

APRIL 2025



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School Day Schedule

8:45 am Entry

8:55-10:35
Learning Block

10:35 - 11:05
Recess

11:05– 12:45
Learning Block

12:45-1:45
Lunch

1:45-3:25
Learning Block

3:25 pm
Dismissal

The Stonebridge Story

Website: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/stonebridge.ps>

Email: Stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca

Follow us on twitter: @StonebridgePS

Message from our Administrators

Dear Stonebridge Families,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable March Break. We were lucky to have wonderful weather for it. We got a taste of spring, but it looks like winter doesn't want to leave us as it has been chilly these past few days.

We would like to extend our appreciation to all those families who attended our Science and Technology Fair. It was a wonderful event and the participants were very grateful to have members of the Stonebridge community show interest in their projects. We also want to thank all the students who created and presented a project. We had over 50 projects on display and each one demonstrated curiosity and creativity. It was a very successful event! We recognize and appreciate all the effort the students put into their projects and we hope families enjoyed the opportunity to work with their children.

Our junior basketball teams are well under way. We have a boys and girls team who are preparing for their upcoming area tournament. So far the teams have participated in exhibition games where they had the opportunity to execute plays and strategies that they have been practicing together. We look forward to a wonderful season. Good luck to both teams. We are also in the process of selecting a girls and boys badminton team. Coaches are currently running try outs and we have many students showing interest. We are happy to provide the students with an opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Stonebridge is accepting registrations. If you or someone you know have a child (ren), Kindergarten to Grade 8, who live in our school boundaries, please visit our school to register for September 2025. If you currently have a child at Stonebridge and you know that your child(ren) will not be returning in September 2025, it would be greatly appreciated if you contact our school office to let us know. We are in the process of planning for the next academic school year and predicting our enrolment is part of the process and your support would be very helpful.

This is a reminder that on Thursday, April 10th, Stonebridge School Council is hosting a book exchange. If you have gently used books at home that you don't mind parting with, bring them to Stonebridge that evening and exchange them for some new books for your child(ren). We have also invited children author Corinna Wyles -Plumley, who will read aloud one of her books for the students that evening. Please join us for this fun filled event. We hope to see you there!

The school office is open each week day from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Please drop by at any time to ask questions, share comments or just say 'hi'. We would love to see you!

Stonebridge Public School

David Williams

Principal

Elaine Ricketts

Vice-Principal

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 six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 9 school sites around York Region.

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

Registration opens March 26, 2025 at 4:00pm. Families can register online.

Anti-Human Trafficking Conference

Parents, caregivers, guardians, community members and youth 11+ are welcome to attend the **3rd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference** in York Region.

Join us at **Seneca Polytechnic College King Campus** on May 13 and 14, 2025 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for an evening of learning, networking, and collaboration in the fight against human trafficking. [Registration for the 3rd Annual York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference](#). Administrators, please share this link with your community.

The conference brings together experts, advocates, and community members to raise awareness and education. Through engaging workshops, inspirational talks and community booths, we gain valuable knowledge and tools to protect and empower our community.

Free refreshments and a light dinner will be provided.

For inquiries please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at iscs@yrdsb.ca.

Sikh Heritage Month

The month of April is proclaimed as Sikh Heritage Month as per [The Sikh Heritage Month Act of 2013](#).

As we begin the month of April, staff and students are encouraged to join Canadians who will be coming together to celebrate Sikh Canadians who have and continue to make significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario and Canada's social, economic, political, and cultural fabric. Since the arrival of Sikh immigrants in the 19th century Canada is now home to more than 500,000 Sikhs, which is the largest Sikh diaspora in the world.

During the month of April, Sikh Canadians celebrate Vaisakhi, which marks the creation of the Khalsa and the Sikh articles of faith. Sikh Canadians widely celebrate Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, across Ontario.



Celebrating Student Excellence

We are delighted to invite you to our event Celebrating Student Excellence. This will be a special celebration showcasing the outstanding achievements of our Black Student Alliances across the York Region District School Board. This event will also feature a performance to highlight Caribbean carnival celebrations rooted in African and Indigenous traditions.

April 16, 2025, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Maple High School 50 Springside Rd, Maple

Please join us to celebrate.

Your presence will make this event even more special!

To Register

Kindly RSVP via this [registration form](#) no later than April 10, 2025.

If you have any further questions, please contact:

blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca



Lunch Program

Below are the Lunches being offered each day:

Monday — Kid's Kitchen (kidskitchen.ca), [Flyer](#)

Tuesday — Pizza Day - orders closed until the end of June

Wednesday — Tasty Ya (www.tastyya.com)

Thursday — barBURRITO - order through the Lunchbox Program on School Cash Online (yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com)

Friday — Kid's Kitchen ([Flyer](#))

Another option: Mealbets (www.mealbets.com), [Flyer](#)

Please make a note of the cut-off date/time for placing your orders.

If you have ordered lunch and your child is away and you would like to pick up their lunch, you must notify the school by 12:00 pm.

If you need more information, please email stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca

19th Annual



DANCE COMPETITION

OUR GOAL: To create a forum for students to get together, perform, compete, share and grow from and with each other.

DATE: Friday May 23, 2025

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Venue: Langstaff Secondary School

Address: 106 Garden Ave,
Richmond Hill, ON

**Open to Step Teams &
Dance Troupes
from Grades 6 to 12**

**Levels of Competition:
Intermediate and
Senior Divisions**

**The competition encourages
student choreography**

Registration Deadline:

April 3, 2025

Payment Deadline: March 1, 2025 (to secure your spot)

**Suggested music selections:
Hip Hop, Pop, R&B, Soul,
South Asian, Latin, Soca and
Reggae styles**

For more registration information,
please contact Charlene Miller (Beckett Farm P.S.)
charlene.miller@yrdsb.ca





Get Together Celebrating Persian Heritage Month



Join us in a meaningful celebration as we honour the rich cultural and historical contributions of the Persian community to our society. Together, we'll explore Persian heritage, enjoy cultural performances, and deepen our understanding of the diverse world around us.

This event will focus on fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Date: Thursday, April 10th, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning

Address: 36 Regatta Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4R1

Open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff

Please register by Friday, Apr 4, 2025

Registration is limited to the first **200** participants,
with a maximum
of 4 people per registration. Secure your spot as soon as possible!



Hosted by YRDSB: Iranian/Afghan Educator Alliance (IAEA) & Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS)

For more information, please email Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at iscs@yrdsb.ca





گردهمایی برای بزرگداشت میراث پارسی



در برگزاری این رویداد به ما بپیوندید تا با هم به جامعه، فرهنگ و تاریخ پارسی احترام بگذاریم. در کنار هم میراث پارسی را جشن بگیریم، از اجراهای فرهنگی لذت ببریم و شناخت خود را از جامعه پیرامون عمیق تر کنیم.
این رویداد بر تقویت برابری اجتماعی، دربرگیری و مشارکت اجتماعی متمرکز خواهد بود
ما مشتاقانه منتظریم تادر کنار و همراه شما این رویداد را جشن بگیریم
تاریخ پنج شنبه آوریل 10

ساعت 6 بعد از ظهر
مکان: Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning

36 Regatta Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4E 4R1

شرکت برای دانش آموزان، خانواده ها و کلیه پرسنل آموزش و پرورش یورک آزاد است

لطفاً تا تاریخ 4 آوریل 2025 از طریق لینک یا اسکن کد تمایل به شرکت را اعلام بفرمایید

ثبت نام



ظرفیت پذیرش حداکثر 200 نفر و برای هر ثبت نام حداکثر 4 نفر می باشند.

به میزبانی YRDSB: اتحاد پرسنل ایرانی/افغان (IAEA) و مدارس فراگیر و خدمات اجتماعی (ISCS)

برای اطلاعات بیشتر، لطفاً به خدمات مدرسه و جامعه فراگیر (ISCS) به آدرس iscs@yrdsb.ca ایمیل بزنید.

Science Rendezvous HACKATHON

SCIENCE RENDEZVOUS
PROUDLY PRESENTS

April 5-May 10, 2025

SR(H)ACKS

FREE HACKATHON FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-8

FREE WORKSHOPS AND EXPERT SPEAKERS



SCAN REGISTRATION LINK NOW

SCIENCE
rendezvous



YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS

SPRING HOUSE LEAGUE

APRIL 6 – JUNE 8, 2025

- Learn volleying, passing, hitting, and serving
- Develop skills through games and activities
- Play in a non-competitive environment that makes learning FUN!

\$240 (+tax)

What to Expect:

- Skill development + modified gameplay every session
- Using kid-friendly equipment for confidence and success!

8 weeks on Sundays

Session 1: 9am – 10:30am | 8 – 11 years old
Session 2: 10:30am – 12pm | 12 – 15 years old
Session 3: 12pm – 1:30pm | 8 – 11 years old
Session 4: 1:30pm – 3pm | 12 – 15 years old

Location:

St. Elizabeth Catholic High School
525 New Westminster Dr, Thornhill, ON L4J 7X3

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G.I.V.E!

Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

2025 Spring Session

Join our workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. Empower yourself to support our school community and enrich your child's learning experience!

You will learn more about:

- The role of a volunteer
- Transferable skills
- Equity and inclusive education
- Human rights
- Employment readiness
- School information and community resources

We will help you:

- Expand your network
- Effectively communicate with school staff
- Contribute to student learning and parent engagement
- Gain volunteer experience in schools
- Build healthy communities
- Boost professionalism

Location: Sharon Public School Library

900 Murrell Blvd, Sharon, ON L9N 0P6

Dates: April 7 to 11, 2025 (Monday to Friday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All parents, guardians, caregivers are welcome to join this free training program!

Space is limited, please scan the QR code or visit the [Registration Link](#) to register now!



This free information session is organized by York Region District School Board in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region. For more information, please contact:

iscs@yrdsb.ca or beshragi@ccsyf.org and ykim@ccsyf.org





The Centre for Black Student Excellence

CAMP BLACK BRILLIANCE

Camp Black Brilliance will offer families the opportunity to get to know the Kindergarten program and have their children experience their introduction to schooling in a way that is culturally responsive and affirming of their identity, through experiential learning.

Who: Children of Black Families who are Junior and Senior Kindergarten entering school in September 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., July 7 - July 25, 2025

Location: Choose One of the following locations
(subject to change based on registration)

- Armadale Public School
- Crosby Heights Public School
- Discovery Public School
- Maple Leaf Public School

[REGISTER](#) Today!

Deadline June 1, 2025



Join YRES Canada Youth





+ Volunteer Success Program! +

Are you
12-30 years
old?



FLEXIBLE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED:

-  Volunteer from anywhere (Virtual)
-  Join us on-site (In-Person)

Cost:
FREE

+ Make a positive impact on the local community +

Build valuable skills in **leadership, communication, and teamwork** while making a positive impact through hands-on volunteer experiences.



WHERE YOU CAN VOLUNTEER



FREE PERKS & BENEFITS

- **Free** 1:1 training programs
- **Free** lunch and networking opportunities
- **Free** personalized skill development plans (SDPs)
- **Free** access to annual youth conferences and fairs

York Region Educational Services (YRES) is a federally registered not-for-profit charitable organization. Volunteer hours at YRES can be counted toward the requirements for a Secondary School Diploma.



✉ volunteer@yorkeducation.ca

🌐 yorkeducation.org/volunteer

Scan the QR Code
for our Website:

Kindergarten Registration 2025–2026



Kindergarten Registration started on January 17, 2025

Kindergarten registration for the 2025/2026 school year started on Friday, January 17, 2025. Children who turn four or five years old during 2025, live within the school boundary and whose parents/guardians are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for Kindergarten.

There are several ways you can register for Kindergarten:

Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten > Registration. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop computer rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.

By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten) at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address. Email addresses can be found on the [school website](#).

By phone - Families can request support from the school Principal/Vice-Principal to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. Call your local school.

By mail or appointment. You can mail completed applications to the school, or request an appointment to drop-off your completed paper application form.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. You can learn more at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. We look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.

Hello Silver Wolves,

Spirit Wear is here!!!

<http://stonebridgeps.entripyshops.com/>

Our Spirit Wear will be available for
order online through the above link.

Delivery to your home!

Free shipping on orders over \$129 (before taxes).

You have the ability to customize your
order with colour and lettering!

Order now!! Proceeds to support the school!!

Link: <https://stonebridgeps.entripyshops.com/>

Report Absences or Late

If your child is going to be absent/late, please report via Edsby before the bell time. If you do not have an Edsby account or need help with setting it up, please contact the office @ **905-887-2427**.

TO REPORT A STUDENT ABSENCE/LATE:

LOGIN TO: **yrdsb.edsby.com** / **CALL 905.887.2427**

Nut & Scent Free Environment

This is a reminder that many students and staff have life threatening allergies to nuts. As a result, we ask that all snacks and lunches are nut free. Please take the time to read the labels on snacks to ensure they are nut safe. We also ask that you do not use peanut butter substitutes such as Wow Butter. **Nutella is a nut product and must not come to school.**

The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. To help keep the air healthy for everyone, our school has a scent-free policy.

