

A Message from Administration...

Dear families,

We hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable March Break! As you know, there have been many changes at school due to the lifting of many restrictions by the province, effective Monday, March 21. Because of these changes, masks will no longer be required at school but are still encouraged. If your child chooses to continue to wear a mask or eye protection, the school will continue to provide masks for them if they need. There are still a number of Public Health restrictions that schools are required to follow and keep in place. For example, please note that if you are coming into the main office, please wait in the hall for your name to be called. We ask you to do this in order to reduce crowding in the office. We will still be recording visitor information in our digital log.

Screening and Arrival

It is still required that students and families continue with the self-screening each day by reviewing the [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#), prior to coming to school. The requirement to fill out a completion form and send to the school has been removed. Parents/guardians should remember to self-monitor if any of their close contacts are symptomatic, exposed or infected with Covid-19. The screening tool provides new guidance to close contacts or symptomatic individuals in households and we encourage all families to work through this tool to ensure the safety of themselves and others.

Inclement Weather - Return to Pre-COVID Practice

Another adjustment to a school procedure due to restrictions being lifted is our Inclement Weather Procedure. **This means that when your child transportation (buses and taxis) are cancelled due to inclement weather, schools will remain open to students.** You can find information about on our website.

Graduation Photo Day

Our grade 8 graduation photo day is on April 12, 2022. Your child has already been given the picture day information sheet. Could you kindly complete the bottom of the form and return it on the picture day date. No money is required.

If your child is away on April 12, you can take your child to LifeTouch studio to have his/her photo taken, beginning April 18th. Please contact the office if you missed your child's photo. For the photo day, please make sure your child is wearing a shirt or blouse (white or light coloured) and/or a tie. Lifetouch will provide gowns and a school-coloured sash, as well as basic props.

Autism Acceptance Month – April

As a school we have been celebrating Autism Acceptance Month with a different theme each day of the week with whole school announcements providing information and knowledge about Autism. In classrooms, students and staff have continued this learning about Autism. It has been a wonderful week!

Pizza Lunch & Cookie Sales

We will be starting pizza lunch day shortly, where families can pre-order pizza to be delivered to their child(ren) once a week for the remainder of the school year. Information will be shared next week. Please also look out for a pre-ordered cookie sale as well to support our Grade 8 Graduating class with their ceremony, venue and awards. All food sales still require food to be individually packaged and we will be following all safe-handling guidelines. Stay tuned!

Water Bottles

In order to help the environment and continue keeping our school eco-friendly, we kindly ask the families to send their children to school with a reusable bottle of water. Having their own bottle of water means having fewer students in the office to ask for cups for drinking water and it also reduces crowding in the office. The children can keep their water bottle on their desk. Research indicates that drinking water helps kids to stay focused and become better learners. If you are in need of a water bottle for your child(ren), please contact the office.

School Council Presents: Silver Pines' Big Box Fundraising Event

Our School Council organized a fundraising event which is called Big Box Fundraising. The Big Box of Card fundraiser features a box of 33 All Occasion cards or a box of 33 All Birthday cards for the low price of \$35.

The school Council campaign runs from **Fri. April 1st** to **Tues. April 19th**. Each family was provided with a [product video link](#) as well as an order form. A hard copy of the order form was also sent home. The Product video link is intended to be shared with **friends, family and co-workers**. Payment for all boxes sold is to be made when orders are placed. All payments should be made by **Tues. April 19th** using School Cash Online.

If you have not registered for School Cash Online please go to <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/> to register. Before doing so, make sure you have your child's student number to register. Instructions on how to register are attached and you may also contact the office if you need assistance.

Additional Information

Don't forget our amazing prizes!! If the school sells 75 boxes, two \$25 gift cards will be awarded. Let me tell you about our grand prize. For every three boxes of cards your family sells, their name will be placed in a draw to win one of **four \$25 gift cards** (school must sell 150 boxes or more) at local retailers like, Best Buy, Cineplex, Toys R Us, and EB Games. If as a school, we sell over 400 boxes then we also will draw for a **32GB iPod Touch** or a **Samsung 8 inch Tablet "A"**! There's no limit on the number of times you can enter. The more boxes you sell, the more times your name will go into the draw for the gift cards and possibly the iPad Tablet.

Birthday Cards Link - <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/collections/frontpage/products/big-box-of-birthday-cards-new>

All Occasions Cards

Link - <https://www.bigboxfundraising.com/collections/frontpage/products/big-box-of-cards>

We really believe in the quality and value of these cards and think they would be great to have in each household in addition to the other boxes that the students sell to family, friends and co-workers. Please remember that all funds raised will go directly towards initiatives that benefit the students. Good luck and thank you for your participation in this fundraising campaign!

PEAC Regional Symposium - Parent Voice Matters!

The Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory (PEAC) Regional Symposium Planning committee would like to invite YRDSB Parents, and Community members to consider participating in this year’s PEAC Regional Symposium by planning and facilitating a workshop. **PEAC Regional Symposium: Wednesday, May 4, 2022 7:00 pm - 9:00p.m.** *Please save the date. More information about registration will be shared with you shortly.*

Thank you and have a wonderful Easter!



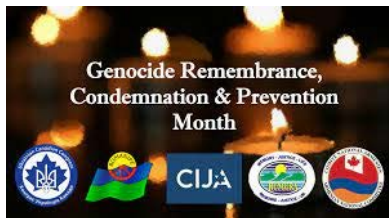
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Diversity Is Our Strengths!





In Canada, April is Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month and is an opportunity to reflect on the root causes of these tragedies, so that we may prevent them from happening again.



Hinduism
2 Navarsha
New Year's Day. Bikarami Samvat 2079 begins.

Hinduism
10 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.

 <p>Christianity 10 Holy Week begins (W) Holy Week begins in the Western Churches on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter (April 10 - April 16).</p>  <p>Christianity 14 Maundy (Holy) Thursday (W) Celebrates the institution of the Lord's Supper by Jesus.</p>	<p>Christianity 10 Palm Sunday (W) Celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. (Western Calendar)</p> <p>Christianity 16 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).</p>
 <p>Christianity 15 Good Friday (W) Commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ, i.e., his submission to death by crucifixion.</p>	<p>Christianity 17 Easter (W) Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. It initiates the fifty-day period culminating in Pentecost.</p>
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 <p>Jainism 8 Aymbil Ori (First Half) begins (Ends April 16) Aymbil Ori is an (approximately) nine-day festival that occurs twice during the calendar year. It is a time when devout Jains undertake a special type of fasting. They eat only once during the day and the food is prepared without oil, butter, milk, sugar or salt. During these days, they revere the Nav-pads (Arihant, Siddha, Acharya, Upadhyay, Sadhu, Gyan, Darshan, Charitra and Tappa).</p>  <p>Judaism 15 Eve of Pesah Observance begins at sundown.</p> <p>Judaism 17 Second Day of Pesah</p>	 <p>Islam Ramaḍān is the month of fasting (ending with 'Īd al-Fiṭr on May 1 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 2.) (Dates based on lunar observations in North America.)</p> <p>Islam 26 Laylat al-Qadr (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day) Also known as the 'Night of Power,' Laylat al-Qadr commemorates the first revelation of the Qur'an (Islamic scriptures) to Prophet Muḥammad in 610 CE. (Special worship, including prayers, fasting and other observances begin at sunset and are generally observed until sunset of the following day.)</p> <p>Islam 29 Jum'at al-Wada (Farewell Friday) 'Farewell Friday' is the last Friday of the month of Ramaḍān and the Friday immediately preceding Īd al-Fiṭr. While not considered</p>

<p>Pesaḥ (Passover) commemorates the departure of Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days, the first two and last two days are observed as holy days. The evenings of the first and second days of Pesaḥ begin with Seder meals (festive meals and the telling of the Passover story). The final day of Pesaḥ marks the Israelites' crossing of the Reed Sea, as related in The Book of Exodus.</p>	<p>a festival, Jum'at al-Wada is a special day for many Muslims. (Observance begins at sunset of the previous day, but special worship and prayers begin April 29.)</p>
<p>Judaism 22 Seventh Day of Pesaḥ Pesaḥ (Passover) commemorates the departure of Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days, the first two and last two days are observed as holy days. The evenings of the first and second days of Pesaḥ begin with Seder meals (festive meals and the telling of the Passover story). The final day of Pesaḥ marks the Israelites' crossing of the Reed Sea, as related in The Book of Exodus.</p> <p>Judaism 27 Eve of Yom HaShoah Observance begins at sundown.</p>	<p>Judaism 16 First Day of Pesaḥ Pesaḥ (Passover) commemorates the departure of Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days, the first two and last two days are observed as holy days. The evenings of the first and second days of Pesaḥ begin with Seder meals (festive meals and the telling of the Passover story). The final day of Pesaḥ marks the Israelites' crossing of the Reed Sea, as related in The Book of Exodus.</p>
<p> Buddhism 8 Buddha's Birth date Anniversary of the historical Buddha's birth. (Mahāyāna) (Japan, North America)</p>	<p>Bahá'í Faith 9 Jalál Jalál (Glory) is the second Bahá'í month.</p> <p>Bahá'í Faith 29 Ninth Day of Riḍván The 9th Day of Riḍván is when Bahá'u'lláh's family joined Him at the garden of Riḍván in Baghdad. Bahá'ís suspend work on this day.</p>
<p> Diamond Days 15 Good Friday (W) 16 First Day of Pesaḥ (Passover) 21 First Day of the Festival of Riḍván 22 Holy Friday (E)</p> <hr/> <p> Zarathushti (Zoroastrianism) 30 Ghambar Maidyozaem begins Ghambar Maidyozaem (April 30 - May 4) celebrates the creation of sky and the harvesting of the winter crop.</p>	<p> Sikhism- Diamond Days 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).</p>