

The Richmond Hill High School Parent Bulletin
Week of December 12, 2022



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“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.”

– Gail Devers

What’s Happening This Week at RHHS

This Week	Next Week
<p><u>Monday, December 12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	<p><u>Monday, December 19</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jolly Week
<p><u>Tuesday, December 13</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	<p><u>Tuesday, December 20</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Light Show
<p><u>Wednesday, December 14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Music Holiday Serenade 	<p><u>Wednesday, December 21</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
<p><u>Thursday, December 15</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	<p><u>Thursday, December 22</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●
<p><u>Friday, December 16</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 	<p><u>Friday, December 23</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Last day of school

Important Information:

★ Music Holiday Serenade:

The Holiday Serenade will be held on Dec 14, 2022 starting at 7pm sharp at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. Book your tickets on SchoolCashOnline before Dec 13th. Everyone is welcome!

★ Student Parking:

Reminder: student parking is to be at the front of the school only. Please remember to follow all signs (parking, stop, etc.) for everyone's safety.

★ YRDSB in Collaboration with FSyr (Family Services of York Region):

Mental Health Event for Families and Youth in Light of the Protests in Iran: An event to "Acknowledge - Bridge - and Connect" During Global Protests

The events are open to Iranian parents, caregivers, and families acknowledging that we all may have different experiences in relation to the protest in Iran. At the events, Iranian families will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health and their child using the ABCs (i.e., Acknowledge, Bridge, Connection) of Mental Health. Youth will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health using the ABCs of Mental Health. Each event will end with a brief panel discussion responding to pre-submitted participant questions.

After School Events (Support available in English and Farsi):

Secondary (Grades 9-12): December 19, 2022 (Alexander Mackenzie HS, 300 Major MacKenzie Dr W, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3S3) 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Parent/Caregiver Session (for parents/caregivers of secondary students):
December 19, 2022 (Alexander Mackenzie HS, 300 Major MacKenzie Dr W, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3S3) from 6:00-8:00 pm

Session information and registration for the parents/caregivers session and the student session is available on the [registration form](#). Registration closes on December 14, 2022.

★ **Student Transfer Requests:**

[This information](#) provides details regarding the student transfer timeline and process.

★ **Light Up the Hill**

Every year during the holiday season, Richmond Hill High School hosts an event Light Up The Hill. This year it will be an outdoor walkthrough event with festive lights and fun interactive stations throughout the school grounds for our community. It is a fun experience that showcases a variety of different holidays and traditions from the month of December and beyond. This event is hosted by many, many clubs and councils with drama council taking the lead!

This is a community event to bring people together during the holiday season, and we would love for you and your loved ones to join us on **December 20, 2022, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.**

Here are some of the super fun things you can expect to see:

- Lights
- Lunar New Year station
- Winter sports
- Hanukkah station
- Snowflake cutting
- Cookie decorating
- Shabe Yalda station
- Holiday Movies and Hot Chocolate
- Karaoke
- Candyland

We are asking all people visiting to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the food drive.

★ **Tasty Thursdays:**

BarBurrito Combo

Regular Chicken or Veggie Burrito with Salsa and Chips for \$15

School Cash Online will open on Monday

Served Thursday December 15th during P3 and P4

★ School Merchandise

Hello Raiders!



SCHOOL MERCH ANNOUNCEMENT

Rep your school spirit with some RHHS MERCH !!

StuCo (design credit goes to Shashank) and Athco have been hard at work designing RHHS merch for the 2022-2023 school year. Those items are now AVAILABLE for purchase on

schoolcashionline.com for until December 14th



All items are embroidered except for the RAIDERS hoodie and the ATHLETICS hoodie and sweatpants. 🧵

CUSTOMIZATION OPTION !!

Put your own twist on any hoodie by adding your name to the left sleeve. Remember to select that option under the item and fill out the Google Form listed on school cash. (see attached)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Caravaggio @ christina.caravaggio@gapps.yrdsb.ca.

★ 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 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)
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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](#)
