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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 pm
Dismissal

Message from our Administrators

Dear Stonebridge Families,

We have successfully completed two months of school. Time is moving quickly. There continues to be a lot going on at Stonebridge. There are plenty of opportunities for students to get involved in extra-curricular activities to support their growth, mental health and well-being. We have new club called the Change-Makers that focuses on social change and justice. They are currently running our food drive for the local food bank in Markham. For students interested in the arts, we have a visual arts club, and we also have a vocal ensemble for those students who enjoy singing. Stonebridge continues to be active in sports and we are currently running our intermediate volleyball teams. We thank all our teachers who volunteer their time to run these opportunities to help students have fun, learn and grow.

This is just a reminder that parent-teacher interviews are on Thursday, Nov. 14th in the evening and Friday, Nov. 15th during the day. Please sign up on Edsby for a time to meet with your child's teacher. **The EDSBY booking system will open on Monday Nov. 4 at 9:00AM.** This is your opportunity to get information on how your child is achieving at school. If the dates and times are not convenient for you, please contact your child's teacher. They will work with you to find a time that works for you outside of the scheduled parent-teacher interview days. We can also accommodate parents with a phone call. We have translators available to support conversations so please let us know if you would like one present for your meeting.

We always look forward to welcoming families into Stonebridge where we get the opportunity to share the wonderful things your child is accomplishing here at school. You are a valuable partner in your child's education, and we work with you in order to help your child reach their full potential. If at any time during the year you want to meet with your child's teacher, you may do so. Just call or email the school or teacher and a meeting can be arranged.

Together we can work to empower our students and children to become knowledgeable and caring citizens of our community.

David Williams

Principal

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Hindu Heritage Month

On December 8, 2016, the province of Ontario designated November as Hindu Heritage Month as outlined in the Hindu Heritage Month Act. November 2022 marked Canada's first official Hindu Heritage month. During this month, YRDSB recognizes and celebrates the past, present and future contributions and inspirational impact of Hindu Canadians in our communities.

Hinduism is considered by some as one of the world's oldest religions, dating back over 10,000 years. With over 900 million followers worldwide, Hinduism is the third-largest religion. Hinduism is a henotheistic religion that worships one God while acknowledging the existence of other gods. Some of these deities include Brahma, Shiva, Paarvathi, Lakshmi, Ganesha, Muruga, Kaali, and Vishnu, along with others. Hinduism consists of many traditions and festivities that are celebrated throughout the year. Diwali, Navaratri, and Ganesh Chaturthi are some celebrations in which Hindus participate in Ontario, Canada, and around the world. For Hindu Canadians, faith-based practices vary across communities, cultures and generations of people.

Albanian Heritage Month

November is Albanian Heritage Month as proclaimed by the Ontario government in 2015. Albania is situated in eastern Europe, and the main language spoken is Albanian. The majority of Albanians identify as Muslim followed by Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic. There are approximately 29000 Canadians with Albanian ethnicities. The month of November is significant to people of Albanian origin as it commemorates the Albanian Declaration of Independence which took place on November 28, 1912. Albania also recognizes Liberation Day, a day that Albania was liberated from Nazi Germany forces after the Albanian resistance on November 29, 1944.

The proclamation of November as Albanian Heritage Month recognizes the diverse ways in which Albanian Canadians have contributed to the intricate social and cultural makeup of Ontario. It is a month to celebrate Albanian identity and acknowledge the histories and lived experiences of Albanian Canadians.

Reminder

P.A. Day will be on November 15.

Lunch Program

Below are the Lunches being offered each day:

Monday – Kid’s Kitchen (kidskitchen.ca), [Flyer](#)

Tuesday – Pizzaville - order through the Lunchbox Program on School Cash Online (yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com)

Wednesday – Tasty Ya (www.tastyya.com)

Thursday – barBURRITO - order through the Lunchbox Program on School Cash Online (yrdsb.schoolcashonline.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 need more information please email stonebridge.ps@yrdsb.ca

Recruitment Ad

A Career that works for you.

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We believe that every student can be successful. That drives our work.

We are looking for individuals who share this commitment to student learning well-being, and achievement.

We have ongoing job postings in a variety of positions. Learn more about why YRDSB may be the right place for you.

Meet some of our staff and explore career opportunities. www.yrdsb.ca/careers or scan the QR code.



City of Markham

School Zone Safety Guide



Join us at our virtual Public Information Centre!

Do you have concerns about road safety near schools in your area? Share your ideas to make school zones safer.

November 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm



markham.ca/SchoolZoneSafety



Helmet Safety



Public Works - Sustainability, Communications and Innovation
Community and Health Services - Public Health

October 2024

RE: Helmet Safety

To whom it may concern,

York Region is raising awareness among residents that wearing a properly fitted bicycle helmet reduces the chance of a serious head and brain injury by absorbing the force from a crash or a fall by 85%.

Everyone in our school communities including students, teachers, and parents, should:

1. Make sure to wear a properly fitted [helmet](#) that is Canadian Standards Association (CSA) approved for cycling, inline skating, scooter riding, and skateboarding.
2. Remember the **2V1 Shake, Shake, Shake Rule**:
 - 2**: The helmet should sit **two fingers** above your eyebrow to the bottom of your helmet.
 - V**: Make sure straps make a **"V" shape** around the bottom of your ears.
 - 1**: Ensure there is only **one finger** that can fit under the chin strap

Shake, shake, shake your head up and down and side to side to ensure the helmet makes a snug fit.
3. While children and youth under 18 years of age are required by law to wear a helmet while cycling, we strongly recommend everyone wear a helmet when cycling or using any other forms of wheeled activities (scooters, etc.)
4. Research demonstrates the important influence of adult role models on children's helmet wearing behaviour. Children are more likely to wear a bike helmet if their adult riding companions wear helmets.
5. For [e-scooters](#), riders must be 16 years or older and must follow the rules of the road. Helmets are required for those riders under the age of 18.

For more information, please read the attached poster and visit york.ca/CyclingSafety or york.ca/InjuryPrevention

Thank you,
York Region Public Works
York Region Public Health

The Regional Municipality of York | 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1

1-877-464-9675 | york.ca

MAKE SURE IT FITS!

REMEMBER THE
2V1
SHAKE, SHAKE,
SHAKE RULE!

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD ALWAYS WEARS A PROPERLY FITTED HELMET!

It's the law in Ontario for children and youth
(under 18) to wear a helmet when bicycling.



2 FINGERS ABOVE
YOUR EYEBROWS



V SHAPE STRAP
UNDER YOUR EARS



1 FINGER SPACE
UNDER YOUR CHIN

SHAKE, SHAKE, SHAKE your head up and down
and side to side to make sure the helmet is snug!

PUBLIC HEALTH
1-877-464-9675

york.ca/injuryprevention


York Region



G.I.V.E!

Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

2024 Fall Session Cohort 2

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: Main Floor, 50 High Tech Road, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 4N7

Dates: November 11 to 15, 2024 (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 bit.ly/3WWRsxz 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:

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Information Session for Tamil Families

Support your child's success!



Looking to better support your child academically, emotionally, and socially?

Join us for an information session discussing:

- Ways to support your children's academic achievements and emotional well-being
- Student services, including Tamil-specific supports available at YRDSB
- Getting connected and accessing community resources

Date: November 12, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Milliken Mills High School



This information session will be delivered in Tamil and English, featuring speakers from:

- Speech-Language Pathology Services
- Psychological Services
- Community Navigation
- Social Work Services for the Tamil Diaspora
- Tamil Community and Partnership Development Services



To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **November 8, 2024**.

For questions or accommodation requests,
please contact nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca

or iscs@yrdsb.ca



தமிழ் குடும்பங்களுக்கான ஒரு தகவல் அமர்வு
உங்கள் குழந்தையின் வெற்றியை ஆதரிக்கவும்!



உங்கள் பிள்ளைகளுக்கான கல்வி, உணர்ச்சி மற்றும் சமூகரீதியான சிறந்த ஆதரவைப் பெற விரும்புகிறீர்களா?

இந்த அமர்வில் எங்களுடன் கலந்து கொண்டு தகவலைகளைப் பெற்றுக் கொள்ளுங்கள்

- உங்கள் பிள்ளைகளின் கல்வி மற்றும் நல்வாழ்வை ஆதரிப்பதற்கான வழிகள்.
- யோக் பிராந்திய கல்விச் சபையில் மாணவர்களுக்கான ஆதரவுகள்
- உங்களுக்கு தேவையான சமூக வளங்களை பெறுவது

திகதி: நவம்பர் 12, 2024

நேரம்: பி ப 6:00 - 7:30 வரை

இடம்: Milliken Mills உயர்தரப் பாடசாலை



தமிழ் மற்றும் ஆங்கிலத்தில் வழங்கப்படும்

பேச்சாளர்கள்:

- பேச்சு மொழி சேவைகள்
- உளவியல் சேவைகள்
- சமூக இணைப்பாளர்கள்
- தமிழ்ச் சமூகப்பணி சேவைகள்
- பாடசாலைக்கும் தமிழ்ப் பெற்றாருக்குமான சேவைகள்



தயவு செய்து இந்த இணைப்பை அழுத்தி பதிவு
செய்யவும். <https://forms.gle/sVaxxcw4MD13WtN38>

பதிவுகளின் நிறைவு நாள்: நவம்பர் 8, 2024

கேள்விகள் அல்லது பரிந்துரைகள் இருந்தால் மின்னஞ்சல் மூலம்
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THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Subscribe to our mailing list.

The Centre for Black Student Excellence is a space committed to the implementation of goals set out in our Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy, and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

Establishing this mailing list is one of the key commitments outlined in our strategy.

Subscribe to our mailing list to stay up to date on:

- information about school board and community events and programs that would benefit Black students and families with Black children
- updates on Board efforts to dismantle anti-Black racism

Learn more about the ongoing work to dismantle anti-Black racism and support Black student excellence by visiting www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence



If you require further information, please contact
BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

Stouffville Legion Remembrance Contests



IT'S TIME AGAIN FOR THE ANNUAL LEGION REMEMBRANCE DAY LITERARY AND POSTER CONTESTS

The Royal Canadian Legion is committed to ensuring youth understand and continue the tradition of Remembrance. Please encourage students to participate in the literary and poster contests. Prizes are awarded for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category.

Contest Details and Entry Forms at
[National Youth Remembrance Contests.](https://www.remembrancecontests.ca/)
<https://www.remembrancecontests.ca/>

Entries Should Be Dropped Off To Stouffville Legion By Friday, November 15th

(Tuesday – Friday 2pm to 6pm or Saturday or Sunday 12 noon to 6pm.)



For more information, please contact Nikki Devereux
n.devereux@hotmail.com Attn: Youth Education



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905-640-1714
office@stouffvillelegion.ca



Supreme Court
of Canada

THE SUPREME COURT OF CANADA'S



ANNIVERSARY



ART CONTEST

Young artists, show us your creativity and help us mark the Supreme Court of Canada's 150th anniversary! We're looking for drawings, paintings or other graphic artwork illustrating the history and future of the Court as we commemorate its 150th year.

The contest is open to all young artists residing in Canada who will be between the age of 5 and 17 at the time of the artwork submission.

DEADLINE

Your artwork has to be received no later than January 31, 2025.

For more information and contest rules, visit:

scc-csc.ca/150

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!!

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

Student Lunch

We continue to encourage students to bring their lunch with them when they are coming to school in the morning.

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.