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# The Stonebridge Story

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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

## Message from our Administrators

As the year winds down, we reflect on the amazing things that have happened at Stonebridge PS! Our grade 8 students are graduating and beginning their journey into secondary school and beyond! This is the perfect opportunity to take stock of all the learning that has occurred. Students have worked hard to build their literacy and numeracy skills, as well as their knowledge in science/social studies, the arts and physical education. Students are developing a growth mindset towards learning, where they are encouraged to build resilience and have the courage to take risks in order to learn and grow. They are learning how to recognize their feelings, how to cope with them, and how to access supports. This helps students grow into resilient global citizens of tomorrow.

We wish Ms. Jaichi, Ms. Hamilton, Ms. Bushra and Ms. Baghel all the best as they seek new opportunities at other schools. We welcome Ms. Syed, Ms. Demorest-Sneek and Ms. Nakada to Stonebridge. We know that they will be excellent additions to our school community!

A special acknowledgement and thank you to Laurie Roediger, who has been an invaluable member of our Stonebridge team. Mrs. Roediger is retiring at the end of the year. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors and hope to see you around! You will be missed!

We would also like to thank the School Council for the time they have volunteered with Stonebridge this year to support school initiatives. Their work and dedication is very much appreciated!

Thank you all for your continued commitment to learning with us! Have a restful, safe and joyous summer break! See you back at Stonebridge PS on September 5, 2023!

Partners in Education,

Mr. Williams and Ms. Ricketts

# Friday, June 30, 2023 Early Dismissal

All schools in the York Region District School Board are committed to improving student achievement and well-being. On **Friday, June 30, 2023**, an early release day will take place to allow elementary teachers and support staff to take part in meetings during the afternoon of that day. These meetings will allow for school staff to engage in culminating activities regarding the review and revision of the School's Improvement Plan as well as year-end and transition activities that support student success.

As has been our practice in the past, students will attend school during the morning of Friday, June 30, 2023 only. Students will be dismissed early that day at **11:55 am**. Arrangements will be made to ensure that students who are normally bused to and from school will receive transportation at this time. Parents/guardians whose children attend after school child care should make appropriate arrangements to address this change in schedule.

## Vacation and Other Plans

As we will be preparing class lists for next school year, we need to know if families are planning to:

- move to a new address now or in the future
- go on vacation (prior to school year-end)

Please let us know by emailing [stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca](mailto:stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca) as soon as possible.

# National Indigenous History Month

In June, Canadians celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. It is also an opportunity to recognize the strength of present-day First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities.

National Indigenous History Month is a time for learning about, appreciating and acknowledging the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people in Canada.



## Intermediate Gauss Math Contest

On May 17th, 80 intermediate students participated in the University of Waterloo's Gauss math contest in which they only had 1 hour to complete 25 multiple choice math questions. These questions helped them to develop invaluable skills, like creative problem-solving, thinking, application, and a love for math. Great job, intermediate students, for taking the initiative and courage to challenge yourself. The Outstanding Achievement Award for the highest score in gr. 7 at our school goes to Linda Zhang in Ms. Wong's class & in gr. 8, Hugo Liu in Ms. Ing's class! The top 25% of the highest achieving participating students at our school receiving the Distinction Award are:

**Gr. 7** - Felix Yang, Alice Zhao, Ryan Yang, Kavishnen Thirunavukkarasu, Oscar Ye, Daniel Ding, Stanford Weng, Nuo Chen

**Gr. 8** - Yuko Lin, Brian Lin, Rita Zhou, Ethan Zhou, Jessie Lu, Aixi Zhou, Melody Xu, Kathir Paraneetharan, Charlie Gao, Leah Wang, Abesha Umeskumar, Ella Sun, Chelsea Xu

Congratulations!

# Area and Regional Track and Field

A huge congratulations to the Area Track and Field Team who travelled to Bill Crothers on Thursday, June 15th to compete against 23 other schools in our area! Students have been practising for weeks in preparation and it showed as so many students placed in the top 6 in our area. Our Junior students, Grades 4 to 6, scored the most points in the Area and won the Overall Junior pennant for their amazing performances. We will have a new pennant for the gym very soon! Of our students who won ribbons, 11 students qualified for Regionals in 15 different events. Congratulations to Zoha, Cyrus, Noah, Jerry, Caiyleb, Kinsley, Brendan, Josh, Arianna, Aliysa, and Mackenzie for your fantastic performances at Area Track and Field.

On Monday, June 19th the 11 qualifiers travelled to Stouffville to compete in the Regional Track and Field meet. This meet consisted of the best athletes from across York Region and our students didn't disappoint. With many Top 10 finishes. Special mention to Brendan L for his 5th place in the 200m, Aliysa H-B for her 5th place in triple jump and 4th place in the 200m, and Mackenzie G for her 5th place in Standing Long Jump and 1st place in Running Long Jump.



## A Message from the Teacher-Librarian:

Summer Break is coming soon! Here are a few tips to use [the Learning Commons Site](#) to support your child's engagement in reading and learning:



- Join the summer reading club organized by Markham Libraries. They have weekly prizes to go! *See "Event"*.
- Use the Outdoor Education information and apps to explore the nature and build connections with the land in a good way. *See "Outdoor Education"*.
- Explore the digital makerspace board together to develop and strengthen the engineer thinking process. There are off-line activities to do as well! *See "STEAM"*.
- Select different formats of books from SORA e.g. audio books, magazines, graphic novels, chapter books ... to keep the good habit of reading (Highly recommended)! Remember to log in through your child's gapps account. *See "Literacy"*.
- Explore creative ideas to spark mathematician thinking in our daily lives. *See "Mathematics"*.
- Limited the use of the screen time. Instead, use the materials around the house to encourage your child to create and build e.g. a musical instrument, a toy or game, a shelf, ...
- Promote family joy through sharing traditional recipes, stories, photos, memories ...

If you have any questions about the resources, please contact our teacher-librarian at [joanne.leung@yrdsb.ca](mailto:joanne.leung@yrdsb.ca)

Happy Summer!





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## Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

### June 2023

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*YRDSB Mental Health services are provided by YRDSB psychology and social work personnel*

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### Stepping into Summer

Dear Families,

In this edition we will focus on reflecting on the past year and all that we've achieved and experienced. We will also be looking at what's to come this summer, including resources and activities that families can take part in. We invite you to reflect on the memories you've made, your successes, and the goals you have achieved. We encourage you to acknowledge that despite challenges and adversities you may have experienced, you have persevered. As one chapter comes to an end, a new one awaits its beginning.

Celebrating achievement and growth at the end of the year is important and a great way to recognize students' hard work and dedication. Acknowledging this can also encourage students to continue to work hard and engage in meaningful activities. There are many ways families can celebrate and acknowledge the end of the school year. We encourage you to be creative and celebrate your children's achievement based on what feels right for your family. Equally, we encourage you to express that you are proud of your child, who they are as a person, and acknowledge that they strive for their best! This is a great way to boost your child's confidence and motivate them to continue working hard.

We encourage you to welcome the spectrum of feelings that can arise for students when the end of the school year is here. Some years are more challenging than others, and celebrating a year's end can bring a multitude of feelings. Celebrating all the successes- big and small can help in this transition.

We want to remind you of the resources on [School Mental Health Ontario](#) such as: [easy and fun mental health activities](#) , [everyday mental health practices](#) to



## YRDSB Mental Health

practice at home this summer. Here is an article offering Strategies for a [Successful Summer Break](#). We encourage you to stay connected to others through many [community events](#) that we have listed below, and take care through offerings provided by many Mental Health organizations throughout York Region. We hope the summer is also a time to [take care of yourself](#)!

### **Supportive Resources:**

[YorkHills Here to Help Line](#) (905-503-9561)

The Here to Help Line is a free service available to children/youth (0-18 years) and their parents/caregiver/adult supporters. Monday to Thursday from 2:00pm-7:00p.m

[Family Services York Region](#) (905-895-2371)

Virtual walk in is operated on a first come, first serve basis, and can be accessed once per month. Virtual appointments can be 15 minutes to 1.5 hours long depending on your specific needs. Monday, Tuesday, Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[YRDSB Mental Health Resource Page](#)

Continue to check out the [YRDSB website](#) for updated information as well as the Twitter account [@YRDSB](#)

Follow YRDSB Mental Health on Twitter [@MH\\_YRDSB](#)

### **Free Community events:**

#### **Parents**

York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families

- June 1, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm [Teen Triple P Seminar #2 – Raising Competent Teenagers](#)
- June 5, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, [Understanding and Managing Challenging Behaviours](#)
- June 12, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, [Mindful Compassion](#)
- June 14, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, [Parenting a Child with Attention Deficit Disorder](#)
- June 15, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, [Teen Triple P Seminar #3 – Getting Teenagers Connected](#)
- June 21, 6:30 pm – 8:30, pm [Our Family Our Rules](#)
- June 22, 6:30 pm – 8:30, pm [Promoting Resiliency in Teens](#)
- To keep updated with summer offerings check out [York Hills Events](#)



## YRDSB Mental Health

### **Students**

#### York Support Services Network

- [Ramp Up Group- Mindfulness](#)
  - Ages 16+
  - June 1, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- [Ramp up Group- Coping Strategies](#)
  - Ages 16+
  - June 7, 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
- [Ramp Up Group- Gratitude and Positive Thinking](#)
  - Ages 16+
  - June 12, 1:30 pm– 2:30 pm
- [Self Compassion Workshop Series](#)
  - Ages 16+
  - June 8, 15, 22 1:30– 3:00 pm
- [Transition Planning Resource Days \(January – June 2023\)](#)
  - June 2, 7, 16 9–5:00 p.m.
  - Need help understanding the developmental services system and transition planning? Does your child have an IEP? Book a free, 1 hour session, with a transitional planner to discuss and ask important questions.
  - Discuss the differences between elementary and high school, share tips and strategies to help you and your child prepare for life in high school, fill out forms and applications (e.g. ODSP, SSAH, Mobility Transit, etc.), find resources, build on skills, share options for after high school and adult life.
  - Registration can be done through emailing [cmacdonald@yssn.ca](mailto:cmacdonald@yssn.ca) or calling: 905-953-8354 or 1-833-953-8354 ext. 2245.
- To keep up with summer offerings check out: [YSSN Events](#)

### **Families**

#### York Support Services Network

- Single Session Counseling
  - [Tuesdays in June- 9:30- 10:30 am](#)
  - [Tuesdays in June, 11:00- 12:00 pm](#)
  - [Thursdays in June- 11:00 am- 12:00 p.m](#)
  - [Thursdays in June 12:30- 1:30pm](#)
  - For Sessions in July: [YSSN July Calendar](#)





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- For Sessions in August: [YSSN August Calendar](#)

### Whitchurch– Stouffville Public Library

- [June Events](#)

### Richmond Hill Public Library

- [Mohawk Storytime with Otsistohkwíyo](#)
  - Saturday June 10, 10:30– 11:15
- [Drag Queen Storytime](#)
  - Saturday June 24, 10:30– 11:15
- [Multiculturalism Fair](#)
  - Tuesday June 27 5:00– 8:00 p.m

### PFlag

- [Coffee Night](#), held every second Monday of the month, is a safe space where members of the LGBTQ2 community, their friends, family or allies can come together.
- [Online Registration](#)

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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!!

# Need to Register Your Child in a York Region Public School for September?

The following locations have been designated to accept registrations for their areas for the school year beginning September 2022. As space is limited in some schools, children may be required to attend a school outside of their attendance area. Placements will be finalized when school reopens in September. Please note that all required documentation must be submitted and completed in order for your child to be enrolled.



## Elementary

### North

Community Education Centre - North  
130 Carlson Drive, Newmarket  
(905) 895-5155

Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
July to August

### Central

Community Education Centre - Central  
317 Centre Street East, Richmond Hill  
(905) 884-4477

Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
July to August

### West

Community Education Centre - West  
36 Stornoway Crescent, Thornhill  
(905) 764-6830

Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
July to August

### East

1000 Carlton Road  
(In white portable beside Markville S.S.)  
Markham  
(905) 940-7800



Monday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
July to August

## Secondary

Please contact the secondary school in your area for details. Summer hours vary from school to school.

For a full listing of our schools and information on how to register your child, please visit our website.



[www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca)  [@yrdsb](https://twitter.com/yrdsb)  [YRDSBMedia](https://www.youtube.com/YRDSBMedia)

# All Newcomers to Canada, Returning Residents, Students from other Provinces

Welcome to York Region District School Board

To start the registration process at the Reception Centre:

Please e-mail us at [Reception.Centre@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Reception.Centre@yrdsb.ca)  
or call 905-884-2046 and select option 1 or 1-888-811-0229

The Reception Centre will be open in July and August  
Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Reception Centre will help you to complete the necessary  
steps to register for and to become part of the school  
community.

# Kindergarten Registration 2023—2024



## Kindergarten Registration

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten).

### Option 2: Email



Complete a fillable PDF found on:  
[www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://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

# 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: [yordsb.edsby.com](https://yordsb.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.