

The Richmond Hill High School Raider Review
Monday October 5 2015



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Please do not park or drop off students in the bus lane on the south side of the school (main entrance.) Parents and guardians must use the drop off lane at the west side of the school. Also do not park in the driveway at the north side of the school as this is a fire lane. Thank you.

Upcoming Events...

Monday October 12, 2015	Thanksgiving – No School
Tuesday October 13, 2015	Photo Retake Day
Wednesday October 14, 2015	Interim Reports sent home
Thursday October 15, 2015	Spirit Day – wear purple
Friday October 16, 2015	

For a full list and details of events please refer to the school web page:
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs/Pages/default.aspx>

School Council

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who joined us at the first School Council meeting Monday, Sept. 21. What a great turn-out! Elections were held and we are pleased to announce the following positions: Chair: Sandy Sokol and Hillary Ball, Treasurer: Wendy Wu , Secretary: Deborah Qin. The next meeting is October 19 at 7 pm in the Library. Please join us!

Athletic Fees

Participation in athletics at RHHS will be more expensive since the majority of costs will be funded by student athletes (based on Ministry fee guidelines). Fees for each team will vary and will be based on tournament costs, uniforms, equipment rentals/repairs, referee fees and transportation.

Upcoming Post-Secondary Information Events for Students & Parents

Take the opportunity to learn more about post-secondary opportunities by attending the following important Post-Secondary Information Events:

Ontario Universities' Fair

September 25-27, 2015

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

10 am to 5 pm daily

www.ouf.ca

Ontario College Information Fair

October 19, 2015 5 pm to 9 pm

October 20, 2015 10 am to 3 pm

Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place, Toronto

www.ocif.ca

Study and Go Abroad Fair

October 4, 2015

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

1 pm to 5 pm

<http://www.studyandgoabroad.com>

40 Hours of Community Involvement? Let's Get It Done Together!

Every high school student in Ontario is required to complete 40 hours of Community Involvement working with not-for-profit community organizations to be able to achieve their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Few will dispute that volunteering builds strong communities. It is also a great way for individuals to build social confidence and work-related skills, as well as give back to their community and establish new professional connections. It is also a great way for adults and youth to spend time together with a common focus in the community.

As a guideline, we recommend that RHHS students manage their time by completing a minimum of ten hours of the required 40 in each grade year of high school. The following website provides a handy resource for finding volunteer opportunities in the local community:

<http://www.neighbourhoodnetwork.org>

Students 18 years of Age:

This information will be mainly for parents and guardians of students in Grade 12, who turn 18 years of age during their Grade 12 year; however, there may be others for whom this information will be relevant.

When a student turns 18 years of age, the school automatically stops contacting the student's parents or guardians, and the student assumes all responsibility for his/her education. This means that, unless we have written direction otherwise, from the student, we will no longer be in contact with parents or guardians regarding attendance, report cards, or other important education-related decisions.

If a student wishes for the parental contact to continue after the 18th birthday, we require written confirmation to this effect.

Attendance Report

There is a positive relationship between regular attendance and success in school. Students at RHHS are required to attend regularly, to be punctual, and to participate in all scheduled classes.

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.

Information Items

Parents as Partners @ Maple High School

[An information sharing evening about our youth today on Thursday, October 8, 2015 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Maple High School.](#)

Services Guide Book:

Please see: http://www.wpboard.ca/docs/strive_2014.html for a Guide of Services for Youth in York Region and South Simcoe.

Learning Disabilities Association of York Region

Here are some upcoming events and workshops from the LDAYR:

[Ultimate Selfie Workshop for Students Grade 8 – 12 – Saturday, October 3, 2015](#)

[Strategies for Life Eight Part Series – October – December, 2015](#)

[Young Adult Forum 2015-2016 – Monthly forums with different speakers from October 2015 to January 2016](#)

Download the YRDSB App!

Did you know that you can download the York Region District School Board app, *YRDSB Mobile*, using your iPhone, Android or Blackberry 10 device?

YRDSB Mobile provides parents and students with up-to-date news, access to student resources, school maps and contact information. Users are able to access the *Report It* tool, school year calendars, transportation information and much more.

To download the free app, search for "YRDSB" in your app store.

“Kind words are short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

Mother Teresa