

**The Richmond Hill High School Student and Family Bulletin**  
**Week of October 10, 2022**



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**You don't luck into integrity. You work at it." Betty White**

**What's Happening This Week at RHHS**

<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<p><b><u>Monday, October 10</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thanksgiving (no school)</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Monday, October 17</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● School Council Meeting</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Tuesday, October 11</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Grad Photos begin</li> <li>● Moonlight Masquerade (Semi-Formal) tickets on School Cash Online</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Tuesday, October 18</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Wednesday, October 12</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Wednesday, October 19</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Interim report cards</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Thursday, October 13</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Photo Retake</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Thursday, October 20</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Friday, October 14</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Friday, October 21</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PA Day (no school)</li> </ul>

## Important Information:

### ★ **Student Information System:**

Over the course of the past two years many Ontario school boards have been working on the migration of their student information systems to a modernized system. The student information system is integral to school operations and is complex in nature. Over the summer, the board implemented this new student system and as is the case with any new project of this magnitude we experienced a small number of implementation challenges. Our Information Technology Services team is working diligently with the associated vendors to resolve the issues. We recognize that these issues may have caused some inconveniences for regular school procedures and will work to provide regular communications to families.

### ★ **Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee:**

The York Region District School Board invites applications from community volunteers for membership on the Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee (EIAC). The committee advises and supports the Board in fulfilling its commitment to ensuring that YRDSB schools and workplaces are equitable and inclusive places to learn and to work. Membership requires a commitment to attend meetings six times a year. The deadline to apply is November 1, 2022. More information about this volunteer opportunity, including how to apply, is available on the Board [website](#).

### ★ **Renewed Computer Technology Application :**

Renewed Computer Technology is a non-profit organization that provides refurbished technology to limited income families at an affordable cost. In this application period, the program will be offered to all students at YRDSB. The application period is open until **November 18, 2022**. For more information, see the flyer below.

📄 RCT Flyer September 2022.pdf

### ★ **Human Library Speaker Series:**

To support the academic and emotional growth of our students, RHHS has a **Human library** speaker series. The series invites guest speakers from various walks of life in to the school to speak to our students about a variety of topics like student success , building daily routines, successful planning for future, financial planning...the sky is the limit.

We are currently looking for speakers who might be able to contribute to this exciting project. The commitment would be 1 or 2 1-hour talks on their area of expertise. Talks would need to align with our daily schedule so could occur at 9am, 10:15am, 11:30am, 1pm, or 2:15pm. Live speakers are preferred but virtual talks might also be an option.

If you, or anyone you know, would be able to come to our school to speak with the RHHS students, please contact teacher librarian, Jen Giffen, via email at [jennifer.giffen@yrdsb.ca](mailto:jennifer.giffen@yrdsb.ca). We look forward to this partnership with the community.

★ **Student Registration Verification:**

Please inform the school by emailing [richmond.hill.hs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:richmond.hill.hs@yrdsb.ca) or the student's alpha Vice-Principal if any of the following information has changed or needs to be updated:

- telephone number
- home address
- email address
- emergency contact information
- medical information, if applicable

❖ **Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (Accelerated OYAP) Information Session:**

If your child is interested in pursuing a [career in the Skilled Trades](#), you are invited to have a look at the [Accelerated OYAP Information website \(www.bit.ly/YRDSBOYAP\)](#), the [YRDSB OYAP Video](#), and the [YRDSB OYAP Webpage](#) to find out more information about the exciting apprenticeship opportunities available through YRDSB and our College and Training Center partners. The Skilled Trades offer excellent employment opportunities, training in state of the art facilities and higher than average career satisfaction.

There will be a **Virtual Open House on Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**. Please [REGISTER FOR THE EVENT](#) at <https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse> to find out more about the Skilled Trades.

❖ **The Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter:**

Read the [October 2022 newsletter](#) for welcome information from the Centre for Black Student Excellence.

★ **Raising Responsible Teens/Raising Confident Teens:**

These free family presentations are brought to you in partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families. [See here](#) for more information.

★ **Secondary Students COVID Screening:**

All school-based staff and secondary students and visitors are 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.

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## Sharing Section

### Fire Prevention Week

For a list of events and activities, please visit the [FPW website](#).

## Grade 9 Classwork



## Moonlight Masquerade (RHHS Semi-Formal)



Tickets for RHHS' Semi-Formal, Moonlight Masquerade, will be available on School Cash Online from Tuesday, October 11 - Thursday, October 20.

### Details:

Date: Nov 17, 2022

Time: 6:00 to 10:00 pm

Location: Ascott Parc Event Centre (Imperial Ballroom)

Address: 2839 Rutherford Rd, Concord ON

Meal Options: Halal Chicken or Vegetarian

Cost: \$55 (with paid activity fee), \$70 (with no paid activity fee)

This event is open to all RHHS students (Grades 9 - 12). No outside guests permitted.

## 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"><li>Monday October 17, 2022</li><li>Monday November 21, 2022</li><li>Monday February 27, 2023</li><li>Monday March 20, 2023</li><li>Monday May 15, 2023</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meetings will be held in the school library and also <a href="#">virtually</a>. The meeting ID is <b>294 102 167 612</b> and the passcode is <b>MLYa4s</b>.</li><li>Meetings start at 7:00 PM</li></ul>

### RHHS on Social Media

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>TWITTER:</b> <a href="https://twitter.com/rhhs_yrdsb?lang=en">https://twitter.com/rhhs_yrdsb?lang=en</a> (School) <a href="https://twitter.com/rhhs_stuco?lang=en">https://twitter.com/rhhs_stuco?lang=en</a> (Student Council) @RHHSLearningCo1 (Library)</li><li><b>INSTAGRAM:</b> rhhs_yrdsb (School)rhhs_stuco (Student Council) rhhsllc (Library)</li><li><b>WEBSITE:</b> <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/Pages/default.aspx">www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/Pages/default.aspx</a> (School) <a href="http://www.rhhsstuco.ca">www.rhhsstuco.ca</a> (Student Council)</li></ul>
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### Absence Policy

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>VALID ABSENCES</b> include illness, bereavement or family emergency.</li><li><b>AUTHORIZED ABSENCES</b> include dentist/doctor appointments, driver's test, and court appearances.</li><li><b>EXCUSED ABSENCES</b> refer to field trips and school sanctioned events. Students are still considered to be at school.</li><li><b>EXTENDED ABSENCES</b> 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. <b>DO NOT plan absences or family vacations during culminating and exam periods as the evaluations CANNOT be rescheduled.</b></li></ul>
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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.

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### **Mental Health Newsletters/Tip Sheets for Parents**

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

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