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Upcoming Dates

April – [World Autism Awareness Month](#)

April 6 - Passover

April 7 – Good Friday (No school)

April 10 – Easter Monday (No school)

Apr 12/13 – Swan Lake trip for Gr 2

April 14 – Holy Friday (Eastern)

Apr 18/19 – Swan Lake trip for Gr 4

April 19/20 – Scientists in School – Kindergarten

April 21 – Eid-ul-Fitr

Apr 25 – School Clean Up Day

Important Lunch Time Procedure and Reminders

A reminder that students are expected to stay at school during the lunch time hour unless signed out by a parent or if you have indicated so at the beginning of the year through the online startup forms. If you would like to arrange for your child to walk home for lunch, you must complete the appropriate board forms using the link below <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>.

Students are not permitted to sign themselves out for lunch or for any other reason. Please note that if you are dropping lunch off for your child, you can leave the lunch on the table outside of the office with your child's name on it. We will make every effort not to interrupt classes during instructional time. Food delivery services (e.g. UberEats, Skip the Dishes) will not be accepted. Students are reminded not to share food, utensils or drinks.

Please call the office if you have any questions in regards to this. Thank you for keeping our school and our students safe.

Summer Institute

Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum.

The program runs for five weeks during July and August. It is offered at 10 school sites around York Region.

For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the [Summer Institute](#) webpage on www.yrdsb.ca.

Registration opens March 29, 2023 at 4:00pm. Families can register online.

Passover – April 6

Passover, also known as Pesach, is the eight-day Jewish Festival that commemorates the emancipation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. Passover observances include avoiding leaven and are highlighted by the Seder meals that include four cups of wine, eating matzah and bitter herbs, and the most important aspect of Passover, the teaching of the story of the Exodus to our children. Passover begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the eighth day. Passover is celebrated by many Jews across all denominations because it is so essentially and uniquely a family holiday. Wishing all of our students, families and staff celebrating next week a Happy Passover. Chag Sameach!

Good Friday and Easter (Friday April 7)

Good Friday is the Friday preceding Easter Sunday. For Christians, Easter is the most joyful celebration of the church year. Christians all over the world honour the resurrection of Jesus from the dead on Easter Sunday. Western rite Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon that falls on or after March 21. Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate it on the first Sunday after both the Spring Equinox and Jewish Passover. We extend good wishes and a Happy Easter to all staff, students and members of the Christian community who will be celebrating Easter next weekend



PARENTING SESSIONS

Let's talk about it!

Children do not come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

**We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members
to attend these virtual sessions!**

April 5, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Raising Competent Teens

For parents of teens and tweens. This session will focus on strategies for your child to develop communication skills, self-discipline, good routine and problem solving skills.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

April 19, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Getting Teen Connected

For parents of teens and tweens. This session will focus on strategies to build your child's confidence, encourage social skills, plan and meet commitments and developing positive, supportive friendship.

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April 25, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Separation Anxiety

For parents 0-12 years of age. Whether your child is starting daycare, school or summer camp this session will help parents learn about the signs and symptoms of separation anxiety. The focus will be on strategies to calm your child's separation anxiety and how to better prepare your child for the transition.

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Facilitator: Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



These free virtual presentations for parents and caregivers are brought to you through a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

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