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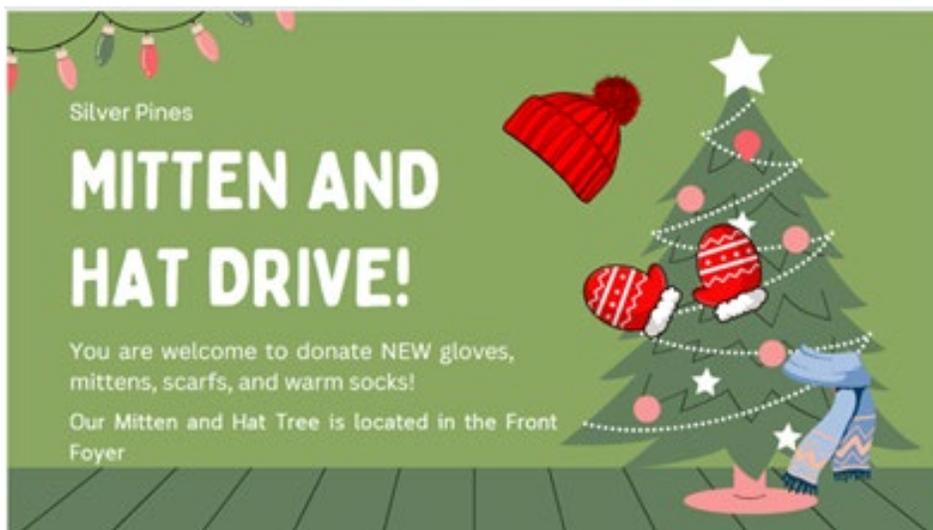


### **Upcoming Dates**

December 22 – Character/Winter Assembly (Grade 1 – 3)

December 25-January 5 – Winter Break

January 19 – PA Day (No school)



## **Season's Greetings! From Richmond Hill HS**

We invite you to join us as we celebrate the festive season during our annual holiday event-Light up the Hill. Here at Richmond Hill High School, our Drama council in collaboration with other councils have come together to create a memorable, celebration-filled evening for you to enjoy. Whether it be immersive experiences such as cookie decorating or even enjoying a cup of warm hot cocoa to relax yourself on a cold evening, Light up the Hill has it all! Enjoy a magical holiday evening with us at Richmond Hill High School, as they say "'tis the season to be jolly!" There will be lots of tasty treat available as we celebrate many holidays like Hanukkah, Christmas, Yalda Night, Kwanza, Lunar New Year and others as well.

Where: Richmond Hill High School, 201 Yorkland St., Richmond Hill, ON

When: December 12th: 5:30 - 7:30 PM

What to Bring: A donation for our Breakfast Club or monetary donation, and your greatest holiday spirit!!

We hope to see you there!

- Richmond Hill High School

## **Absence Reporting**

Kindly report your child's absence through the Edsby system or call the school before 8:30am while we work through the absence line outage.

## Message from Our Trustee

December 2023

I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and is looking forward to the winter break ahead.

As I have been visiting schools and attending events, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of school staff, the commitment and support of families and the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, this also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported.

I want to thank everyone who attended the school council forum held in our area and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Students can [search from 16 different sectors](#) that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit [www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb](http://www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb) to learn more.

We also offer a variety of [programs for Black students](#) through the Board's Centre for Black Student Excellence. These summer and school-year programs are designed to affirm students' identities and support student achievement and well-being. You can learn more about the programs and how to sign up for the centre's mailing list [on the website](#).

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following [network outages](#) as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Crystal Yu  
Trustee, Richmond Hill Wards 1, 2 and 4

## Morning Drop off & End of Day Procedures

In order to help us maintain safety and consistency with morning school arrival, we ask that you follow the following morning entry routines:

- **Morning Entry 8:15am – 8:30am** - students can enter the building between 8:15-8:30am. Supervision will take place inside of the building starting at 8:15am. **Please note that we support an early entry here at Silver Pines to avoid delays and heavy traffic around entry bell time**
- Bus students are to enter the school building using the FRONT entrance.
- Kindergarten students use the designated kindergarten gated area. There is no entrance for cars into the parking lot for our kindergarten families. Families are asked to park on the street and walk their child to the kindergarten gate.
- All other students walking to school or being dropped off at the Kiss & Ride are to use the BACK entrance on the primary tarmac
- Kiss & Ride Students being dropped off at the Kiss & Ride are to exit the car at the end of the Kiss & Ride lane and enter the building through the BACK entrance on the primary tarmac.
- **Have your child(ren) enter and exit the vehicle from the curb side of the loop (exit from the RIGHT side of the vehicle ONLY). Exiting from the driver's side of the vehicle is unsafe due to the cars driving through the loop.**
- Children are not to exit the car at the entrance of the parking lot.
- Drivers are not to make U-turns in the middle of the parking lot or on the side streets.
- Please do not use the private property of residence and always be respectful of our neighbours.
- Never leave your car parked, idling or unattended **especially with children inside!**
- Please obey the road rules, crosswalks, and speed limits.

**\*\*Those arriving late after 8:30 am are to use the FRONT entrance as they will need to sign in as late. Please note that back door will be locked after 8:30am\***

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## Integrated Elementary Arts@Baythorn!

Current Grade 4 or 5 students can APPLY for the Arts@Baythorn full-time school program 2024-2025 (For students going into Grade 5 or 6 in Sept 2024).



The **Arts@Baythorn** allows students to explore **Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music** Integrated into learning each and every day in a Collaborative and Cooperative learning environment.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn.ps/arts/Pages/default.aspx>

REMINDER Check the website for updated information.  
Application Registrations opens: January 15, 2024 and closes January 29, 2024 (late applications not accepted)  
Collaborative Workshops held: March 4, or 5, or 6, 2024 (these dates are firm)