



Silver Pines public school

A Message from Administration...

Dear Families,

We would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy school break. Please follow the Ministry “Stay at Home” guidelines and we hope to see your children again on March 19th. During the break, if there are questions or concerns regarding symptoms or possible exposures, please feel free to reach out to the school via email or to Public Health. The school office staff will continue to work with Public Health during this week.

The Ministry of Education has identified that on Monday April 19, elementary schools are to reinforce the requirement for elementary students to complete daily self screening utilizing the COVID-19 school screening tool. Parents are reminded of this requirement to conduct the [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#) with their child **prior to going to school daily**.

Yours in Education,

Jeff Laughlin & Shauna Small

Get involved in your child’s school! Attend a School Council Meeting.

Monday April 19th @ 6:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/96212121742?pwd=em4wK1M5VmhhJb3Zvd1VZN1NBbnFPQT09>

Meeting ID: 962 1212 1742

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Join the Admin team for an informal chat at our “We Care Café”

Wednesday April 21st @ 11:15 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/92791479516?pwd=Z1hJMDU1Sk9NaUEXNU1PWXJyRitzQT09>

Meeting ID: 927 9147 9516

Passcode: 262542

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Please send your child to school with at least 2 masks so that masks can be changed if they are soiled.

Budget Consultation Process for Families and Community Members Between April 7 and April 29, York Region District School is inviting families and community members to participate in its annual budget consultation process. The Board values public input and encourages public participation in virtual consultation sessions and an online survey. These consultation sessions provide the Board with valuable information about how the community would like to see the school board budget allocated to better support student achievement and well-being. The results will be used to inform the 2021-22 school year budget allocation. The dates and times of the virtual consultations are:

Monday, April 26, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Please register for this Public Budget Consultation Session at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3227105524126939660> After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Public, listen only, telephone access to the webinar is via 647-497-9389 and Access Code 149-846-166



Islam

13 First of Ramaḍān

Ramaḍān is the month of fasting (ending with 'Īd al-Fiṭr on May 13 at sunset) during which physically able Muslims do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset. It is a time of self-examination and religious devotion. An observant would not be expected to refrain from work; however, special consideration for worship may be requested. (Observance begins at sunset of the previous day, but special worship and prayers begin April 13.) (Dates based on lunar observations in North America.)



Sikhism

14 Vaisakhi

Vaisakhi is important for Sikhs because on this day in 1699, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Guru, removed the clerical system from Sikhism. Thus he reaffirmed the direct connection between Sikhs and the Divine. Guru Gobind Singh Ji also created the Khalsa Panth, the Fellowship of the Pure. Khalsa brothers are given the name Singh (lion), and sisters are named Kaur (lioness or princess).

The first day of the solar year, Vaisakhi celebrates the harvest. It is especially important in North India. Vaisakhi, as a Hindu festival, is celebrated in several different ways across different countries.



Bahá'í Faith

20 First Day of the Festival of Ridván

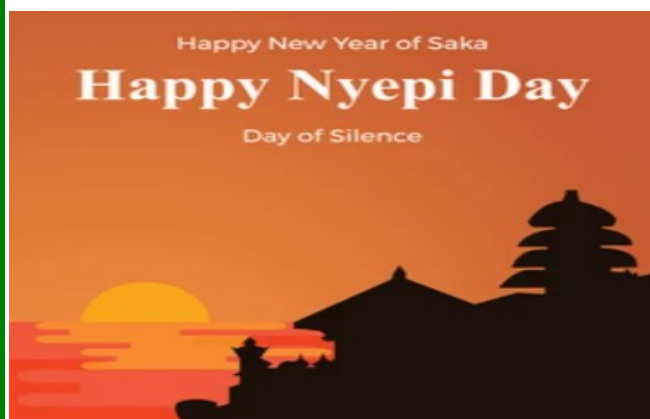
The Festival of Ridván, termed by Bahá'u'lláh the 'Most Great Festival' and the 'King of Festivals,' commemorates the 12 days that Bahá'u'lláh spent in the garden of Ridván outside Baghdad. The festival commemorates Bahá'u'lláh's public declaration of His mission to His family and closest followers. The first, the ninth, and the twelfth days of Ridván are Bahá'í Holy Days on which work is suspended.



14 International Day of Pink

This day is dedicated to the cause against Bullying, Discrimination, Homophobia, Transphobia, and Transmisogyny around the world. You can celebrate diversity by wearing a pink t-shirt and participating in activities in your workplaces, schools, and communities.





Christianity

24 Lazarus Saturday (E)

(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Commemorates the raising of Lazarus from the dead by Jesus (John 11:1-45).



Hinduism

13 Ramayana Week begins

Begins nine days before Ramanavmi, the birth day of Lord Rama. Fasting during this period is considered highly auspicious.



Hinduism

13 Navvarsha

New Year's Day. Bikarami Samvat 2078 begins.



Hinduism

21 Ramanavami

Celebrates the birthday of Rama, the seventh incarnation of the God Vishnu. During the previous eight days, Hindus read the Ramayana, a Hindu epic, which tells the story of Rama.



Buddhism

13 Saka New Year

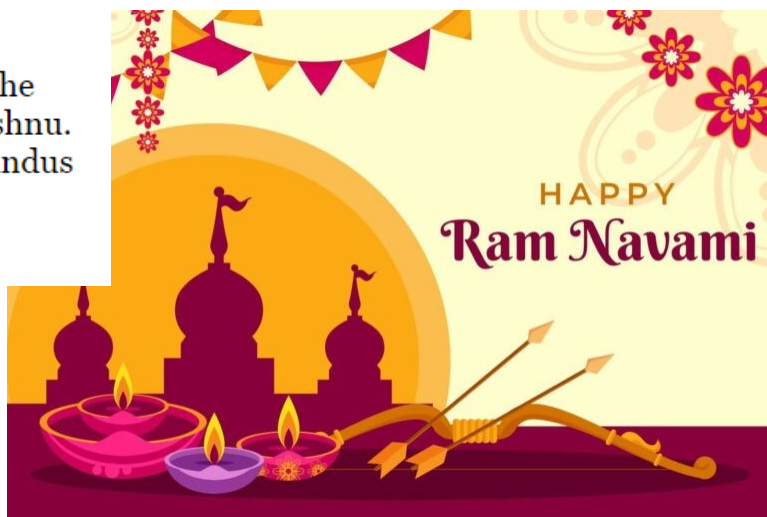
Observed over two days, the Saka calendar's New Year's Day is a religious and cultural celebration for Sinhalese, Indians, Burmese, Kampuchians, Laotians and Thais. (Theravāda)



New Moon

12 New Moon

(02:32 UTC) The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.



Diversity is our Strength!