

The Richmond Hill High School Family Bulletin
Week of April 3, 2023



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“Lead your life so you wouldn’t be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.” Will Rogers

What’s Happening This Week at RHHS

This Week	Next Week
<p><u>Monday, April 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lit Blitz (for OSSLT writers) ● School Council 	<p><u>Monday, April 10</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Easter Monday (no school)
<p><u>Tuesday, April 4</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Euclid Math Contest ● Lit Blitz (for OSSLT writers) 	<p><u>Tuesday, April 11</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
<p><u>Wednesday, April 5</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fryer/Galois/Hypatia Math Contest ● Grade 12 CAP Exam ● Lit Blitz (for OSSLT writers) 	<p><u>Wednesday, April 12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Relay for Life Launch
<p><u>Thursday, April 6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Passover ● Waterloo Chemistry Exam 	<p><u>Thursday, April 13</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
<p><u>Friday, April 7</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Good Friday (no school) 	<p><u>Friday, April 14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Holy Friday ● Vaisakhi

★ School Council April 3:

Youth
MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Please join us at our
School Council Meeting
for a special guest speaker
MONDAY APRIL 3/23
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Uma Bhatt
York Mills Centre for Children, Youth and Families

Join us in-person or on-line
School Council Meeting to follow

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 294 102 167 612

Agenda: 📄 RHHS School Council Agenda April 3, 2023.pdf

★ **Congratulations:**

RHHS would like to congratulate Aarani Selvaganesh, a grade 12 student, who won the Youth Volunteer Achievement Award given by the City of Richmond Hill. The Youth Volunteer Achievement Award is presented to one individual 17 years of age or younger who has contributed to the enrichment of the social, cultural or civic life of the Richmond Hill community through volunteering. Way to go Aarani!

★ **Community Service Hours:**

YRDSB's Policy #620 regarding Community Involvement Hours is currently under review. They are seeking feedback from parents/guardian. We would appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to share your input to inform the revision process for this policy.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vjTL9T0RTUEOGjELQ3oL1zNcRrcJ9EmeK-xiT2fAwMU/edit>

★ **Parenting Sessions for April:**

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

Raising Competent Teens: April 5 10:00-11:30

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

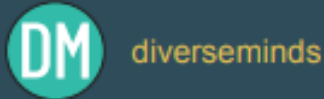
★ **Sikh Heritage Month**

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

★ Diverse Minds Creative Writing Competition



B'nai Brith Presents...



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Write and illustrate a children's book that tells a story of diversity and inclusion

**WINNING BOOK WILL BE PUBLISHED
AND WILL RECEIVE A PRIZE OF \$5000!
2ND PRIZE: \$2500 • 3RD PRIZE: \$1000**

Deadline for entries is April 16, 2023!



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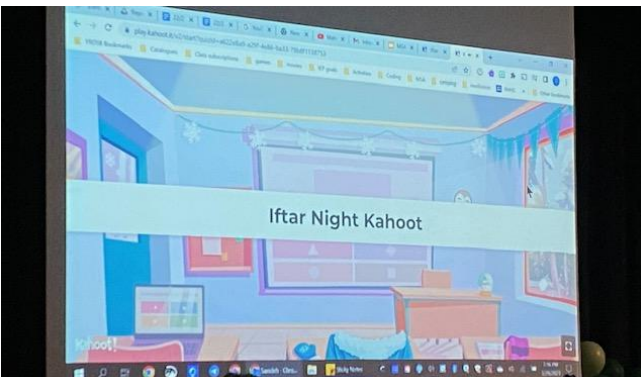
diverseminds@bnaibrith.ca

diverse minds Calling all high school students in Canada!
Create a book for elementary school kids. Visit DiverseMinds.ca
for detailed submission information and guidelines

[#onceinalifetime](#) [#championingdiversity](#)

Sharing Section

Thank you to our Muslim Student Association, Ms. Haghjoo, Ms. Mash-Hadi, Ms. Faizi, and many teachers for a lovely community Iftar.



★ **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 April 3, 2023Monday 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)

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](#)
