
Walker/Frappambino  
School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - library

### Tuesday, October 29

Casa Loma - 7:45 p.m. - Woo  
Jr. Boys’ Volleyball @ Aurora HS - 2:10 p.m. - Cowx  
Music Performance with U of Western @  
GW Williams - 3:30 p.m. - Siu

### Wednesday, October 30

Casa Loma field trip - 7:45 a.m. - Woo  
MOCA field trip - Gr.11-12 Art - Chan  
Jr. Girls’ Basketball home game - 3:25 p.m.  
Walker/Frappambino

### Thursday, October 31

Halloween  
Casa Loma field trip - 9:00 a.m. - Hatzimalis

### Friday, November 1

DECA Regionals Competition @ RHHS - Nov. 1 & 2  
Meridian Arts Centre Concert - 9:45 - 12:15 Geng

### Monday, November 4

Staff Meeting @ 3:45 p.m.

### Tuesday, November 5

Royal Winter Fair - 8:30 a.m. - Yousef

### Wednesday, November 6

Gr. 8 Orientation Day  
Take Our Kids to Work Day  
Last Day - Careers/Civics  
Term 1 ends

### Thursday, November 7

Term 2 Begins  
Turnover Day - Careers/Civics  
Beaver Computer Contest - 3:30 p.m.

### Friday, November 8

Model UN Conference - 8:30 a.m. - R.Chan

## 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

- **York Region Labour Market Information Night:** YRDSB Curriculum and Instructional services has organised a FREE event for information with regards to the York Region labour market and careers. **Please see information and event registration details at the end of this bulletin.**
- **Renewed Computer Technology Program:** All parents were sent information about the renewed computer technology program via email. Please check your email for further details and information. The deadline for availing of this program is November 7th 2019.
- **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.
- **RHHS Semi-Formal:** The RHHS Semi-Formal is on November 14, 2019. This is an event for students from **ALL** Grades and parents are encouraged to have their child/ward attend this spirit building event. The event will be supervised by numerous teachers and RHHS administrators.
- **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](https://twitter.com/rhhs_yrdsb?lang=en) (School) [https://twitter.com/rhhs\\_stuco?lang=en](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](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/Pages/default.aspx) (School) [www.rhhsstuco.ca](http://www.rhhsstuco.ca) (Student Council)

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### 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.

## Health and Wellness for our Students

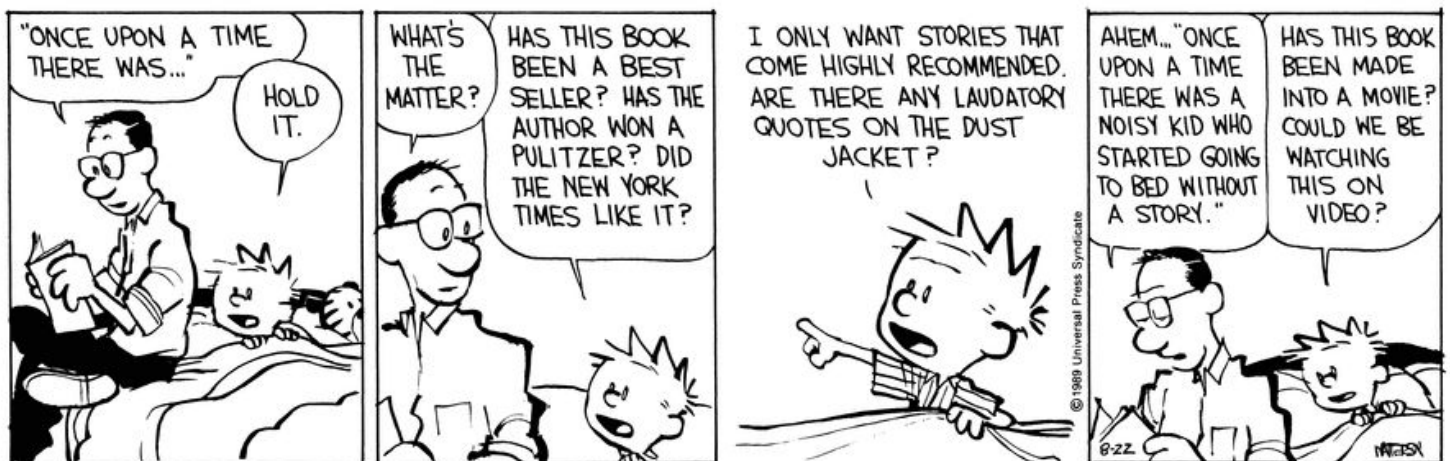
[Get Moving: The Benefits of Exercise for Teen Mental Health](#)

## RHHS Parent Guide

We are pleased to share with you the 2019-2020 [Parents' Guide](#)

## For Your Amusement

**Calvin and Hobbes** by Bill Watterson



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**YRDSB Curriculum & Instructional Services invites the parents of elementary and secondary students:**

## **York Region Labour Market Information Night**

ALL YRDSB parents and guardians are invited to join the York Region District School Board's Pathways team and the Workforce Planning Board of York Region on November 7, 2019 for dinner and an evening of learning about the labour market in our communities. Hear from industry professionals about current and future career opportunities, employment trends and in demand skills.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from Joe Musicco, a professor from Sheridan College in the Pilon School of Business, who will address the skills and attitudes necessary for future success. Guests will then have the opportunity to attend a variety of smaller, more intimate industry specific workshops featuring a panel of professionals from a variety of key employment sectors, post secondary education programs and training organizations supporting these fields.

Topics for breakout sessions include:

- Agro-business
- Entrepreneurship and Skilled Trades
- Information and Technology
- Manufacturing
- Motive Power and Logistics

Deep dive into the York Region Labour Market Event Details Date: November 7, 2019, Location: Sheraton Parkway North, 600 Highway 7, Richmond Hill, Registration at 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Dinner: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Opening and Keynote: 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for this **FREE** event which is the first of its kind for the York Region District School Board. Space is limited

Registration Information: Register online via [bit.ly/YRlabourinfo](https://bit.ly/YRlabourinfo) or at Eventbrite

A limited number of childcare spaces are available. This complimentary service is available for children ages 6 - 11. Signup for can be done when you register for this event..