

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



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“Let him who would move the world first move himself.”— Socrates

What’s Happening This Week at RHHS

This Week	Next Week
<p><u>Monday, September 12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Photo Day 	<p><u>Monday, September 12</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parent Council Meeting
<p><u>Tuesday, September 13</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 9 Parent Information Night 7-8pm 	<p><u>Friday, September 23</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PA Day
<p><u>Wednesday, September 14</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Caring and Safe School Presentations begin 	
<p><u>Friday, September 16</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grade 9 Day at Green Acres (Grade 9 classes cancelled) 	

Important Information:

School Daily Schedule (For Students)

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

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 Start-Up Forms

The Board will be sending an email to all families the School Start-Up Forms. Please look out for this email. Within the Board email to all families it will contain a link to a Google Form to complete the start-up forms at the start of the school year. Student GAPPS login information will be required for families to complete the forms. Please ensure your students have their GAPPS login information at the start of the school year. For secondary schools, the Start-Up Permission Form will also be sent to students' GAPPS accounts for them to complete online. Translations will also be available.

The form will include:

- The Start-Up Permission Form (mandatory)
 - Student Information Consent Form (mandatory)
 - Request for Faith Accommodations Form
 - School Council Nomination Form
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School Reminders

- **Grade 9 Day at Green Acres:** The RHHS Grade 9 Spirit Day, for all grade 9 students, will be happening on Friday September 16, 2022. This is a great opportunity for your child to meet new friends and connect with senior student mentors while enjoying a day at camp. We are hoping that most grade 9 students attend to support a successful transition to high school. Please go to [School Cash Online](#) to pay the \$45 fee (if there are financial concerns please call the office and speak with the alpha VP) that covers the bussing and BBQ lunch (vegetarian and halal options).

We recognize that some families are having trouble with School Cash Online. Please continue to try and upload your information over the weekend. In the event that you are still experiencing difficulties, we do expect the full system to be updated by Monday.

- **RHHS School Council:** All parents and guardians are welcome to attend all school council meetings. The meetings will be held in the school library and also [virtually](#). The meeting ID is **294 102 167 612** and the passcode is **MLYa4s**. This link will remain the same for school council meetings.

If you wish to apply for an elected position on school council, please complete the fillable pdf [School Council Nomination Form](#) and submit the same via email to debbie.linkewich@yrdsb.ca

The dates for School Council Meetings for this academic year are as below and all meetings start at 7:00 PM in the library

- September 19, 2022 (Election)
 - October 17, 2022
 - November 21, 2022
 - February 28, 2023
 - March 22, 2023
 - May 15, 2023
- **Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL):** The ILIL program is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Education and is intended for students who wish to learn a new language, preserve their own language or enhance their intercultural awareness. More than 20 different language courses are available at various sites during Tuesday to Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. The deadline to register is approaching. Please read [this information](#) for more details.
 - **School Photo Day:** All students are required to get their photo taken for their student ID card. Information regarding photo package purchases will be sent at a later date.
 - **OSSLT Results:** OSSLT result letters will be sent home next week.

- **Document Requests:** Should a parent/legal guardian require document(s) for a governmental agency (e.g. CRA), regarding their child's enrollment, please print; complete; sign; and *submit in person* the form available at this link through your child's YRDSB Gapps email [LETTER REQUEST](#) . Alternatively a hard copy of the form can be requested from the main office. Email requests are not acceptable. Please note the time-frame for requests to be processed may be up to 48 hours. During holidays and other non-attendance days, the wait time may be extended. Requests will not be fulfilled during Winter Break; March Break; and July/August when the School is closed.
- **Student Devices for 1:1:** If your child is in Grade 9, 10 and 11 please remember to send them with their laptop, chromebook or tablet when they come to school.
- **Care of Personal Possession and Valuables:** This semester students will have access to their lockers. Please remind your child that they should store their valuables and possessions such as cell phones, tablets, etc. on their person or in their backpacks. During Phys Ed classes backpacks will be left in the change rooms which will be locked by the teacher. Leaving valuables in unsupervised spaces may lead to a loss of these valuables.
- **Allergies/Medical Conditions:** Please inform the school office if your child has a serious or life-threatening allergy or medical condition. Students who have provided information regarding a serious medical condition will receive a medical information form to be completed and returned.
- **Student pickups and dropoffs:** are to occur in the loop on the west side of our school off Yorkland Street. Parents/guardians are **not to drive into the north or south parking lots from 8:30 - 9:00 am 2:45- 3:45 pm** as they are peak traffic times. Please be mindful of students cycling into and out of the parking lot. We appreciate your patience and we encourage our students to walk, cycle or take public transit whenever support to support and maintain our EcoSchools Gold Status. For your information the YRT has adjust school special bus routes to accommodate our modified end time.
- **Students Signed Out Of Class for medical appointments, etc.:** If your child needs to sign out during the school day please try to ensure that the student has a note from you regarding the same that can be shown to their class teacher which will permit the teacher to allow the student to come to the main office to sign out. This would prevent phone calls from the office into the classroom thereby minimizing disruption to learning activities in the class.
- **RHHS on Social Media:** Did you know that we share information with you about our school and the achievements of our students. You can follow us on the web, Twitter or Instagram
 - 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.

Mental Health Newsletters/Tip Sheets for Parents

[Resources and Newsletter for Mental Health Supports for Parents from YRDSB](#)
