

JANUARY/
FEBRUARY
2023



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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
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

We have enjoyed a very mild fall. With the cold weather of winter coming please make sure that students are properly dressed for the weather. Students are outside from 10:35-11:05 am and 1:05-1:45 pm every day. It is important that they remain warm enough when they are outside enjoying the fresh air.

Report Cards will be sent home the week of February 21st and as such, it is a great time of year for goal setting. Spend some time with your child to set some personal, social and academic goals and engage teachers and peers to support achieving these goals. We are a strong, collaborative community!

Stonebridge Arts Night is coming! On Thursday February 16th we will be hosting an open house that will celebrate the many artistic talents of Stonebridge. We hope that you will pop by to see, watch and listen to various presentations from our students! More details to come!

Partners in Education,

Mr. Williams and Ms. Ricketts

Lunar New Year—Year of the Rabbit

Lunar New Year is on January 22, 2023 and it is the Year of the Rabbit. It is a significant and meaningful cultural celebration for many people of East and Southeast Asian heritage including Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, Vietnamese and Indonesian communities, to name a few. It is celebrated across the Asia-Pacific and diaspora communities around the world. This holiday commemorates the first day of the Lunar Calendar. The date is determined by the appearance of the moon and usually takes place between late January to early February. For some, this occasion has religious significance as well.

Schools will acknowledge this occasion through various activities that promote sharing and understanding of the diverse practices across Asian communities.

We wish all staff, students and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration in the company of family and friends.



Tamil Heritage Month—January 2023

On October 5, 2016, Motion M-24 was passed in the Federal Parliament, officially proclaiming January as Tamil Heritage Month in Canada. Tamil Heritage Month aims to celebrate the richness of the Tamil language and its literature and highlight Tamil Canadians' vibrant traditions, histories, arts, and cultures. In addition, it seeks to recognize the significant contributions of Tamil Canadians in key areas of social, cultural, economic, and political spheres. This year's focus is Tamils' contribution towards Economic growth - Past, Present, future.

Also, of significance is January 14, 2023. According to the Tamil calendar, January 14, 2023, begins the month of "Thai." On this day, people of Tamil heritage celebrate Thai Pongal, the Tamil harvest festival. Thai Pongal is the most important and widely-celebrated festival amongst Tamils around the globe. Thai Pongal is a time to give thanks for the previous year's blessings and a time to look forward to the New Year.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 27 is International Holocaust Remembrance Day. This date was designated by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in November 2005. The day reaffirms “that the Holocaust, which resulted in the murder of one third of the Jewish people along with countless members of other minorities, will forever be a warning to all people of the dangers of hatred, bigotry, racism and prejudice” (UN General Assembly A/60/L.12).

This day serves as an international memorial day for the victims of the Nazi Holocaust, which saw the murder of 6 million Jews, 250,000 to 500,000 Roma people, 200,000 to 250,000 persons with disabilities, and 15,000 people who were LGBTQ+. January 27 marks the date when the Nazi concentration and extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau was liberated by Soviet troops in 1945.

January 27 at 2:00 pm: Grades 6-12 classes are invited to join Carrying Testimony and the Network of Educators Supporting Jewish Learners (NESJL) to hear the history of Holocaust survivor Bill Glied, presented by his daughter, Michelle Glied-Goldstein. [Register](#) and log-in to be a part of this special event.

LEGO Challenges



Hello Everyone

We are putting out a request for any genuine LEGO building materials that you may not be using at home anymore. Of special need are the flat base plate building sheets that can be built upon.

We will have upcoming curriculum based LEGO Challenges, centred in the Library and additional LEGO supplies will be most helpful.

If you think you can help and have bags or containers of LEGO, would you please sort through to make sure there are no extra items such as puzzle pieces or other toy bits, label with the word LIBRARY and have your student drop them off in the office.

Thank you so much. We look forward to sharing pictures of the finished projects.

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!

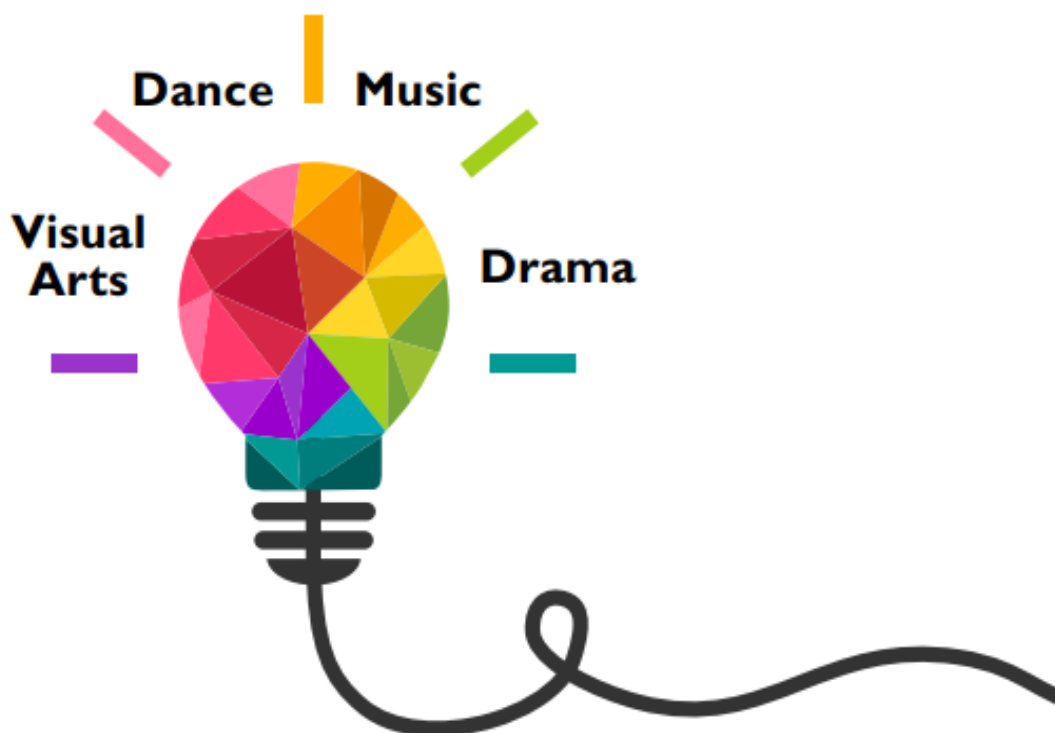
You have the ability to customize your
order with colour and lettering!

Order now!! Proceeds to support the school!!



Apply for the Integrated Elementary Arts@Baythorn!

Current Grade 4 or 5 students can apply for the full time **Arts@Baythorn** program for September 2023-2024 school year start (going into Grade 5 or 6).



The **Arts@Baythorn** allows you to explore **Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music** integrated into your learning each and every day in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment.

Learn more about our program and how to apply by visiting our website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/baythorn.ps/arts/Pages/default.aspx>

REMINDER Check the website for updated information.

Application opens: January 17, 2023 and closes January 31, 2023



THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING

Let's talk about it!

Kids don't 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.

January 24, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

Register Today!

This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children by:

- creating a positive learning environment,
- using assertive discipline,
- having realistic expectations,
- taking care of yourself as a parent, and
- available resources and supports in the community.

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

This free parent presentation is brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

For more Information:

Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB

Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca

Kindergarten Registration 2023—2024



Kindergarten Registration to Commence January 20, 2023

Kindergarten registration for September 2023 begins Friday, January 20 from 8:30 am for the 2023-2024 school year. Children who turn four or five years old during 2023, 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. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, 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. Families are asked to follow all school COVID-19 protocols while on site.

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.



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2023

There are several ways you can register your child for Kindergarten:

Option 1: Online



Register online by visiting
www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten.

Option 2: Email



Complete a fillable PDF found on:
www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten
and email the form to the school
email address, found on the
school's website.

Option 3: Phone



Register by calling the school to
request support to complete
the registration over the phone.
Interpreters available upon
request.

Option 4: In Person



Visit the school office to drop off or
complete a registration form.

Register in just two easy steps:

1

Complete registration form
and submit to the school

2

The school will contact you
to make an appointment to
review and verify the
required documents

French Immersion Registration

French Immersion is an optional program that consists of full-day French instruction starting in Grade 1, at a designated school in your attendance area. Registration is necessary.

What is French Immersion?

In French Immersion, students receive instruction in French in a variety of subjects from a teacher who speaks French fluently

The French Immersion program begins in Grade 1 and is designed for children whose first language is not French.

In Grades 1, 2 and 3, all subjects are taught in French. Starting in Grade 4, time is shared equally between French and English instruction.

The French Immersion program continues in high school. Please refer to Secondary School Programs at a Glance for a list of schools offering French Immersion or the school locator to determine which Secondary School offers French Immersion for your address.

Secondary school students must earn at least 10 French Immersion credits to qualify for the French Immersion Certificate upon graduation.

All interested parents/guardians are encouraged to attend their local French Immersion School Information Night at their designated attendance area.

Important Considerations

In order to meet community needs and optimize space in schools, students may begin the French Immersion program in one school, but continue in a different school.

Space requirements at some schools may mean that siblings are in different schools for primary dual track French Immersion programs due to differing grade structures.

Like any of our schools across the Board, changes to school boundaries, and/or the accommodation model for the French Immersion program may need to be considered when new schools open, a school experiences enrollment growth, and program changes occur.

For the first few months of Grade 1, the children do not acquire skills identical to those learned by children in an English program as the focus is on learning in French.

There may be certain lags in English Language Arts skills in the first few years of the program, but by the end of the elementary grades, successful French Immersion students perform as well as their peers in a regular English program.

Communication with parents/guardians is in English including, but not limited to, report cards, newsletters and parent-teacher interviews.

Reading to a child at home in a child's native language can strengthen literacy skills. Research studies confirm that children achieve greater academic success when parents read frequently (daily) to them.

Registration

For a list of schools that offer the FI program and information on how to register, visit our [registration page](#).

Lunch Drop Off

We encourage families to send lunch with students when they come to school in the morning. If you need to drop off a lunch for your child, please bring it to the office and students can pick them up from there. Please do not wait to hand deliver lunches to the students in the yard. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lunch Options

The following lunch options are offered at Stonebridge P.S. Please see below for more information:

Monday	Kid's Kitchen	Started Monday, October 24th. Orders ongoing and directly with Kid's Kitchen.
Tuesday	Pasta lunch	Order closed for Round 2. Started from January 10th to March 7th.
Wednesday	Tasty Ya	Orders ongoing. Orders take place online directly with Tasty Ya.
Thursday	Pizza Lunch	Order will close January 18th for Round 2. Start from February 2nd to April 27nd.
Friday	Kid's Kitchen	Started Monday, October 24th. Orders ongoing and directly with Kid's Kitchen.

Please note: If you order Tasty Ya lunch for your child on Wednesdays, please remember to send cutlery with them as Tasty Ya does not provide cutlery with the lunches.

Inclement Weather and Special Lunches

Lunch programs will NOT be cancelled on inclement weather days. The only time the lunch programs will be cancelled is if schools are closed to students.

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.