

MARCH 2025



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David Williams

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Ron Lynn

**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](mailto:Stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca)

Follow us on twitter: @StonebridgePS

## Message from our Administrators

Dear Stonebridge Families,

We had lots of snow that fell in February and some teachers took advantage of the weather by bringing their classes outside to sled on our hill out back in the schoolyard. The students really enjoy this activity. Let's see what the month of March brings us. Some people enjoy the winter and others are looking forward to the spring. With all the snow comes difficult driving conditions, please ensure you are following the guidelines for the Kiss and Ride as you drop off and pick up your children. There are no left hand turns out of the parking lot from 8:50-9:05 am and from 3:25-3:40pm. The laneways are one way and do not park and leave your car in the loop.

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Arts Night on February 25<sup>th</sup>. We are really proud of the way our students performed as I am sure you are too. The students demonstrated how they learn through the arts, which sparks creativity, encourages imaginative thinking and explores new ways of expression. We thank all of our students who participated and dedicated their time to practicing and being engaged in the arts. We also want to thank our teachers for leading their students in singing and playing instruments. We appreciate their dedication and commitment.

Last week both our intermediate girls and boys basketball teams competed in the area tournaments. Stonebridge hosted the first half of the girls tournament. The area tournament was the culminating meet after weeks of practices and exhibition games. Both teams played well and demonstrated skill and growth. They played as a team and demonstrated good sportsmanship and dedication. A special congratulations goes out to the girls team who placed third in the area. We want to thank our coaches who volunteer their time to develop and lead the teams. Next we look forward to the development of the junior basketball teams.

Stonebridge is reminding the community that the School Council is hosting a Science and Technology Fair on March 27<sup>th</sup>. It is not too late to register! This is an opportunity for students to tap into their curiosity about the world around them and form an inquiry based project to research questions they have about science and technology. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more information and for the link to register.

As a reminder, the next School Council meeting is on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the staff room. All Stonebridge parents are encouraged to attend to hear about the events planned for the school and to offer their insight in regard to the direction of the school. All are welcome and we hope to see you there!

Have a fantastic March!  
Stonebridge P.S.

David Williams

Principal

Elaine Ricketts

Vice-Principal

# Bangladeshi Heritage Month

In 2016, the Government of Ontario proclaimed March as Bangladeshi Heritage Month.

Ontario is home to over 50,000 people of Bengali heritage who have made significant contributions to the province's scientific, cultural, athletic, and political development. Every year on March 26th, Bangladeshis worldwide celebrate Independence Day, commemorating their nation's independence in 1971 with music, parades, and various gatherings. By designating March as Bangladeshi Heritage Month, the York Region District School Board honors the identities, diverse experiences and achievements of Bangladeshi students, families and staff in our school board.

# Hellenic Heritage Month

In 2019, the Government of Ontario proclaimed March as Hellenic Heritage Month.

There are over 270,000 Canadians of Hellenic or Greek descent living in Canada, with more than half residing in Ontario. Since the early nineteenth century, immigrants from Greece have made significant contributions to Ontario's culture, economy, and various fields such as education, law, medicine, science, and politics. Greece's vast history, including its structures for democratic governance, philosophy, and scientific methodologies, have influenced many present-day practices and structures in Canada. Greek Independence Day, celebrated on March 25, marks Greece's liberation from the Ottoman Empire in 1821. By designating March as Hellenic Heritage Month, the York Region District School Board honors the identities, diverse experiences and achievements of Greek students, families and staff in our school board.

# Persian Heritage Month

In 2021 the government of Ontario proclaimed March as Persian Heritage Month to recognize the contributions of over 200,000 Ontarians of Persian descent.

Since the 1970s to present day, the Persian community have played a significant role in shaping the province's economic, political, social, and cultural landscape. Rooted in one of the world's oldest civilizations, Persian culture has enriched Ontario's identity for generations. In the month of March, millions of Persians from around the world celebrate Nowruz, the beginning of their new year with a special significance of the relationship between nature and human life. By designating March as Persian Heritage Month, the York Region District School Board honors the identities, diverse experiences and achievements of Persian students, families and staff in our school board.

# International Women's Day

International Women's Day has been recognized for over a century, with the first IWD gathering of over a million people in 1911. In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling on member states to proclaim a day for women's rights and gender parity. Following the United Nations' lead, Canada declared March 8 as International Women's Day. To achieve a gender equal world, it is essential to notice and name the existing inequality and examine and challenge unconscious biases and harmful gender-based stereotypes. The International Women's Day 2025 campaign exemplifies this commitment through the theme of [#AccelerateAction](#).

## Ramadan March 1-30, 2025

Ramadan is a holy month of fasting and contemplation for Muslims.

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, is referred to in the Qu'ran as a blessed month in which the teachings of the Qu'ran were revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him/pbuh)<sup>1</sup>.

During Ramadan, many Muslims fast during the hours of daylight and increase their focus on prayer and contemplation. At the end of each day, the fast is traditionally ended with a prayer and a meal called the iftar, which may vary culturally.

Ramadan is considered by many to be a time for Muslims to recommit themselves to cultivating spiritual renewal within themselves and their communities, as well as practicing compassion and generosity for others.

## 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 March

Wednesday — Tasty Ya ([www.tastyya.com](http://www.tastyya.com))

Thursday — barBURRITO - order through the Lunchbox Program on School Cash Online ([yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com](http://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com))

Friday — Kid's Kitchen ([Flyer](#))

Another option: Mealbets ([www.mealbets.com](http://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](mailto:stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca)

# Stonebridge Public School



## SCIENCE FAIR

March 27th 2025 6:30PM to 8:30PM

Set up in School GYM

Registration Deadline : March 4th **[Register here!](#)**

Young Scientists are invited to join us for a fun-filled opportunity to spark curiosity and celebrate the wonders of science. We are looking for creative inventions, fascinating experiments, and presentations highlighting what you know or what you wonder.







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Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto  
Chinese Arts & Literary Festival



## CCC Chinese Arts and Literary Festival 大多倫多中華文化中心 中華學藝節



書法比賽  
Calligraphy Competition



朗誦比賽  
Recital Competition



繪畫比賽  
Painting Competition



中樂演奏比賽  
Chinese Musical Instruments Competition

Festival Date: April 2025  
Venue: Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto  
Registration Date: Now through March 16, 2025  
Award Ceremony: May 31, 2025 at Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto  
Registration: [cccgt.org](http://cccgt.org)

學藝節日期: 2025年4月  
地點: 大多倫多中華文化中心  
報名日期: 即日起至2025年3月16日  
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Organizer 主辦機構: 大多倫多中華文化中心 Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto

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# Do you need a computer?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

## You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

## For more information, please contact:

Alexander Oliver  
aoliver@rcto.ca

All systems include our  
**STANDARD 1 YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY**

\*batteries not covered by warranty

We have Desktop Packages from \$85.00 to \$300.00.  
Plus \$35.00 to ship the computer to your home.



**You get** - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse

We have Laptop Packages from \$160.00 to \$300.00.  
Plus \$25.00 to ship the computer to your home.



**You get** - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software

\*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

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Visit Us Online @ [www.RCTO.ca](http://www.RCTO.ca)

**RCT**     
Renewed Computer Technology

# Application Check-List

You can begin to apply for a computer on: JANUARY 2025  
Application deadline: MARCH 17th 2025



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

**Group Name:** YRDSB **Group Code:** G-YRDSB

## How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

### Section A

Group Name: YRDSB

Group Code: G-YRDSB

Name of School: *Please enter the name of your student's school*

### Section B

This section does not apply to you.

### Section C

I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$25.00 shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$35.00 shipping fee)

OR

I am part of the York Region District School Board

Group order (\$20.00)

OR

I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 Shipping fee)

### Section D

Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

### Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career/Better Jobs

### Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

**Certified Cheques should be made to:** Renewed Computer Technology

The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

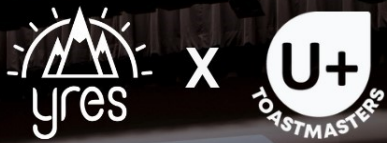
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# REGIONAL SPEECH CONTEST



Attention young speakers and future leaders! The 2025 Regional Speech Contest is YOUR chance to share your ideas and make an impact. Whether you're a beginner or seasoned speaker, use your voice to create real change in your community!

## NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY ROUND:

Contestants will first compete in a virtual preliminary round, with selected participants advancing to the Regional Contest!

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Ages 8 to 18
- Ontario resident



**Saturday, June 21, 2025**



**Toronto Public Library  
Palmerston Branch Theatre**



**Register by March 17, 2025:**

[www.uplustoastmasters.ca/regionalspeechcontest](http://www.uplustoastmasters.ca/regionalspeechcontest)







PRESENTS



# MARCH BREAK VOLLEYBALL CAMP

SKILLS, GAMES, AND TEAM FUN  
FOR KIDS 8-13 YEARS OLD!



## DATES

10-14 MARCH  
FULL DAY - 9AM - 4 PM  
HALF DAY - 9AM - 12PM  
1PM - 4 PM

## Admission

**\$300 full day**  
**\$225 half day**

**\*\*FREE T-SHIRT  
INCLUDED**

## Activities

- ✓ Skill Development Sessions
- ✓ Mini Games & Scrimmages
- ✓ Team Building Challenges
- ✓ Fun Skill Competitions
- ✓ Volleyball Rules & Strategies

## Thornlea Secondary School

8075 Bayview Ave, Thornhill

## Registration Link

[www.yorkregionsports.com](http://www.yorkregionsports.com)

## MORE INFO:

[www.yorkregionsports.ca](http://www.yorkregionsports.ca)

[\(416\) 258-8071](tel:(416)258-8071)

[info@yorkregionsports.ca](mailto:info@yorkregionsports.ca)

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# MARCH BREAK CAMP

## Active and Fun Camp

with many sports and team-building activities



**DONCREST PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
124 BLACKMORE AVE,  
RICHMOND HILL ON L4B 2B1

**Pricing:**  
**\$195/week**

**FOR AGES 5 - 12**

**SCAN &  
REGISTER:**



**March 10-14, 2025**



**Starts From Ends At**  
**08:30 am - 04:00 pm**

**Extra care and meal  
plans are not available**

**York Region Educational Services (YRES) is a registered non-profit organization.**



**(416)-475-6622**



**info@yorkeducation.ca**



**yorkeducation.org/marchbreakcamp**





# SPRING LEARN & PLAY VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM



Age group: 8-13  
Years old

START DATE:  
THE WEEK OF  
MARCH 17TH  
6PM-8PM

Cost: \$330 + tax  
11 Weeks of Program



\*Free t-shirt included



MONDAYS - EAST  
Highgate PS  
35 Highgate Rd, Markham



WEDNESDAYS - NORTH  
Sacred Heart CHS  
908 Lemar Rd, Newmarket

REGISTER NOW



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YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS

# SPRING HOUSE LEAGUE

**MARCH 22 – JUNE 14, 2025**

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

**\$330 (+tax)**

## What to Expect:

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

**11 weeks on Saturdays**

**Session 1:** 9am-10:30am | 8-11 years old

**Session 2:** 10:30am-12pm | 12-15 years old

## Location:

Renaissance Catholic Secondary School  
700 chemin Bloomington, Aurora, ON L4G 0E1

## Contact Us

WWW.YORKREGIONSPORTS.CA (416) 258-8071 INFO@YORKREGIONSPORTS.CA

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# 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](http://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](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.

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.

# Winter Weather

## **Dress for the weather**

Students should come dressed appropriately for the weather and for outdoor play. Students can stay warm by wearing layers of loose-fitting clothing, a hat, scarf, jackets, snow pants and mittens or gloves. Students may also want to bring extra pants and socks in case they get wet.

## **Recess**

If students are well enough to come to school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Our students benefit from spending time outside and being active. We monitor weather conditions throughout the day. If there are extreme weather conditions, we may consider a shortened or indoor recess.

## **Bus or School Cancellations**

When an extreme cold or inclement weather day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. Please notify the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when emergency weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure. Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, Board and school websites and on X @YRDSB.

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days is outlined in the Board's Severe Weather policy.



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.

