

**The Richmond Hill High School Family Bulletin**  
**Week of February 13, 2023**



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**“Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.”**

**~ Babe Ruth**

**What's Happening This Week at RHHS**

This Week	Next Week
<b><u>Monday, February 13</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Semester 1 Report Card Distribution (Tentative)</li> <li>AP Presentation</li> </ul>	<b><u>Monday, February 20</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b><u>Tuesday, February 14</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<b><u>Tuesday, February 21</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b><u>Wednesday, February 15</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<b><u>Wednesday, February 22</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b><u>Thursday, February 16</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OCAS/OUAC transmission</li> </ul>	<b><u>Thursday, February 23</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>
<b><u>Friday, February 17</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>	<b><u>Friday, February 24</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>

★ School Council Meeting Live Event:



Enriched  
ACADEMY

## SCHOOL COUNCIL PARENT MEETING

**LIVE EVENT**



**What students need to know  
about money ... and how  
parents can help prepare them  
for financial independence**

**Please join us:**



**Monday, February 27 | 7:00pm**

Richmond Hill High School  
201 Yorkland St, Richmond Hill



In this live event co-founder of Enriched Academy, Kevin Cochran, will share his story and talk about what students need to know about money and what parents can do to help prepare them for financial independence. A live Q&A session will follow the presentation.



★ **AP Presentation:**

Date: Mon Feb 13 at 3:45

Location: Library Learning Commons

What is it: Presentation to provide general information about AP courses and exams, and also to specifically go over registration instructions for students in semester 2 AP courses to register for their AP exams.

★ **Graduation Ceremony Email:**

Grade 12s, please check your emails for important information on this year's graduation ceremony.

★ **Report Cards:**

Report cards should be emailed to your child's gapps accounts early-mid next week.

★ **Grade 9 and 10 Report Card Update:**

As a result of merging to a new student information system, report cards now show information for Grade 9 and 10 courses that were dropped after November 30th.

The course will have a "W" in the Credit Earned column and the following comment included: *"Mark reflects a dropped course after the full disclosure date."*

Please note, these Grade 9 and 10 courses will not appear on students' transcripts.

★ **Student Trustee Elections**

Each year, students in Grades 5-12 have the opportunity to vote for the two student trustees who will represent their voice across York Region District School Board. Voting takes place between February 16-22, 2023.

You can learn more about the final four candidates and watch an **all-candidates panel discussion** at [www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees](http://www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees). This is an excellent opportunity to hear directly from each candidate and their views and thoughts on issues that concern all YRDSB students.

Information on how to vote will be shared with all eligible students in your GAPPS email account when voting opens February 16.

★ **Skate With Pride Event:**

This Family Day event is from 10:00am - 3:00pm at 90 Wexford Dr. Georgina, ON. You can also volunteer for the event on the [website](#) under the Get Involved! tab.

★ Autism Information Series:



**Inclusive School and Community Services  
in Partnership With  
Community Living York South**



**Supporting your Children with Special Needs**

**Information Series Part One: Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder**

This session will be delivered in English, to help parents, guardians and caregivers learn:

- What is Autism?
- Diagnosis process
- Common characteristics
- At-home strategies
- Resources available in the community

**Presenter:** Winny Ho, Community Support Coordinator at Community Living York South

**When:** Thursday, March 2, 2023, 6:30-8:00pm

**Register this event now!**

**English Session Virtual**

<https://bit.ly/3Xl8CTo>



For more information, please contact Community and Partnership Developer

**Shani Blake** - [shani.blake@yrdsb.ca](mailto:shani.blake@yrdsb.ca)

★ Creative Writing Competition:

diverseminds



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!**  
2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE: \$2500 • 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE: \$1000

Deadline for entries is April 16, 2023!



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**diverse minds** Calling all high school students in Canada!  
Create a book for elementary school kids. Visit [DiverseMinds.ca](https://DiverseMinds.ca)  
for detailed submission information and guidelines

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★ Parents of Jewish Learners Town Hall:



**Parents of Jewish Learners - York Region  
Invites public & private school students &  
parents and community members to attend a:  
TOWN HALL ON ANTISEMITISM**



Let your voice be heard.

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

**7:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

**Schwartz Reisman Centre  
9600 Bathurst St., Maple, ON**

**New  
Date**

**Registration  
required.**

Scan QR code or go to:  
[bit.ly/YRantisemitismtownhall](https://bit.ly/YRantisemitismtownhall)

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## Secondary Online Learning Graduation Requirement

### **About the Online Learning graduation requirement;**

Students are now required to earn two Online Learning credits to earn their OSSD, beginning with every student who entered Grade 9 in the 2020-21 school year. The graduation requirement is intended to support students in developing familiarity and comfort with working and learning in a fully online environment, as well as developing digital literacy and other important transferable skills that will help prepare them for success after graduation and in all aspects of their lives.

Meeting the Online Learning graduation requirement should not pose a barrier to graduation for students. As with all learning, students taking online courses will have access to the support they need through their school, (e.g., Individual Education Plans, guidance, and services for English-language learners).

Parents/guardians may choose to opt their child out of the mandatory online courses required for graduation. Students aged 18 years of age or older or students who are 16 or 17 years of age and have withdrawn from parental control can also opt out of the graduation requirement. Students and parents/guardians may opt back in to the Online Learning graduation requirement should their decision change.

Students can opt-out of the Online Learning Graduation Requirement when completing their course selections for next year. Parents will receive an email confirmation of the opt-out along with the submitted courses. You may also opt-out or opt-in by contacting your home school.

There are no academic penalties for opting out of this graduation requirement. The opt-out will be recorded on the transcript as "Online Learning Graduation Requirement - Non-Applicable".

If you do not wish to opt out, no action is required.

Students working towards other certificates (for example, the certificate of accomplishment or an Ontario Secondary School certificate) are not required to complete the Online Learning graduation requirement, yet may be encouraged to enroll in Online Learning courses to support the development of digital literacy and other important transferable skills that help prepare them for success after graduation and in all aspects of their lives.

A [frequently asked questions page](#) is available on the public website.

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## Sharing Section

Student projects from semester 1 Grade 10 and 11 Construction Technology classes:







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### ★ 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.

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### 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 (3rd Lunch) - Grade 10s	12:55 – 2:10
Period 5	2:15 - 3:30

RHHS School Council	
Upcoming Dates	Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday February 27, 2023</li><li>Monday March 20, 2023</li><li>Monday May 15, 2023</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meetings will be held in the school library and also <a href="#">virtually</a>. The meeting ID is <b>294 102 167 612</b> and the passcode is <b>MLYa4s</b>.</li><li>Meetings start at 7:00 PM</li></ul>

RHHS on Social Media	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>TWITTER:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/rhhs_yrdsb?lang=en">https://twitter.com/rhhs_yrdsb?lang=en</a> (School) <a href="https://twitter.com/rhhs_stuco?lang=en">https://twitter.com/rhhs_stuco?lang=en</a> (Student Council) @RHHSLearningCo1 (Library)</li><li><b>INSTAGRAM:</b> rhhs_yrdsb (School)rhhs_stuco (Student Council) rhhsllc (Library)</li><li><b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/Pages/default.aspx">www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/Pages/default.aspx</a> (School) <a href="http://www.rhhsstuco.ca">www.rhhsstuco.ca</a> (Student Council)</li></ul>	

## 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](#)

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