

A Message from Administration...

Dear Families,

We hope that you were able to participate in our school Virtual Curriculum Night and got the opportunity to hear and see information about the upcoming year and to visit the classroom virtually. It was also wonderful to see all the creative costumes for the Halloween celebrations today for those that were celebrating.

We also want to take the opportunity to thank everyone in our community for their partnership with our Public Health Covid-19 protocols. We are observing families being very diligent with the self-screening tool and following directions to reduce potential transmission in the school. Let's all continue to ensure our school and community are safe by screening your children every day before they come to school and continuing to remind them about the importance of physical distancing and wearing masks. At school we continually remind students who are outside to keep a 2 metre distance from each other if they decide not to wear masks. But if they can't maintain a 2 metre distance from each other, they are to wear their masks.

Photographers and School Photos

In consultation with York Region Public Health we are pleased to support photography of our students in schools under the following guidelines. Please note this is only for individual student photos as group class photos are not supported at this time. The school photo dates are on Dec.7, 2021 & Dec. 8, 2021. Please save the dates and we will share more information shortly as to the classroom schedule. The summary below are the guidelines for this day supported by public health input:

The photographer(s):

- The photographer(s) will be fully vaccinated, do daily self-screening and follow our PPE guidelines (e.g. – wear a medical mask).
- The photographer(s) will wear eye protection when in close in contact (i.e.- less than 2 metres) with students without masks.

School protocols:

- Only individual student photos will be taken until further notice (i.e.- no class photos).

Protocols for remote learners:

- Remote students coming for an individual will have a set time on these days. Schedule to be shared soon.

School Councils

Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, community and school boards. School councils provide advice on school matters and help to strengthen the important relationship between schools, parents/guardians and their communities. All members of the school community are welcome to attend council meetings. Parents/guardians and community members are the key to a successful school council. Getting involved gives you the opportunity to be part of a team working to ensure a high quality of education.

YRDSB School Councils - An Overview

<https://youtu.be/YtowxlEmWJQ>

De-Streaming in YRDSB

The goal of de-streaming is to eliminate identity-based disproportionalities in achievement, well-being, graduation and post-secondary acceptance in YRDSB.

Message from our Director, Louise Sirisko

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YRL-F5D62GA&t=2s>

What does this mean for my child?

- YRDSB is committed to ensuring that in making course selections, all students have every opportunity to pursue the pathway of their choice after their K-12 education.
- Students will no longer be separated into academic and applied streams in Grade 9 for mathematics.
- YRDSB is committed to examining other course offerings in Grade 9 in pursuit of our de-streaming goal.

Resources for the families:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/about-us/departments/curriculum-instructional-services/de-streaming>

Renewed Computer Technology Application – Shipping Information

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner. YRDSB is offering affordable packages to families. For more information, please refer to the [RCT](#) Flyer attached.

There has been some confusion about shipping costs for the Renewed Computer Technology program. Please note that families who wish to have their computers shipped to their home will be charged \$40 for a laptop and \$50 for a desktop. Families wishing to pick their computers up at their homeschool will need to pay \$20 for shipping and will need to wait until after the application period closes to receive their computers, which will be in December.

Diversity is our Strength



Jainism

16 Jain New Year & Day of Enlightenment New Year Day & Day of Enlightenment of Lord Gautamswami: The Jain New Year begins the day after Diwali and is an occasion exemplified by joyful gatherings of Jains. The Jains begin the new year with a glorification of Lord Gautam Swami; and listen with devotion to the nine Stotras holy hymns and to the auspicious Rasa (epical poem) of Gautam Swami from their Guru Maharaj. Vikram Samvat 2077 begins.



Hinduism

15 Vikram New Year (2077)

Gujaratis, as the people of Gujarat province are normally known as, celebrate the day after Diwali as their New Year. It is believed to be the day when Lord Krishna of Hindu mythology worshipped the Govardhan Parbat to save people of Vraja from the wrath of Lord Indra, who vowed to drown the small village from heavy rain.



Looking Ahead:

- **Remembrance Day:** November 11th – Virtual in-school assembly
- **Progress Reports go home:** November 15th end of day
- **Parent/Teacher Interview Night/Day:** November 18th PM, November 19th AM
 - Virtual appointments only
 - Invitations and sign up will come through Edsby (stay tuned)

Best regards,
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