



# REVIEW



February 2, 2024

## Message From Administration

Hello Rouge Park Families,

This week we welcomed back many former Rouge Park students who wanted to volunteer during exam week at Bill Hogarth. It was wonderful to have them back in the building, supporting a variety of classes. They seem to be thriving in highschool which is our goal as we prepare students for their next steps in learning.

Our junior boys and girls volleyball teams competed in the area tournaments on Monday and Tuesday. The boys placed third in the area and the girls played hard in every game and showed fantastic sportsmanship as they faced some very competitive teams. We are proud of our junior athletes! Our junior and intermediate robotics teams competed in their area tournament on Thursday. Both teams competed with integrity, kindness, determination and skill. Our intermediate team won the Team Spirit Award and placed second in the area, bringing home RPPS's second pennant! Well done! Enjoy photos of our area tournaments below.



As always, please reach out if we can help with anything at all!

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### Upcoming Events:

Date	Day	What's Happening at School?
Feb. 5	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pasta lunch for those who ordered - first day of session 2</li> <li>Intermediate boys' basketball @ 12:20 pm</li> <li>Intermediate girls' basketball @ 2:45 pm</li> </ul>

Feb. 6	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junior boys' volleyball @ 7:15 am</li> <li>• Breakfast Club 7:30-7:50 am</li> <li>• Dance Club @ 9:50 am</li> <li>• Intermediate boys' basketball @ 9:50 am</li> <li>• Grade 1 with firefighters @ 10:20 am</li> <li>• Kid's Kitchen for those who ordered</li> <li>• Karate for those who has signed up 12:00-12:30 pm</li> <li>• Primary choir and primary recorder club @ 12:20 pm</li> <li>• BSA meeting @12:20</li> <li>• J/I Robotics Team @ 12:20 pm</li> <li>• Intermediate girls' basketball @ 12:20 pm</li> </ul>
Feb. 7	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winter Walk Day!</li> <li>• Snack Shack @ morning recess (Tarmac recess schedule)</li> <li>• Beading Club @9:50 am</li> <li>• Safe and Caring Schools Assembly (see info below)</li> <li>• Lunch Lady for those who ordered</li> <li>• Primary Games Club @ 12:00 pm</li> <li>• Junior boys' volleyball @ 12:20 pm</li> <li>• Junior/Intermediate choir and intermediate band @ 12:20 pm</li> <li>• Intermediate girls' basketball tournament @ RPPS</li> <li>• After school Math and Language sessions @ RPPS</li> </ul>
Feb. 8	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast club 7:30-7:50 am</li> <li>• Pizza lunch for those who ordered</li> <li>• Intermediate boys' basketball @ 9:50 am</li> <li>• Pop band (Gr 5-8) and strings club - alternating weeks @ 12:20 pm</li> <li>• Intermediate Girls basketball tournament @ Black Walnut 4:00 pm</li> </ul>
Feb. 9	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Winter Play Day (gr. 1-3)</li> <li>• Dance Club @ 9:50</li> <li>• Primary Waste Inspectors @ 12:00</li> <li>• Intermediate girls basketball @ 12:20</li> <li>• MSA meeting @ 12:30</li> </ul>
<p>Upcoming:  February 19 - Family Day - school closed  February 21 -Term 1 Report cards sent home  February 26 - Intermediate Girls' basketball areas  March 11-15 - March Break  March 29-April 1 - Easter Long Weekend  May 8-10 - Grade 8 trip to Camp Pinecrest  June 26 - Grade 8 Graduation</p>		

## Gr. 1-3 Winter Play Day

Our grade 1-3 students will be participating in an indoor Winter Play Day on Friday, February 9th, 2024. Students will work in multi-grade teams completing fun art, STEM, and physical education activities related to winter and friendship. Students will have their normal recess/snack time, so please send what you typically would. We hope the kids come ready to participate and encourage others positively.



## Kiss n Ride Safety

Please remember that we are a walking school and whenever possible, we would love our students to walk. If you need to use the kiss n ride, please do so safely! We are asking parents to drive slowly and be patient.

## School Council:

Our next School Council meeting has been set for Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend. If you need babysitting, please reach out to us in the office and we will be sure to have some grade 8 students available to watch your school-aged children during the meeting.

## School Cash Online:

We have many new families who have joined our school. If you are new to YRDSB, please follow the instructions on the flyer below or found here: <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> to set up an account on School Cash Online. We use this site for most things that involve payments (e.g. school clothing, pizza and pasta days, trips etc.). You will need your child's student number to register. This number can be found on the report card or you can contact your child's teacher or the office..

## Breakfast Club:

We continue to offer a breakfast club every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:30-7:55 in the multi-purpose room. Ms. Ajani comes in early to prepare both hot and cold options for students to enjoy and consistently serves over 50 students a day. **If you are able to help support this program, please send a donation with your child or contact us at the school.**

## Safe and Caring Schools Presentations:

To support and promote positive student behaviour, students will attend the Caring and Safe Schools Mid-Year Presentations next Wednesday, February 7th. These presentations underscore behaviour expectations as we create a caring, safe, and inclusive school environment. As families are critical partners, please continue discussing school safety at home by asking your child what they have learned in the Caring and Safe Schools Mid-Year Presentation.

## Presentation topics include:

- YRDSB and School Code of Conduct (including items that are not to be brought to school)
- Staying safe online
- Progressive discipline, and
- Standing up for each other, including methods of reporting incidents of racism, discrimination and bullying.

## Promoting Behaviour

In the Mid-Year Presentation, students learn about following the YRDSB and the School Code of Conduct. Instances of anti-Black racism, other forms of racism, discrimination and bullying are not acceptable and are addressed through progressive discipline. In some cases of racism and discrimination, York Regional Police may

be involved. Students will also be reminded about safe school behaviours, including what items must never be brought to school, such as peanut products, vape products/drug paraphernalia, weapons/replica weapons and knives/replica knives.

### **Reporting Behaviour**

Standing up for one another and reporting when something does not feel safe is part of a caring and safe school environment. Students should report incidents that make them or others feel unsafe or uncomfortable, including acts of racism, discrimination and bullying. Students can report incidents by:

- Telling a caring adult;
- Speaking with teachers and administrators
- Using the Report It button on the website
- Contacting [Kids Help Phone](https://www.1800-668-6868.ca) (1-800-668-6868).

### **Mental Health**

We will stress the importance of connection to students as we continue the school year. Students are learning about who they can talk to if they need support.

**Student Discipline** We use a progressive discipline approach for inappropriate behaviour on and off school property. This means we consider various options to determine the most appropriate response to each situation to help students learn from their choices.

### **Online Safety and Appropriate Use of Technology**

Students are reminded about the Appropriate Use of Technology agreement, including the importance of using respectful language and making positive choices when using electronic communications and social media tools. This agreement is also included in the start-up package that all families receive at the beginning of the year.

Students are reminded that online threats and comments are taken seriously and may have consequences, including potential criminal charges. Where there are concerns for the safety of students, staff, community members or Board property, the school board works with York Regional Police and appropriate actions are taken. The safety and well-being of students remain our top priority.

### **For More Information**

For more details on these items, please read the Guide to the School Year or visit the [Caring and Safe Schools](#) section on the YRDSB website for more information and to access family resources to continue these conversations at home.

Thank you for helping us create a caring, safe, and inclusive school community.

### **Winter Walk Day**

Schools across Ontario are encouraged to celebrate Winter Walk Day on February 7, 2024. Students, parents, teachers, and all other members of your school community are encouraged to celebrate the season by walking to and from school, walking within the school premises or exploring the neighbourhood. Walking together fosters social connections. Incorporating physical activity into daily routines boosts overall health and prevents chronic diseases. Together, we can make Winter Walk Day a healthy experience for everyone!

### **Winter Clothing:**

We have had winter clothing donated by many families and staff. If your child would benefit from a winter coat, hats, mitts etc., please reach out to us at the school and we can help you out!

### **Kindergarten Registration Options for Families**

Families can register using the following options:

- Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at [www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten) > Registration. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.

- By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at [www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten) and email the completed form to their school email address.
- By phone - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed.
- In-person at the school - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

### Registration Verification Process

Following submission of a registration package, the school will contact families to schedule an appointment for Document Verification.

### Grade 1 French Immersion (FI) Information Sessions and Registrations

French Immersion (FI) registration will begin January 19, 2024, and as such, we wanted to take this opportunity to share updated information. Please visit the [FSL Link](#) for more information about the information night and FI registration.

### Attachments for this week:

Kindergarten Registration 2024 Poster

Lunar Nights Festival Discount.pdf

Trustee Newsletter Greeting -February 2024 - Trustee M Chen.pdf

## Celebrating Black History Month / BHM365 Events 2024

\* Dates and Events subject to change

### Student Events and Family Engagement

Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 8, 2024	A Discussion for Families of Black Children on Pathway Opportunities for Students and Families. <a href="#">Register Here</a>	Dr.Bette Stephenson Cafeteria
February 27, 2024 7:00-8:00pm.	Anti-Blackness in Schools - Virtual Affinity Session for Black Students, Families and Black Staff with Presenters Dr.Joi Spencer and Dr.Kerri Ullucci <a href="#">Register Here</a>	Online Register to Receive Link

<p>February 29, 2024</p> <p>5:00pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Student &amp; Families</p> <p>Light refreshments will be served.</p> <p>Register In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration.</p> <p><a href="#">Register Here</a></p>	<p>Dr Bette Rm 113</p>
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**15% OFF WITH CODE YRDSB**  
Code must be entered in all capital letters



**Lunar NIGHTS**  
Year of the Dragon Festival

**FEB 8 - 25, 2024**

**Indoor & Outdoor 25-acre Festival**

Lantern Light Festival | Interactive Activities  
**STANDING IN THE DOORWAY EXHIBITION**  
 Food Vendors | Cultural Exhibitors | Baby Dragon Encounter  
 Games | Performances | Ice Skating | Snowshoeing

**Markham Museum - 9350 Markham Rd.**  
 Tickets at [lunarnights.ca](http://lunarnights.ca)



## Markham Museum - Lunar Nights Year of the Dragon Festival

Markham Museum is holding a Lunar Nights Year of the Dragon Festival From Feb 8-25 which includes a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. A 15% discount is being offered for YRDSB students, staff and families.



**Scroll down for photos**

# Area Robotics Tournament



# Area Jr. Volleyball Tournaments and Parent/Child Game





# FEBRUARY SPECIAL

# SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN

with steamed rice



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Online orders can be completed up until 10am the previous business day.

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# Rouge Park PS accepts online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online is our preferred method of payment and provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option can be made **anywhere, anytime!**
- No need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes **less than 5 minutes** to register
- You can choose the **language** of your choice by clicking **Google Translate!**

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees and can make secure online payments by credit card and receive a receipt.

## Follow the easy steps on the next page to Register and get started!



## Step 1: Register

a) Please go to the School Cash Online parent site:

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

b) Select the “**Register**” button

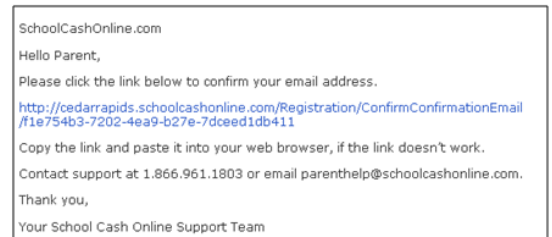


c) Enter your parent information to create an account.

\*For Security Reasons your password, requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.

## Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



## Step 3: Find/Add Student

**NOTE: Enter Student Number (not OEN)**

*This step will connect your children to your account.*

- Select the School Name from the list
- Enter student information: Student Number and Last Name
- Select **Confirm**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

### Add Student

\* Indicates a required field

1. Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

York Region District School Board

Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

2. Select School Name from the list

Select school...

3. Enter student information

Student Number

Last Name

Confirm

[I don't want to add a student](#)

## Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

- If you have more children, select “**Add Another Student**” option in My Account/My Students and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.
- If you do not wish to add additional children, select “**View Items For Students**” option.
- A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

## NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or [parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com).