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Upcoming Dates:

January

16th - Meningitis Vaccine
17th - Jr. Co-Ed Volleyball
19th - Dental Screening
20th - P.A. Day
20th - Kindergarten Registration Commences
27th - Gr 8 Huron Course Selection

February

2nd - Regional Jr. Co-Ed Volleyball
3rd - P.A. Day
14th - Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
14th - Sr. Girls Basketball
15th - Sr. Boys Basketball
20th - Family Day - No School
21st - Gregg LeRock French Concert Gr. 4-7
23rd - QPS/SPS Family Math Night 6-7:30pm



Picture from our December sing-a-long

Inclement weather and special lunch days:



If the buses are cancelled and you are sending your child to school, please remember they need to bring a lunch. Special lunch days are cancelled with the buses. -Thank you!

Future newsletters will not be sent home in print copy. Please visit the school website:
<https://sharon.ps.yrdsb.ca>

January 2017

Kindergarten Registration



Kindergarten registration will commence on January 20, 2017 for the 2017-18 school year.

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: www.yrdsb.ca.

Children who turn four or five years old during 2017, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten.

A Kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. More information will follow

Did you receive a letter from Public Health?

If parents/guardians or students receive a letter from York Region Public Health requesting immunization information, here's what to do:

Update York Region Public Health on your child's immunization status in one of the following ways:

- Online at <https://eimmunization.york.ca>
- Fax documents to 905-895-6066 or 1-866-258-2026
- Mail immunization information to Immunization Services, Box 147, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1
- Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

Free Workshops - Understanding Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorders

Wednesday, Jan 25th at CEC North – 130 Carlson Drive, **Newmarket**

Thursday, Feb 2nd at RL Graham P.S. – 70 Biscayne Blvd, **Keswick**

6:30PM – 8:30PM

Free child minding, light refreshments. Students welcome to attend with their family

*For more information and to **pre-register** contact:*

*pauline.costello@yrdsb.ca or
jennifer.gillespie@yrdsb.ca 905 895 5155
or LDAYR info@ldayr.org 905 884 7933 ext 24*

French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at French Immersion schools on January 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. Please visit YRDSB's website: (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/fi/Pages/Program-Locations.aspx>) to find the FI program location for your elementary school location.

FI registration will begin January 20, 2017. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2017, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call the school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to the designated FI program location to register between January 20 and February 10, 2017. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

WOULD YOU ENJOY **COLLABORATIVELY** LEARNING THE ONTARIO CURRICULUM THROUGH **THE ARTS?**

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an **Elementary Integrated Arts Program** at Baythorn Public School. If you are currently in grades four or five you may apply for the **arts@baythorn program**, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a **cooperative learning environment**.

To learn more about the **arts@baythorn** program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening at Baythorn Public School on:

Thursday, January 19, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

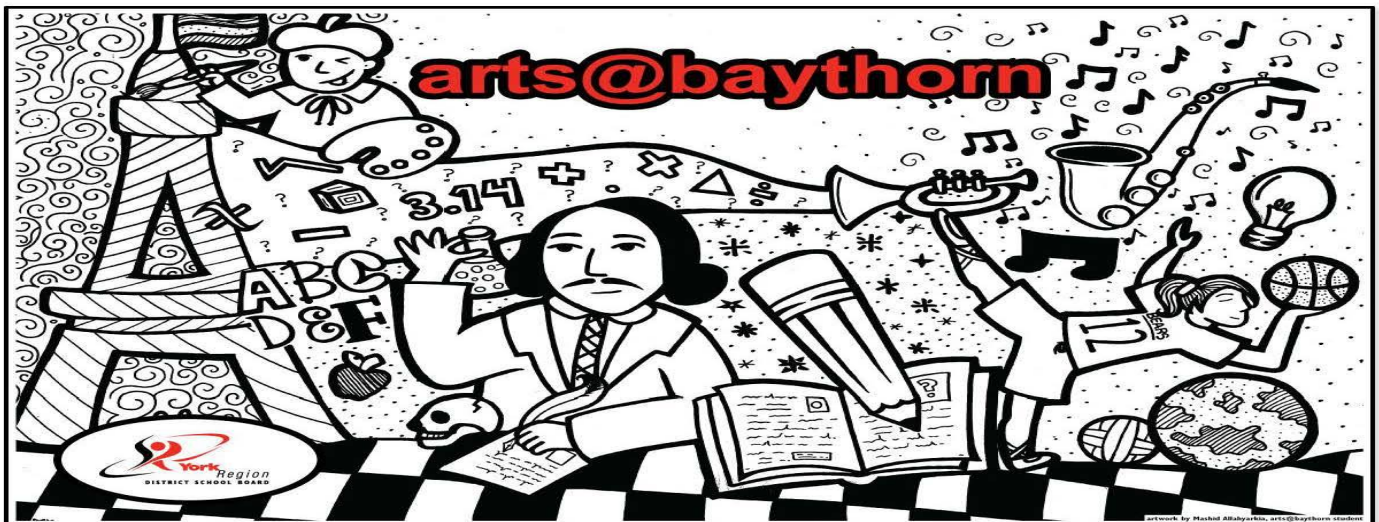
Applications will be available at bit.ly/arts_application2017 online after the January 19th, 2016 info night.

If you require further information, please call us at
Baythorn Public School
(905) 889-7992.

Kate Kurek
Principal

The Arts Team

Meytal Daniels
Vice Principal



YRDSB Arts Camp

Application forms and information will be available to interested Grade 7 and 8 students next week.

Elementary Enrichment Band

If you are interested in applying for this opportunity for your Grade 6-8 child, please contact the school for application and selection process information.

Increased flu activity in York Region

Over the past few weeks there has been an increase in influenza activity across York Region. To date, there are 164 laboratory-confirmed influenza cases in York Region. Influenza A (H3N2) is the primary circulating strain and it is well matched to this season's influenza vaccine.

Young children and influenza

Children under five years of age, especially those younger than two years of age, are at high risk of flu-related complications. These complications include pneumonia, encephalopathy (inflammation of the brain), ear infections, sinus infections and worsening of medical problems like asthma or heart disease. In rare cases, flu complications can lead to death.

How to protect against the flu

1. **Get vaccinated** – The flu vaccine is the best way to protect against flu. Studies show the flu vaccine can prevent 70 to 90 per cent of illness in healthy adults and children.

York Region Public Health recommends everyone six months and older get the flu shot. It's not too late to get vaccinated.

Flu shots are available at:

- Physicians' offices, for people six months of age and older
- Pharmacies, for people five years of age and older
- York Region Public Health clinics, for people three years of age and older

Visit ontario.ca/flu to find where you can get the flu shot.

For more information about flu vaccines contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653.

2. **How can you reduce the chances of getting the flu?**

- Wash your hands often and thoroughly with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid people who are ill and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected



What are symptoms of the flu?

Symptoms of the flu may include:

- sudden onset of headache
- chills
- cough
- sore throat
- runny nose
- fever
- loss of appetite
- muscle aches
- fatigue

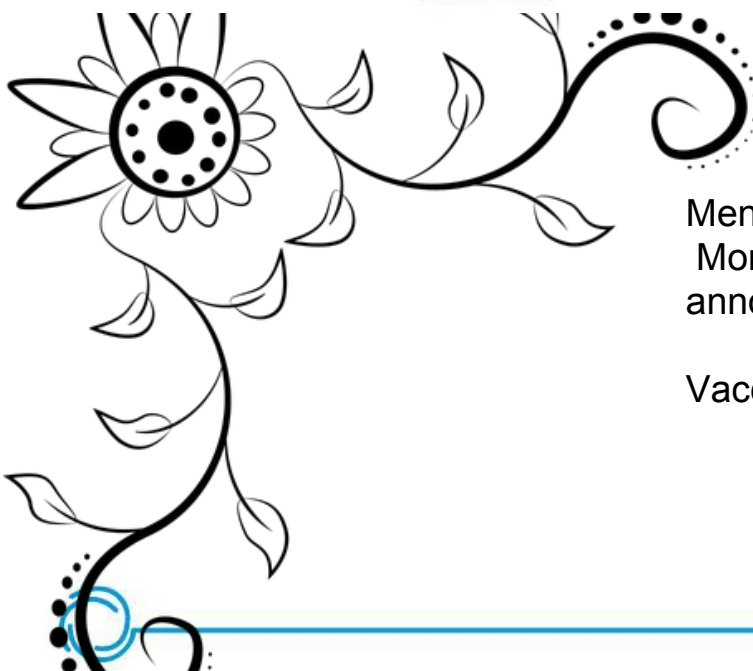
Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea may also occur in children. Most people recover from the flu within a week to 10 days. People aged 65 years or older, pregnant women and individuals with chronic health conditions may be at greater risk of becoming ill and developing severe health problems such as pneumonia.

How does the flu spread?

The flu spreads through the air from coughing and sneezing. It also spreads through direct contact with surfaces, unwashed hands, or objects such as toys and eating utensils that have been contaminated by the influenza virus.

A person with flu may be able to infect other people one day before symptoms develop and up to seven days after becoming sick.

For more information, visit york.ca/flu



Meningitis Vaccination -
Monday January 16 (after morning
announcements)

Vaccination is for all Grade 7 Students

Visit www.schoolbuscity.com for bus cancellations!



Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on twitter.

SPS Calendar ~ January 2017

◀ October 2016

December 2016 ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 	11 	12	13	14
15	16 Grade 7 Meningitis Vaccine	17  Jr. Co-Ed Volleyball	18 	19 Dental Screening 9AM	20 P.A. Day No School	21
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