

Welcome to Richmond Hill High School

Grade 8 Information Night
for Students & Families
January 12, 2016



Inspire Learning!



Agenda

- ❑ Welcome – Alan Wasserman
- ❑ Chair of School Council – Sandy Sokol
- ❑ School Council President-Michael Rosen
- ❑ Principal's message – Sandy Haliburton
- ❑ Vice-Principals' message – Paul Ruytenbeek, Aline Daniel
- ❑ Course Selection- Alan Wasserman

Learning Goals for the Evening

- All audience members will have a understanding about the expectations for attending RHHS
- All audience members will use this information to make an informed decision about course selection

Inclusion Activity...

With another parent or student...

Share something that you are looking forward to learning about RHHS

General Information about our School



- **Oldest school in Richmond Hill**
- **Founded in the 1850s**
- **Opened new location in Sept. 2000**
- **Approx. 1700 students**

RHHS is dedicated to

- Developing our students' academic excellence
- Love of learning
- Personal growth
- Sense of responsibility to the global community



Richmond Hill H.S.

- Motto: Dare to be Wise
- Multicultural
- Committed Staff and Administration
- Active Student Leadership
- Active School Council
- Variety of co-curricular activities

Clubs & Groups

- Anime
- Athletic Council
- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Cooking
- Creative Writing
- Debating
- DECA
- Diversity
- Engineering
- Environmental
- Film making
- French
- Greenhouse Project
- Harry Potter
- History
- Investors
- Knitting
- Math
- Mock Trial
- Model UN
- Music Council
- Origami
- Prefect Organization
- Random Acts of Kindness
- Reach for the Top
- Red Cross
- Robotics
- School Newspaper
- Slam Poetry
- Tech Committee
- UNICEF
- World Action
- Yearbook



Sports & Activities



- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Curling
- Lacrosse
- Football
- Golf
- School Dances
- Slo-Pitch



- Snowboarding
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tech Crew
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Weight Room

Special Programs in Our School

- ESL for ELL students
- Alternative Education Programs
- Cooperative (Community Based) Education
- Gifted program in grades 9 and 10
- Multiple Exceptionalities Program
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses in grades 11 and 12
- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Non-Profit Sector / Health and Wellness



Student Health and Well-Being

- Students' mental health and well-being is as much a priority for RHHS as students' physical safety.
- Mental wellness is critical for students in order for them to be happy, have positive relationships with peers and family and to be able to focus successfully on their academic and life goals.

Student Health and Well-Being

- There are many resources available to support students when they are experiencing pressures and it's important that we can talk about this openly with our students and with you as parents, so our kids can access these supports and not feel stigmatized or ashamed for doing so.

School Organization

- School Day - 8:50 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 5 periods per day, 75 minutes each
(4 classes plus one lunch period)
- Semestered School
(Semester 1: Sep-Jan, Semester 2: Feb-June)
- 4 courses per semester- 8 courses in total for the year.
- Final exams in January and June

Sample Timetable

Semester 1:

- Period 1 (8:50 – 10:10) – Math
- Period 2 (10:15 – 11:30) – Gym
- Period 3 (11:35 – 12:50) – Lunch
- Period 4 (12:55 – 2:10) – French
- Period 5 (2:15 – 3:30) – Geography

Semester 2:

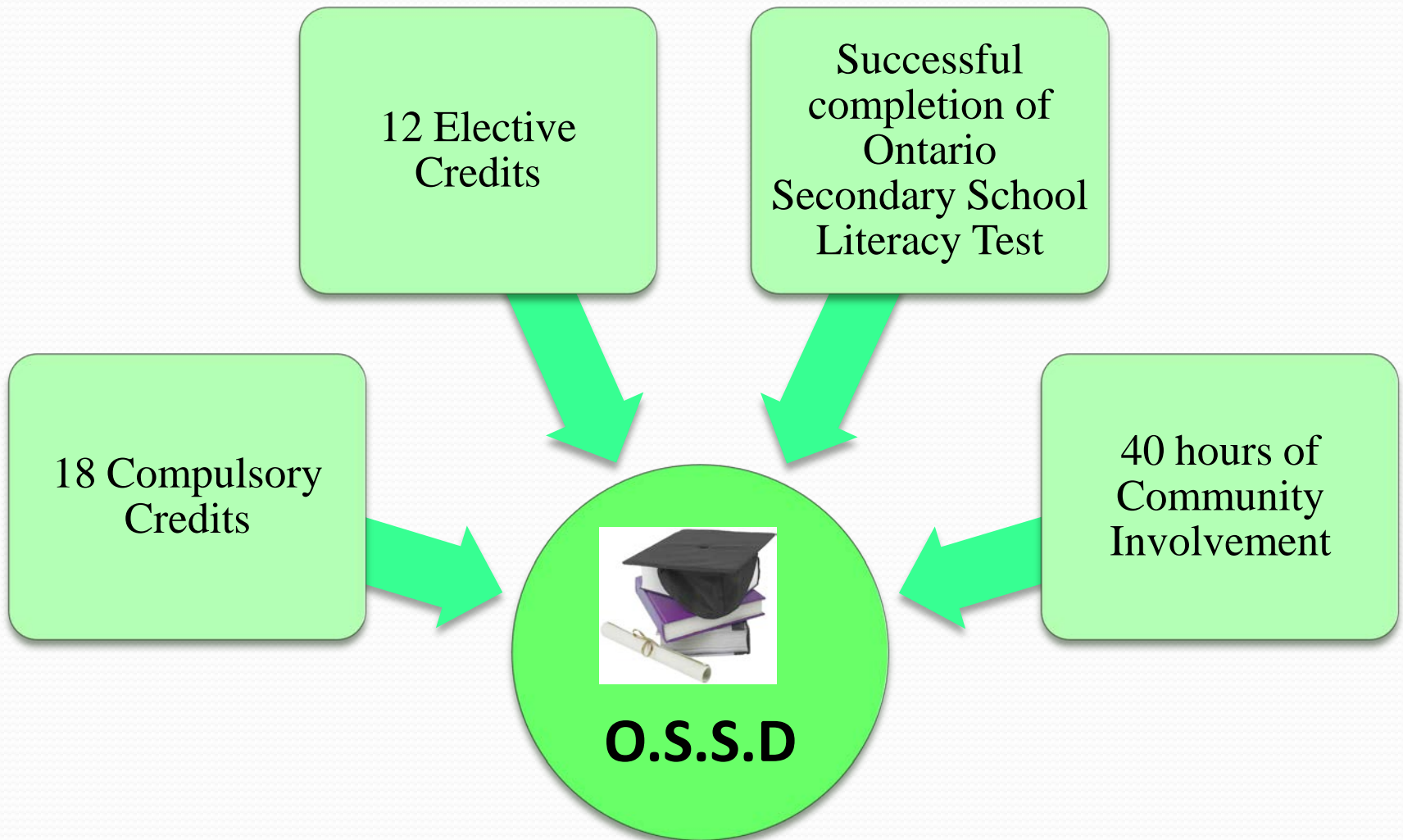
- Period 1 (8:50 – 10:10) – Drama
- Period 2 (10:15 – 11:30) – Science
- Period 3 (11:35 – 12:50) – Lunch
- Period 4 (12:55 – 2:10) – English
- Period 5 (2:15 – 3:30) – Family Studies

Diploma Requirements

RHHS Class of 2019



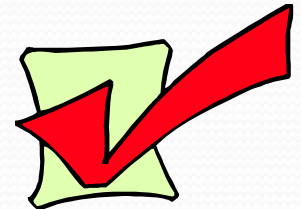
Diploma Requirements (O.S.S.D.)



Gr. 9 Compulsory Credits

It is strongly recommended that students take the following 6 subjects in grade 9. A student may choose a variety of levels, or may choose all courses at the same level.

1. English
2. Mathematics
3. Science
4. Geography
5. French
6. Health & Physical Education



Grade 9 Elective Courses

Business Studies

Dramatic Arts


Family Studies

Learning Strategies

**Music (vocal and
instrumental)**

Visual Arts





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COURSE PATHWAY TYPES IN Gr. 9 & 10

APPLIED

ACADEMIC

OPEN

LOCALLY
DEVELOPED

TYPE	APPROACH	ABILITY
APPLIED	Step by step approach to learning using theory and practical examples.	Working at or above grade level
ACADEMIC	Theoretical and independent approach to learning with a focus on critical thinking skills	Working at or above grade level
LOCALLY DEVELOPED	Guided approach to learning using practical examples and concrete objects.	Working below grade level in Math, English and Science
OPEN	An opportunity to explore an area of interest for all students	Available to all students

Choosing Courses for Grade 9

- ❑ Parents and students will select courses in collaboration with elementary school teachers, guidance counselors, student success/support teachers and administrators
- ❑ It is important that students do an honest self-assessment, matching their ability with their interests and aptitudes
- ❑ Students often choose a combination of course types to support different learning interests and styles

Remember...

- *Course and Post-Secondary Pathways are changeable and flexible.*
- *As interests, skills and aptitudes develop and mature, there will be many opportunities to re-chart your journey.*
- *Choices should be based on needs, interests, strengths, past achievements, future dreams and passions.*

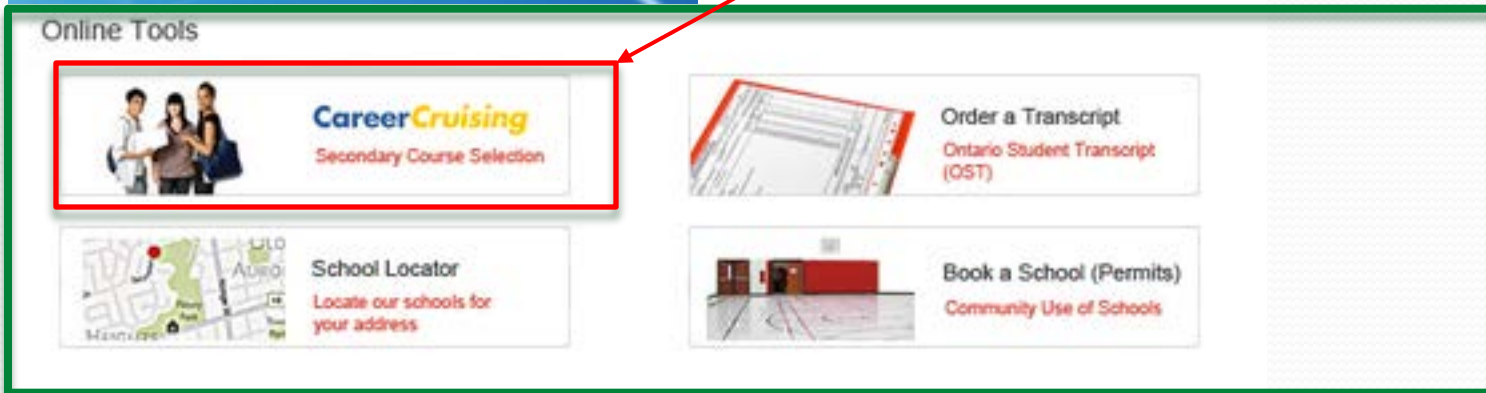


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Transition to Secondary School

Career Cruising and Secondary Online Course Selection

Course Descriptions and Prerequisites

Community Involvement Hours

Apprenticeships

Planning for College or University

Career Cruising and Secondary Online Course Selection

Career Cruising is an interactive career guidance and pathways planning tool designed for people of all ages. The tool can help students to explore different career options, manage course selections online--and plan various pathways to meet the requirements for their desired career path.

Grades 1-5 students will access the Career Cruising online tool through a new district account with the option to create their own portfolio accounts.

Grades 6-12+ students are directed to sign into the site with their district assigned account. The portfolio username for students is york-xxxxxxx where xxxxxx is the student ID. When logging in for the first time the password will be the student's birth date using the format mmddyyyy. The system will prompt the student for a new password after successfully logging in for the first time. All students will start their portfolios from scratch in Career Cruising. Students from Grades 8 through 12+ will perform their course selections through the Course Planner module on the Career Cruising site.

Career Cruising
Grades 1 - 5

Career Cruising
Grades 6 - 12

[Career Cruising Pathfinder Tips](#)



Tip Sheet



Tutorial

Click here

Student Login Page

York Region DSB

My Plan Login

Username:

Password:

Login

[Forgot your username
and/or password?](#)

*Your Username is the prefix 'york-' + your Student ID (e.g. **york-123456789**)*

When you first login, your Password is your birth date (mmddyyyy)

*(e.g. August 25th, 2002 --> **08252002**)*

You will be required to change your password after you first login.

Student Course Guide:
York Region DSB

Select ...



[Continuing Education Courses](#)

ccPathfinder Video
Student Demonstration



Learn more about:
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[ccSpringboard](#)

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My IPP ▾

Assessments Careers Education Employment

What do you want to do?


-  Explore My Interests
-  Learn About Careers
-  Explore Education Options
-  **Choose My Courses**
-  Find Jobs
-  Build My Resume

Welcome to Career Cruising, Sample05!


My Progress

0 % 20 40 60 80 100 % 0%


▼ Complete	0%
▼ Reflect & Confirm	0%
▼ Incomplete	100%



Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do.

 Steve Jobs, Former Apple CEO

Focus on Careers



Careers for people who like to draw

It doesn't matter if you use pencils, paintbrushes or computer graphics software – what counts in these jobs is drawing accurately and well.

Select Courses

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My IPP

Assessments Careers Education Employment

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My Course Plan

My Progress 0% 0% 20 40 60 80 100 %

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Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
+ English 9	+ English 10	+ English 11	+ English 12
+ Math 9	+ Math 10	+ Math 11	+ Elective
+ Science 9	+ Science 10	+ Elective	+ Elective
+ Geography 9	+ History 10	+ Elective	+ Elective
+ PhysEd	+ Civics 10	+ Elective	+ Elective
+ French 9	+ Career Studies 10	+ Elective	+ Elective
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Graduation Tracking

0 / 30 Credits

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Richmond Hill High School Website

www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs

York Region District School Board website

www.yrdsb.ca

Ministry of Education Website (under policy, programs and curriculum documents)

www.edu.gov.on.ca

Tonight

- ☐ Walk and visit each department and ask questions about courses and appropriate levels
- ☐ Student Prefects will assist you with directions and respond to any questions
- ☐ Visit club/team display in small gym
- ☐ Attend special presentations (gifted, Advanced Placement Program)