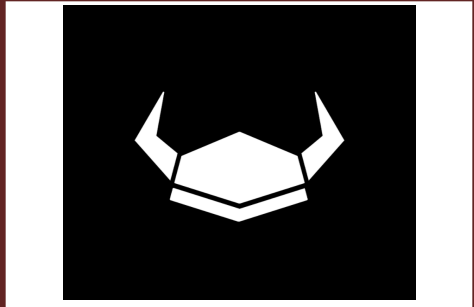


The Richmond Hill High School Family Bulletin
Week of April 10, 2023



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"These mountains that you are carrying, you were only supposed to climb." - Najwa Zebian

What's Happening This Week at RHHS

This Week	Next Week
<p><u>Monday, April 10</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramadan ● Easter Monday (no school) 	<p><u>Monday, April 17</u> (Assembly Day Timetable)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramadan ● Relay for Life Launch ● Art Week ● Course Support Day
<p><u>Tuesday, April 11</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramadan 	<p><u>Tuesday, April 18</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramadan ● OSSLT
<p><u>Wednesday, April 12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramadan ● Small Ensemble Festival at U of T (7:30 - 11:30 am) ● Sr. Co-ed Volleyball (all day) 	<p><u>Wednesday, April 19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramadan ● Term 1 Ends ● Gr. 11/12 French to the Theatre at U of T
<p><u>Thursday, April 13</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramadan 	<p><u>Thursday, April 20</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramadan ● Term 2 Begins ● Mid-term Marks shared with gr 12 students ● Art Show and Sale
<p><u>Friday, April 14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ramadan ● Holy Friday ● Vaisakhi 	<p><u>Friday, April 21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Eid-ul-Fitr ● Ridvan

★ **Congratulations** and good luck to Sally Jeong and Brian Yau Tam Sang who will be competing in the YRAA finals in Rock Climbing on Wednesday April 12th

★ **Significant Faith Days (Diamond Days)**

In the month of April students, staff, families and communities observe many significant faith and religious observances including those who continue to observe Ramadan. These Diamond Days are established by YRDSB at the beginning of the school year and on these days new curriculum and assessments are not to occur. This allows students, families and staff the time needed to participate in any traditions that fall during these times.

★ **School Council**

The RHHS School Council was fortunate to have Uma Bhatt a Community Outreach Worker from the York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families speak at our meeting this week about Youth, Anxiety and Exam Stress. For information about the services York Hills provides to our community please contact: yorkhills@yorkhills.ca or call 905.503.9560. Families can also review their website <https://www.yorkhills.ca/> for more information.

★ **2023-2024 School Year Calendar**

The proposed YRDSB 2023-2024 school year calendars have been sent to the Ministry for review and approval. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar> Please note: Calendars are not official until they receive formal Ministry approval which is expected in late May 2023

★ **YRDSB Budget Survey**

York Region District School Board invites families and community members to participate in the Board's annual budget consultation process. The Board values community input and encourages you to complete the [online budget survey](#) that will be available until Wednesday, April 26. You are also invited to attend a virtual [public budget consultation](#) on Monday, April 17, 2023 or Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

The consultations and survey feedback provide the Board with valuable insight from our community which will be considered in the Board's 2023-2024 budget development and approval process as we work to ensure the final budget will continue to support student achievement and well-being in York Region. We hope to hear from as many people as possible. Please visit the Board website for more information on how to register for the public consultations and to complete the survey. Questions about the budget process may be directed to budget@yrdsb.ca.

★ **Parenting Sessions for April:**

All parents, guardians, caregivers and community members are welcome to attend these virtual sessions.

Getting Teen Connected: April 19 10:00-11:30

Register using the pdf link below.

■ [SC-Parenting-Sessions.pdf](#)

★ **South Asian and Tamil Youth Conference:**

To honour South Asian Heritage Month, the York Region District School Board in partnership with The South Asian and Tamil Women’s Collective invites self-identifying South Asian and Tamil, female and gender non-binary, grades 7 to 12 students to attend our 2023 South Asian & Tamil Well-Being Conference. Please find more information at the pdf below.

📄 SC-Well-Being-Conference.pdf

★ **Sikh Heritage Month**

Educators for Students of South Asian Heritage (ESSAH) celebrates Sikh Heritage Month 2023 with a focus on Preserving Our Past. ESSAH is looking for student and educator voices and support for a special event in celebration of Sikh Heritage Month. See below for more information.

📄 SC-Sikh-Heritage-Month-2023-English.pdf

📄 SC-Sikh-Heritage-Month-2023-Punjabi.pdf

★ **Secondary Students COVID Screening:**

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings start at 7:00 PM
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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](#)
