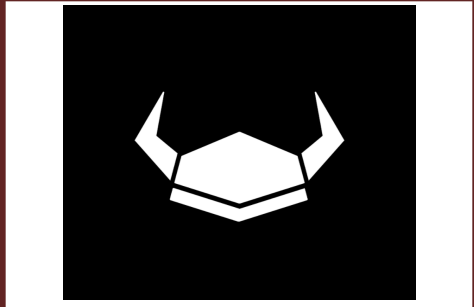


The Richmond Hill High School Family Bulletin
Week of April 24, 2023



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“If opportunity doesn’t knock, build a door.” ~ Milton Berle

What’s Happening This Week at RHHS

This Week	Next Week
<p><u>Monday, April 24</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p><u>Monday, May 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP Exams begin
<p><u>Tuesday, April 25</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p><u>Tuesday, May 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YRPH Vaccinaition Clinic • Community Math Night • SIN Workshop
<p><u>Wednesday, April 26</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p><u>Wednesday, May 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midterm eDistribution
<p><u>Thursday, April 27</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim eDistribution 	<p><u>Thursday, May 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIN Waterloo Physics Contest • Virtual NYC Information Meeting • Relay for Life Karaoke Night
<p><u>Friday, April 28</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture Day • Relay for Life Freezie Friday • Relay for Life Dodgeball Tournament 	<p><u>Friday, May 5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Day (no school)

★ RHHS Student SIN Clinic



**RICHMOND HILL H.S.
STUDENT SIN CLINIC
May 1, 2023**

Meet with a Service Canada representative and receive your Social Insurance Number on the Spot.

Service Canada representatives will be at your school to help students apply for their Social Insurance Numbers and learn about the Canada Job Bank and Summer Program for Youth.

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location	What to Bring	Primary Document	Secondary Document	Benefits for Students
Richmond Hill High School	<p>A primary identification document and a secondary document such as a passport or provincial identification.</p> <p>You would need to bring your original primary document, no photocopies accepted.</p>	<p>Permanent Resident Card or a Confirmation of Permanent Residence or A Study Permit issued by IRCC which indicates the permit holder “may accept employment” or “may work” in Canada</p>	<p>or A Certificate of Birth or Birth Certificate issued by the vital statistics agency in the province or territory of birth</p>	<p>Be job ready for summer employment by receiving your Social Insurance Number.</p> <p>Learn about the Job Bank and Canada Summer Jobs program for Youth</p>

This free service is brought to our school communities through a joint project with Service Canada and York Region District School Board.

For more information, please contact YRDSB Community & Partnership Developers,

Yvonne Kelly: Yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca

Oksana Majaski: Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

★ **Community Math Night**

Announcing the first RHHS Community Math Night! RHHS students and their families are invited to an evening of mathy fun, games, prizes and activities for all ages. **Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30pm-8:30pm**. Admission is FREE! Come celebrate math with us. We will also offer information sessions on course pathways and careers. Students should look for posters around the school and RSVP with the QR code. Students will need to show a confirmation email to enter.



JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST

RHHS COMMUNITY MATH NIGHT

*An evening of math activities, games and
prizes for all ages!*

**Tuesday, May 2, 2023 | 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
@ RHHS**

*See posters in
school to
register.*

*Accessible event. Wheelchairs are welcome.
**Only RHHS students and their families are permitted
to attend.***

★ Relay for Life

Richmond Hill HS

May 25th
2:30 - 8:30

3rd annual
event

Relay
FOR
Life

fundraising

sign up here

\$25 REGISTRATION FEE
schoolcashionline

@rhhsrelay

RELAY FOR LIFE IS BACK! We are so excited to announce that Relay for Life will be making its return to RHHS for the third year in a row. Join us Thursday, May 25 from 2:30pm - 8:30pm to honor those who have lost their battle to cancer, those who are still fighting, those who survived and anyone else who has been touched by cancer. This day will be filled with live entertainment, food trucks, competitions and so much more! The registration fee is \$25 and can be paid on School Cash Online. This includes a relay t-shirt, food item, activities and luminary.

CAN'T WAIT UNTIL RELAY? Join us at our fundraising events leading up to event day! Cool off with our Freezie Fridays. Unleash your inner Raider with our Dodgeball Tournament. Sing your heart out at our Karaoke Club Night. Show off your decorating skills at our Cookie Decorating Competition. Quench your thirst with our Bubble Tea Sale. Check out @rhhsrelay for additional details!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL! RHHS has committed to a fundraising goal of \$15,000! We cannot do it without your help! Funds and donations raised from all Relay for Life events will be donated back to Canadian Cancer Society.

See you all there!

★ **Fearlessly Black: Racial Literacy Workshop**

The Centre for Black Student Excellence (CBSE) invites Black YRDSB students accompanied by their parents/guardians to attend a Black Excellence Program Master Class with special guest, Dr. Howard C. Stevenson, Professor of Africana Studies and Director of the Racial Empowerment Collaborative at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Stevenson's racial literacy work offers Black families effective strategies to address anti-Black racism when it occurs. His approach to resolving racial stress offers healthy and viable ways to support the mental health and well-being of those impacted by anti-Black racism, while increasing their awareness and agency. *Student registrants MUST attend this workshop with a parent, guardian or caring adult.*

This event is FREE and includes a light meal (assorted sandwich wraps, salads, and dessert)
Time: 5:00 - 8:30 p.m./ (The Racial Literacy Workshop will begin at 6:30 p.m.)
Location: The Venu Event Space (2800 Hwy 7, Woodbridge)

[Student Flyer](#)

[Parent Flyer](#)

Registration: [Google Form](#) (Spaces are limited)

★ **Jewish Heritage Month Special Event**

Periphery Film Community Screening

Date: May 16, 2023 Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: Richmond Hill Secondary School
Audience: YRDSB students, families and staff

“Periphery is an evocative photographic and film project that bears witness to ethnic diversity in the Jewish community. Sharing narratives from individuals of multiracial and multiethnic backgrounds, Periphery creates space to look, listen, and learn from participants as they share their experiences and explore ideas of representation, intersectionality, ethnicity, race, and sexuality.”

More information regarding [Periphery, the Short Film](#) can be found on the [Periphery webpage](#). Directly after the film screening, there will be a question and answer period hosted by Sara Yacobi-Harris from No Silence on Race.

Register through the [Google Form](#) by May 1.

This event is presented by Inclusive School and Community Services, in partnership with the Network of Educators Supporting Jewish Learners (NESJL). Please contact ISCS at iscs@yrdsb.ca for more information.

★ **Building an Understanding of Anti-Black Islamophobia**

In this session, participants will explore the interlocking impact of anti-Blackness and Islamophobia on Black Muslim Communities and Black Muslim Students. Throughout this session, participants will be encouraged to think about how they center intersectionality in their everyday lives and how that impacts anti-Islamophobia work. Practical resources and recommendations will be shared to support efforts in creating equitable and inclusive environments.

Date: May 10, 2023

Time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: VIRTUAL

Registration: [Register for Event](#)

★ **Know Your Rights: Muslim Students and Families**

In this session, students and families will learn about their legal rights and responsibilities within schools. Participants will be provided with tools and resources that will support them throughout their child's school experience, allowing them to feel more confident and empowered.

Date: May 16, 2023

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Location: VIRTUAL

Registration: [Register for Event](#)

★ The Come Up

THE COME UP



Navigating Secondary School and Beyond

2023 Summer Program

Program overview

The Come Up summer program is a unique in-person course offered to self-identifying Black students in the York Region District School Board. It also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch and swag.

Students entering grade 9 will earn a Civics and Careers (GLC20/CHV20) credit.

Students entering Grade 10 will earn a Black History (CHE30) credit. This credit can be used to fulfill the grade 10 compulsory history credit.

Eligibility (must meet all criteria)

- Are you entering Grade 9 or 10 in September 2023?
- Do you self-identify as Black?
- Are you a YRDSB Student?
- Are you interested in earning a high school credit?

Dates

July 5 - July 28, 2023 (Monday-Friday)*

*Attendance is mandatory for the duration of the program.
Please note: Lunch will only be provided on Mondays and Wednesdays.

8:45 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

Choice of Tommy Douglas SS or Milliken Mills HS

Registration opens April 11, 2023

Register by May 26, 2023



Virtual Black Parent/Guardian Workshop Series

2023 Summer Program

Is your child a YRDSB student?
Is your child transitioning to Grade 9 or 10?
Is your child registered in the Come Up Program?
Does your child self-identify as Black?

**Join us for a workshop series
on navigating the secondary
school system.**

Session # 1 - Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Understanding the Secondary System

(Structure, Rights, Policies, Attendance, Credit Recovery, IEPs and more)

Session # 2 - Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Supporting your Child (Mental Health Supports, Tips and Strategies)

Families of all students for the summer school program will receive registration information for the Black Parent/ Guardian Workshop Series via email once student registration is complete.



For more information email: TheComeUP@yrdsb.ca

★ Sex Trafficking and Youth Exploitation



Stay Informed! Sex Trafficking and Youth Exploitation

DID YOU KNOW...?

Instances of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation are a growing concern for youth and families in York Region

Would you notice and be aware of it if you saw it?
What might you do to get help and necessary resources?

Parents, guardians, caregivers, educators, staff and community members are invited to attend one of the information sessions being offered.

Register today!

When: May 18, 2023

Session A: 10:00am – 11:30am

OR Session B: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

In a collaborative partnership with Women's Support Network, the York Region District School Board is hosting a virtual information session about sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

This session will provide awareness and information about:

- What is sex trafficking?
- How to identify signs of someone who may be in the process of being recruited or is already being trafficked?
- Who is at risk?
- Available resources and supports in the school and community



For more information:

Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB at Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

★ Sikh Heritage Month - Preserving Our Past



Preserving our Past Sikh Heritage Month

Please join us to commemorate our first Sikh Heritage Month Celebration with YRDSB. Our focus is on **Preserving our Past**. At this event, the Educators of Students of South Asian Heritage (ESSAH) will provide time and space to highlight and promote Sikh histories, language and identity, and to build unity through community.

Exhibits:

- Sikh Heritage Museum Display and Keynote Speaker
- Artifacts
- Artwork Exhibit by YRDSB Students
- Shabad Performance
- Gathkha Performance
- Community Partners and Vendors

Date: April 29, 2023

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Woodbridge College, 71 Bruce St, Woodbridge

[Registration Online by April 26](#)

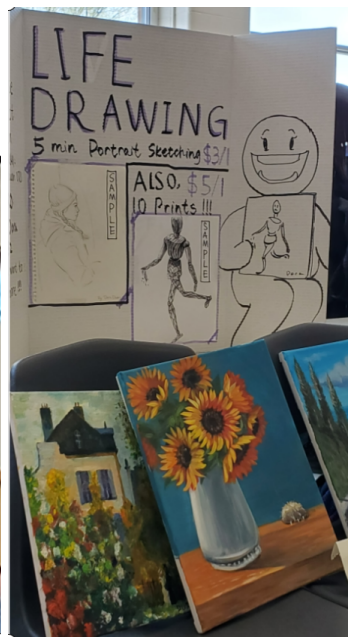
More Information, contact: harpinder.kaur@yrdsb.ca 905-884-2046 ext 268

★ School Sharing:

Relay for Life Launch



Art Show and Sale



★ **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.Meetings start at 7:00 PM

RHHS on Social Media

<ul style="list-style-type: none">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)
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Absence Policy

<ul style="list-style-type: none">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](#)
