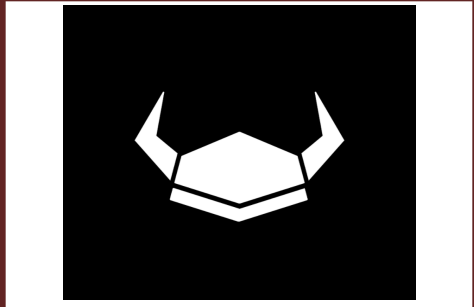


The Richmond Hill High School Family Bulletin
Week of March 6, 2023



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Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you, they're supposed to help you discover who you are." - Bernice Johnson Reagon

What's Happening This Week at RHHS

This Week	Next Week
<p><u>Monday, March 6</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p><u>Monday, March 20</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day Back to School • School Council
<p><u>Tuesday, March 7</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<p><u>Tuesday, March 21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p><u>Wednesday, March 8</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Women's Day Bake Sale • Stuco Bake Sale 	<p><u>Wednesday, March 22</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p><u>Thursday, March 9</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee House 	<p><u>Thursday, March 23</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p><u>Friday, March 10</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of School (March Break) 	<p><u>Friday, March 24</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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

★ **Every Student Counts Survey:**

In the Spring of 2023, YRDSB will be engaging students in Grades K-12 in the [Every Student Counts Survey](#).

From February 27, 2023 - March 10, 2023, parents or guardians of students in Grades 4-12 who do not wish for their child to receive the survey will have the opportunity to opt them out. Families who do not wish for their child to receive the survey can opt them out by filling out this [form](#), or they can contact CCI Research by phone 1-866-450-4907.

Students in Grades K-3 will complete the survey at home with their parent or guardian. As such, families of students in Grades K-3 who do not wish for their child to fill out the survey do not need to opt-out. Families who do not want their child to fill out the survey can disregard the paper invitation, which will be considered a formal opt-out.

Families of students in Grades K-3 who require an accommodation (eg. paper survey in enlarged print) to complete the survey need to contact CCI Research by phone to make a request 1-866-450-4907.

★ **Grade 11 SHSM Review Day:**

Wednesday March 8th

Students will go to the library at the beginning of the period based on their sector. Courses, certifications, reach aheads, experiential learning and SPCE will be reviewed by sector. Students will receive a print out of what they have earned to date. Counsellors will answer students questions and identify what requirements are outstanding in order to earn their SHSM red seal diploma.

Pd 1 - Arts & Culture students

Pd 2 - Business students

Pd 4 - ICT students

Pd 5 - Health & Wellness students

★ **Mental Health Support in Light of the Earthquake Affecting Turkey and Syria:**



Mental Health Support in Light of the Earthquake Affecting Turkey and Syria

In light of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, Family Services York Region is offering four supportive mental health gatherings for parents/caregivers, students grades 6-8, and students grades 9-12.

The events are open to all parents, caregivers, and families across the community. The events will be interpreted in Turkish and Kurdish. At the events, families will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma and potential ways to cope and support their mental health and their child. Youth will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma, potential ways to cope and support their mental health and have a chance to share and support each other.

After School and Evening Event Dates and Times:

- Students Grades 6-8 Virtual session:
March 9, 2023, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Students Grades 9-12 Virtual session:
March 22, 2023, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Elementary Parent/Caregiver Virtual session:
March 23, 2023, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Secondary Parent/Caregiver Virtual session: March 30, 2023, 6:00-7:00 pm

The events will be interpreted in Turkish and Kurdish.

Click the below link to REGISTER

<https://forms.office.com/r/ynpmxwHsEy>

Click the below ZOOM link to JOIN the Virtual session

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6812193741>

For more information about the After School and Evening Mental Health Supports in Light of the Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

Register:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=f5MrYaiFxEqL-mQHqKW-tuoQu_thozhAq4fQitl1x1dUREdGVFJUT1oxSUIYQURNREZKTjdXTkFKWi4u

Zoom Link:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=f5MrYaiFxEqL-mQHqKW-tuoQu_thozhAq4fQitl1x1dUREdGVFJUT1oxSUIYQURNREZKTjdXTkFKWi4u

★ **The Centre for Black Student Excellence:**



The Centre for Black Student Excellence

The Centre for Black Student Excellence is a space of learning and discovery committed to the promotion of dismantling anti-Black racism and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

Visit us at www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out our new community newsletter.
- And much more.

Mailing List

Want to stay up-to-date on programs, resources and events in our community that support Black student excellence?

Subscribe to the Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List today to receive information related to supporting Black students, celebrating Black excellence and dismantling anti-Black racism.

You can unsubscribe at any time.

Learn more at www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence.



★ 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 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)
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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](#)
