Welcome to Richmond Hill High School

Grade 8 Information Night for Students & Families December 1, 2016







- Superintendent Rita Russo
- School Council Co-Chairs Kathy Asmono and Sandy Sokol
- Acting Principal Aline Daniel
- Vice-Principals Paul Ruytenbeek and Rob Cotey
- Student Council Vice-President Jathusha Mahenthirarajan
- Department Head of Guidance Alan Wasserman

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Inclusion Activity...

With another parent or student...
Share something that you are looking

forward to learning about RHHS

General Information about our School



- Oldest school in Richmond Hill
- Founded in the 1850s
- Opened new location in Sept. 2000
- Approx. 1700 students

RHHS is dedicated to

- Developing our students' academic excellence
- Love of learning
- Personal growth
- Sense of responsibility to the global community

Vice-Principal Paul Ruytenbeek



Richmond Hill H.S.

- Motto: Dare to be Wise
- Multicultural
- Committed Staff and Administration
- Active Student Leadership
- Active School Council
- Variety of Co-Curricular Activities

Clubs & Groups

- Anime
- **Athletic Council**
- Art
- BiologyChemistry
- Computer Science
- Cooking
- Creative Writing
- Debating
- DECA
- Diversity
- Engineering
- Environmental
- Film making
- French
- Greenhouse Project
- Harry Potter
- History
- **Investors**

- Knitting
- Math
- Mock Trial
- Model UN
- Music Council
- Origami
- Prefect Organization
- Random Acts of Kindness
- Reach for the Top
- Red Cross
- Robotics
- School Newspaper
- Slam Poetry
- **Tech Committee**
- UNICEF
- World Action
- Yearbook



Sports & Activities

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Curling
- Lacrosse
- Football
- Golf
- School Dances
- Slo-Pitch



- Snowboarding
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tech Crew
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Volleyball
- Weight Room

Vice-Principal Robert Cotey

Special Programs in Our School

- ELL Programming
- Alternative Education Programs
- Cooperative (Community Based)
 Education
- Gifted Program in Grades 9 and 10
- Multiple Exceptionalities Program
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses in Grades 11 and 12
- Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Non-Profit Sector /Health and Wellness



Student Health and Well-Being

- Students' mental health and well-being is as much a priority for RHHS as students' physical safety.
- Mental wellness is critical for students in order for them to be happy, have positive relationships with peers and family and to be able to focus successfully on their academic and life goals.

Student Health and Well-Being

• There are many resources available to support students when they are experiencing pressures and it's important that we can talk about this openly with our students and with you as parents, so our kids can access these supports and not feel stigmatized or ashamed for doing so.

School Organization

- School Day 8:50 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
- 5 periods per day, 75 minutes each (4 classes plus one lunch period)
- Semestered School
 (Semester 1: Sept-Jan, Semester 2: Feb-June)
- 4 courses per semester- 8 courses in total for the year.
- Final exams in January and June

Student Council Vice-President Jathusha Mahenthirarajan

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Alan Wasserman

Sample Timetable

Semester 1:

- Period 1 (8:50 10:10) Math
- Period 2 (10:15 11:30) Gym
- Period 3 (11:35 12:50) Lunch
- Period 4 (12:55 2:10) French
- Period 5 (2:15 3:30) Geography

Semester 2:

- Period 1 (8:50 10:10) Drama
- Period 2 (10:15 11:30) Science
- Period 3 (11:35 12:50) English
- Period 4 (12:55 2:10) Lunch
- Period 5 (2:15 3:30) Family Studies

Diploma Requirements

RHHS Class of 2021



Diploma Requirements (O.S.S.D.)

12 Elective Credits

Successful completion of Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

18 Compulsory Credits



40 hours of Community Involvement

Gr. 9 Compulsory Credits

It is strongly recommended that students take the following 6 subjects in grade 9. A student may choose a variety of levels, or may choose all courses at the same level.

- 1. English
- Mathematics
- 3. Science
- Geography
- 5. French
- 6. Health & Physical Education



Grade 9 Elective Courses

Business Studies

Dramatic Arts

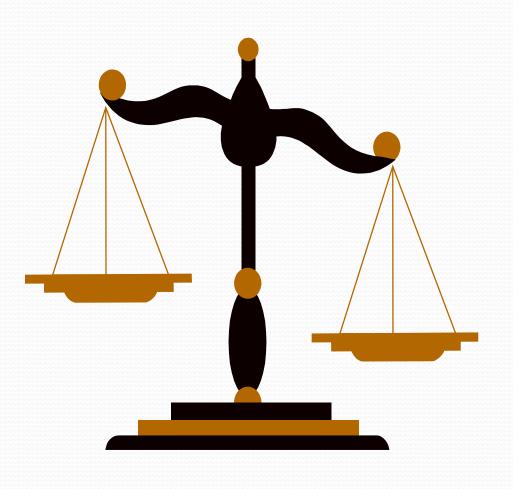
Family Studies

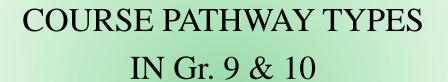
Learning Strategies

Music (vocal and

instrumental)

Visual Arts





APPLIED

ACADEMIC

OPEN

LOCALLY DEVELOPED

TYPE	APPROACH	ABILITY
APPLIED	Step by step approach to learning using theory and practical examples.	Working at or above grade level
ACADEMIC	Theoretical and independent approach to learning with a focus on critical thinking skills	Working at or above grade level
LOCALLY DEVELOPED	Guided approach to learning using practical examples and concrete objects.	Working below grade level in Math, English and Science
OPEN	An opportunity to explore an area of interest for all students	Available to all students

Choosing Courses for Grade 9

Parents and students will select courses in collaboration with elementary school teachers, guidance counselors, student success/support teachers and administrators

■ It is important that students do an honest selfassessment, matching their ability with their interests and aptitudes

■ Students often choose a combination of course types to support different learning interests and styles

Remember...

- Course and Post-Secondary Pathways are changeable and flexible.
- As interests, skills and aptitudes develop and mature, there will be many opportunities to re-chart your journey.
- Choices should be based on needs, interests, strengths, past achievements, future dreams and passions.



To Access On-line Course Selection...



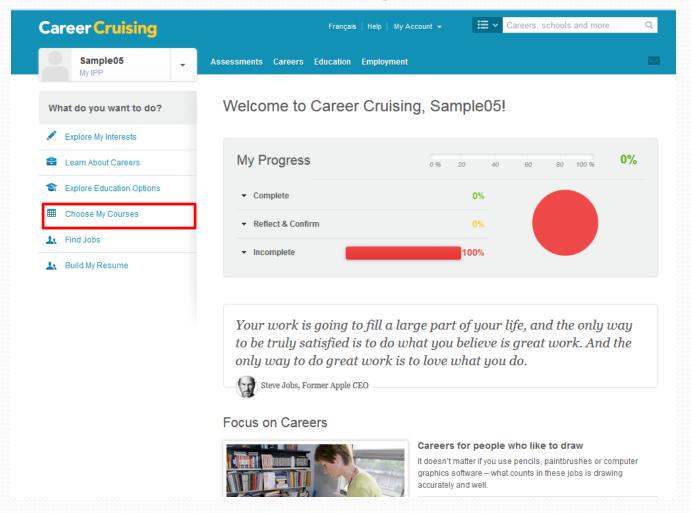
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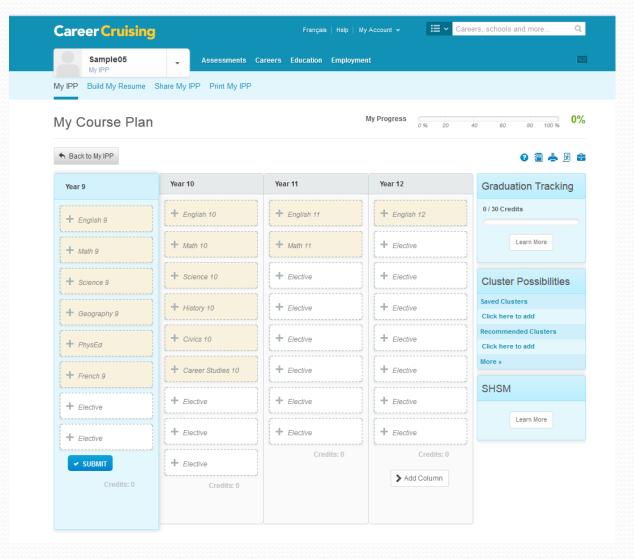
Student Login Page

York Region DSB My Plan Login YORK-Username: Your Username is the prefix 'york-' + your Student ID (e.g. york-123456789) Password: When you first login, your Password is your birth date (mmddyyyy) (e.g. August 25th, 2002 --> 08252002) Forgot your username and/or password? Login You will be required to change your password after you first login. Student Course Guide: ccPathfinder Video Learn more about: York Region DSB Student Demonstration Career Cruising Products ccSpringboard Select... cclnspire Continuing Education Courses ccSpark ccTheRealGame

Go to: Choose My Courses



Select Courses



For More Information.....

Richmond Hill High School Website www.yrdsb.ca/schools/richmondhill.hs

York Region District School Board Website www.yrdsb.ca

Ministry of Education Website (under policy, programs and curriculum documents) www.edu.gov.on.ca

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Tonight

- □Student Prefects will assist you with tours and answer questions meet them outside of small gym
- ■Visit club/team display in small gym
- □Attend special presentations (Gifted, Advanced Placement Program) see program for details
- ■Visit Guidance for information on registration students currently outside of the YRDSB must pick up a registration package