

The Richmond Hill High School Family Bulletin
Week of February 6, 2023



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“Isn’t it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?”
— L.M. Montgomery

What’s Happening This Week at RHHS

This Week	Next Week
<u>Monday, February 6 (Schedule below)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Review Day • Semester 2 Begins 	<u>Monday, February 13</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<u>Tuesday, February 7</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<u>Tuesday, February 14</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<u>Wednesday, February 8</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<u>Wednesday, February 15</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<u>Thursday, February 9</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester 1 Report Card Distribution (Tentative) • Course Selection Evening (6:30 - 8:00 pm) 	<u>Thursday, February 16</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OCAS/OUAC transmission
<u>Friday, February 10</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<u>Friday, February 17</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

★ **Exam Review and Semester 2 - February 6, 2023**

Morning: Semester 1 Schedule for Exam Review

8:50 - 9:20 am	Period 1
9:25 - 9:55 am	Period 2
10:00 - 10:30 am	Period 3
10:35 - 11:05 am	Period 4
11:10 - 11: 40 am	Period 5

11:40 - 12:40 - Common Lunch

Afternoon: Semester 2 Schedule

12:40 - 1:10 pm	Period 1
1:15 - 1:45 pm	Period 2
1:50 - 2:20 pm	Period 3
2:25 - 2:55 pm	Period 4
3:00 -3:30 pm	Period 5

★ **Be a good neighbor - Elginwood – Revera Long Term Care Home:**

Please be mindful not to park in the Elginwood Long Term Care Home parking or to block their driveway. Blocking their driveway could endanger the lives of the residents if Emergency Services are not able to access the building. We appreciate your cooperation.

★ **Photo Retake:**

Photo retake for new students and grad photos start Feb 9

★ **School Council:**

Our next school council meeting will include a financial literacy presentation for students and parents from Enriched Academy. Information will follow.

★ **Black History Month - Celebrating Black Excellence - Black Voices:**

As a continuation of our Celebrating Black Excellence campaign, YRDSB will be celebrating Black History Month with the Celebrating Black Excellence - Black Voices project.

Celebrating Black Excellence - Black Voices aims to centre and celebrate the Black members of our YRDSB community and share their voices. This Black History Month campaign asks students, staff and families who identify as Black to consider submitting a short video of themselves answering one or more of the following prompts.

- I am proud to be Black because..
- It's important to me that I see my identity affirmed at school/work because...
- What I need at school/work is...
- People need to know that...
- I love myself because...
- I am magic because...
- Do you have a story to tell? Let us know what it is.
- If these prompts don't resonate with you, please feel free to answer a prompt or question of your own making.

These videos will be shared as Reels on the @yrdsb.schools Instagram account throughout the month of February, and may be featured on the Black Excellence webpage or in a YRDSB video.

Submissions from students and staff can be made through an internal form. If your child is interested in making a submission, please ask them to contact a staff member or principal at their school for details.

Community members who are interested in making a submission can do so through our public submission form which is available on the [Celebrating Black Excellence webpage](#).

★ ESCS Public Survey Consultation:

York Region District School Board will be conducting the Every Student Counts Survey with students in Grades K-12 from April 24, 2023 - May 12, 2023. As part of the survey development, we are asking families to review our [draft surveys](#) and provide their feedback.

Student and family feedback is critical to the survey development process and helps to ensure that the survey is an accurate reflection of our school communities. Responses made through the feedback form are voluntary, confidential and anonymous.

The feedback form will be available from February 3, 2023 - February 10, 2023.

To learn more, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/escs

★ YRDSB Student and Family Surveys:

YRDSB will be inviting all students in Grades 4-12 and students in Grades K-3 to participate in the 2022-23 Every Student Counts Survey in the Spring of 2023. Surveys will be available online and will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

You and your child should have received a letter from the Board notifying them that the survey will be taking place. The surveys will provide the Board and our schools with valuable information about the learning experiences of students and families this year that are used to inform Board and school planning and to support student achievement and well-being.

Students in Grades 4-12 will be given class time to complete the survey at schools. Students in Grades K-3 are encouraged to complete the survey at home with their family. Families who do not want their child(ren) to be sent an invitation to participate in the survey will be given a chance to opt their child out of receiving the survey in the new calendar year.

As our first partners in education, we value input from families and encourage parents/guardians to complete the survey. The information provided will be confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation.

Please contact Research Services at research.services@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions or visit the [Board website](#) to learn more.

★ Parenting Session - Nurturing Healthy Self-Esteem:

February 21, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Nurturing Healthy Self-Esteem for parents of children and teens.

This session will focus on how to create a supportive and engaging environment that helps your child develop and maintain confidence and healthy self-esteem.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

★ Family Cookout:



Friday, February 24, 2023

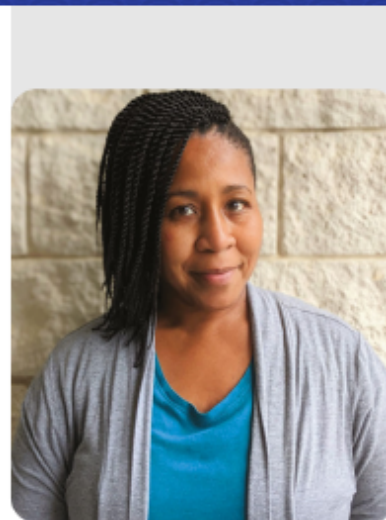
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Open to all students and families

Light refreshments will be served.

[Register here](#) for the in-person experience, happening at Thornlea Secondary School.

Further details will be provided upon registration.



★ In Conversation With:

In Conversation with Dion Walcott and Dr. D'Wayne Edwards



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

**Thursday, February 23, 2023
at York University, Keele Campus**

Self-Identifying Black students in Gr. 7 -12 are invited to join the In Conversation with Dr. D'Wayne Edwards President of Pensole Lewis College and Dion Walcott, Director of partnerships for Pensole Lewis College in Detroit MI. This event will be hosted at York University Keele Campus and will include an interactive conversation with Dr. D'Wayne and Dion who will share their inspirational journeys in merging their identities, passion and creativity to develop and lead established careers in the sneakers, art and education industry. Additionally, students will have the chance to explore York University, and the many educational opportunities offered there.

[Register here.](#)



★ Sex Trafficking Workshop:



SEX TRAFFICKING

Instances of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation
are a growing concern in York Region.

Youth as young as 12 are being recruited!

Would you know it if you saw it?
What could you do?

February 22, 2023 | Session A: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Session B: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers, educators, staff and community!

Register today!

York Region District School Board in a collaborative partnership with Women's Support Network 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



More Information:

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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.

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">Monday February 27, 2023Monday March 20, 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](#)
