The Richmond Hill High School Family Bulletin Week of March 20, 2023



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The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams -Eleanor Roosevelt

What's Happening This Week at RHHS

March Break runs from March 13 - 17. There will be no school during this time. Have a safe break.

| This Week | Next Week |
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| Monday, March 20 • First Day Back to School • School Council | <u>Monday, March 27</u> ● |
| <u>Tuesday, March 21</u> | <u>Tuesday, March 28</u> |
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| <u>Wednesday, March 22</u> | <u>Wednesday, March 29</u> |
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| <u>Thursday, March 23</u> | Thursday, March 30 |
| ● | ● Student Progress Meetings |
| Friday, March 24 | Friday, March 31 |
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★ School Departure Times:

RHHS usually has an administrator in the building until 5:30. After that time there is no staff supervision. Please make sure that you have made arrangements for your child to be picked up/leave school by 5:30. Thank you for your support.

★ Student Progress Meetings:

Student Progress Meetings will take place on October 27 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. More information will follow next week when Interim Reports are sent home.

★ Virtual Career Information:

The YRDSB will be hosting a Virtual Career Information Session on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please visit the <u>Board's Career page</u> for more information and to register to attend.



★ Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association 2023 Scholarship Application



Through our scholarship program, we recognize and celebrate students who are involved in building their community through volunteerism and leadership, and have demonstrated excellence in their academic pursuits.



31 STUDENTS ACROSS YORK REGION AWARDED NACCA SCOLARSHIPS

540,000.00 DISTRIBUTED IN SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO DESERVING STUDENTS









★ York Region's Youth Strategy:





What's your Strategy? Call to Action Project Proposal Re: Preventing Youth Homelessness

What: Call to Action for purposeful and much-needed change

- It is an invitation to use your voice and create a strategy with an action plan that addresses and/or prevents risk factors that can lead to youth homelessness.
- It is an excellent opportunity to work with other young people and the Youth Council for the York Region Strategy to End Youth Homelessness
- An opportunity to contribute to addressing the increasing issue of youth homelessness.
- Two proposals will be selected for implementation

You will:

- Receive mentorship from the Youth Council
- Work with staff in the community sector serving youth
- May receive community service hours for your time
- Gain significant experience that will contribute to your resume and help inform potential career exploration
- Have the opportunity to receive a reference letter for your time and contribution

Who

Students age 14-19 living in York Region

When

- Mid-February 2023: Call to Action announced mid-February 2023
- May 31, 2023: Final date for submissions of ideas/proposals
- June 5, 2023: Youth will be contacted
- September 2023: Start collaboration

For more information about this opportunity, please reach out to Project Coordinator: Susan Lam at <u>Susan.Lam@360kids.ca</u>

Sharing Section

Thank you for Music Department for putting on a wonderful Coffeehouse







★ 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 <u>COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening</u> <u>Tool</u> prior to entering the school on a daily basis.

School Reminders

| Daily School Schedule | |
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| 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 | |
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| Upcoming Dates | Information |
| Monday April 3, 2023 Monday May 15, 2023 | Meetings will be held in the school library and also <u>virtually</u>. The meeting ID is 294 102 167 612 and the passcode is MLYa4s. Meetings start at 7:00 PM |

RHHS on Social Media

- TWITTER: <u>https://twitter.com/rhhs_yrdsb?lang=en</u> (School)
 <u>https://twitter.com/rhhs_stuco?lang=en</u> (Student Council) @RHHSLearningCo1 (Library)
- **INSTAGRAM**: rhhs_yrdsb (School)rhhs_stuco (Student Council) rhhsllc (Library)
- WEBSITE: <u>www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/Pages/default.aspx</u> (School) <u>www.rhhsstuco.ca</u> (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 |
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| 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