

OCTOBER
2021



PRINCIPAL

David Williams

VICE-PRINCIPAL

Sumir Bansal

SUPERINTENDENT

Clelia Della-Rovere

TRUSTEE

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

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

In November, you will be receiving Progress Report Cards that will go home digitally on November 15th and 16th to your child's GAPPs account. You will need to know your child's GAPPs username and password that you can request from your child's teacher and you can access [more instructions here](#). This progress report will inform you of how your child is doing in connection to Ontario Curriculum expectations and Learning Skills.

Later on this month, you will also have the opportunity to schedule a time to either have a virtual interview or a Student-Led Conference virtually with your child's teacher, either on the evening of November 18th or the morning of November 19th. . Through EDSBY, you will be able to book a time to meet with your child's teacher as of November 8th at 9am, and this will close November 11th at 4pm. If you have not already accepted the invitation for EDSBY, please accept so that you can book a time and stay connected with the school and your child's teacher through EDSBY. Further instructions on how to login/create an [EDSBY parent/guardian can be found here](#). If you require translation the school will make arrangements and your teacher will assign you a time. You are also able to use Google Translate if you join the interview through your chrome browser, [see here for more details](#).

We hope that you will continue to share with us celebrations that our students should be learning about. If you would like to work with the school to share your traditions, stories or the origins of celebrations that are important to you, we would love to hear from you.

A reminder that our next school council meeting is on Monday November 1st from 6 to 7pm via zoom at: <https://yrdsb-ca.zoom.us/my/sumirbansal>

Partners in Education,

Mr. Williams and Mr. Bansal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: YORK REGION SCREENING AND TESTING UPDATES

Friday October 15, 2021

With the support of the COVID 19 vaccine and other public health measures, everyone has been working together to help keep our schools and child cares safe and we are greatly appreciative of your collective efforts.

It remains critically important to continue to screen your children for symptoms each day to avoid bringing COVID-19 into the schools and child cares and to test them when required. Screening and testing help control the spread of COVID-19. Even if you or your child is fully vaccinated, you must continue with daily screening and testing if you or your child have one or more COVID-19 symptom.

Screening update

To provide parents and guardians with more options to screen , including the ability to share results electronically and complete screening in multiple languages, **effective Monday, October 18, 2021** York Region Public Health will require students, parents and guardians to use the provincial [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#).

The provincial screening tool was updated on Friday October 1, 2021 to **reiterate the need to stay home if you are sick with any COVID-19 symptoms**. This information was previously missing, suggesting children with mild symptoms like runny noses and sore throats were permitted to attend school. This change brings the provincial [COVID-19 school and child care screening tool](#) in line with the York Region school and child care screening requirements.

Students, parents and guardians will still be able to access the [link to the tool](#) through the York Region [Staying Safe at School](#) webpage. All staff and students must self-screen for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 **every day** before attending school or child care. Even if you or your child is fully vaccinated, you must continue with daily screening and testing if you or your child have one or more COVID-19 symptom.

MILD SYMPTOMS

As a reminder, anyone experiencing symptoms, including mild symptoms not included on the provincial screening tool (e.g., runny nose, sore throat, etc.) should **NOT** attend school or child care. If your child has mild symptoms not listed the screening tool, they can return to school or child care once their symptoms have improved for 24 hours. If your child does have symptoms listed on the screening tool, or their symptoms get worse, they are required to have a PCR COVID-19 test or stay home for 10 days.

PUBLIC HEALTH

1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/SafeAtSchool



SIBLINGS AND OTHER CHILDREN LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD

York Region Public Health has specific instructions for children living in the same household to further reduce the chance of transmission within schools and child care centres. This means:

- If your unvaccinated child is identified as a close contact and is required to isolate (e.g. exposure in a classroom cohort), unvaccinated children living in the same household must NOT attend school or child care for the duration of the contact's isolation period. Fully vaccinated children living in the same household can continue to attend school as long as they do not have symptoms listed on the screening tool.
- If your fully vaccinated child is identified as a close contact (e.g. exposure in a classroom cohort), they are not required to isolate and can return to school as long as they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19. All children living in the same household can continue attending school or child care as long as they do not have symptoms listed on the screening tool.

Keeping COVID-19 transmission low in the community is important to help prevent the introduction of the virus into schools and child care centres. We continue to encourage everyone who is eligible to get [fully vaccinated](#) with two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you are eligible. Vaccines are safe, effective and the best way to protect you and those around you from serious illnesses.

For general information about COVID-19 including symptoms, location of Assessment Centres in York Region and other resources, please visit our website at york.ca/covid19 or call Access York at 1-877-464-9675.

Testing update

To increase access to testing for students, children, school/child care staff, essential visitors and their families, York Region Public Health is partnering with Ontario Health (Central), York Region District School Board (YRDSB) and York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) to offer **drop-in community-based COVID-19** testing at two sites in York Region, in addition to the [COVID-19 Assessment Centre](#).

Drop-in testing will be available for students/children, school/child care staff, essential visitors and their families, ages two years and older, who are symptomatic or who have been identified as a close contact (e.g., are part of a dismissed cohort) or for those with no known exposure or symptoms can receive a COVID-19 test.

Testing will be offered on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in October and November. Testing options will include PCR saliva and nasal swabs, which will be used at the discretion of the clinician performing the test. Testing is voluntary and consent will be required from parents or guardians for students under 18 years of age. These sites are walk-in and do not require booking an appointment in advance.

Please note, rapid antigen testing will not be available at these testing sites. Rapid antigen testing **should not be used** when an individual is symptomatic or has been identified as a close contact of a case.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL TESTING BE OFFERED?

George Street Public School 115 George Street, Aurora, ON Wednesdays and Thursdays 2:00pm.- 7:00pm.		St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic High School 2 Davos Rd, Woodbridge, ON L4H 2Y1 (Portables) Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30 pm. – 7:00pm.	
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	For individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 or close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	For individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 or close contacts of a confirmed COVID-19 case
5:15 pm - 7:00 pm	For individuals with no known exposure or COVID-19 symptoms	5:45 pm – 7:00 pm	For individuals with no known exposure or COVID-19 symptoms

What to bring with you: Individuals/families are strongly encouraged to bring their valid Ontario Health (OHIP) card(s) to increase easy accessing of results (you can still get tested if you do not have one) and a face mask or covering, to be worn at all times.

For saliva testing: Participants should be well hydrated by drinking a **cup of water 60 minutes before** giving a sample. Participants can **NOT** eat, drink, smoke, vape or chew gum **30 minutes prior** to giving a sample.

You will be able to access your COVID-19 test result online at covid-19.ontario.ca, but please keep in mind it may take several days for your results to be processed.

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We all have a role to play to keep York Region schools and child cares as safe as possible.

Sincerely,

York Region Public Health

PARENT NOTICE

Update on community vaccination clinics for students eligible for Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal vaccination

October 4, 2021

Due to York Region Public Health's continued COVID-19 response, non-essential Public Health service such as school-based vaccination clinics for students continue to be on hold until further notice.

Starting in November, York Region Public Health will be providing community vaccination clinics for all eligible Grade 7 students who will miss their doses of vaccines usually offered in their school. In addition, all eligible grade 8 and 9 students who missed any doses of these vaccines due to school closures and the pandemic response will also be able to attend a community vaccination clinic to receive their Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal vaccines.

Vaccination Clinics	Clinic Information
Grade 7, 8 and 9 Student Community Vaccination Clinics	<p>Starting in November 2021 - All eligible students will be able to receive any missed doses of Hepatitis B, HPV and Meningococcal vaccines</p> <p>More information will be sent home with students soon about vaccination appointment dates/times and locations.</p>

On September 28, 2021, the National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI) has announced that any vaccine may now be given at the same time, or before/following, a COVID-19 vaccine.

- Clinic information is available at york.ca/immunizations > School Immunization Clinics
- COVID-19 information is available at york.ca/covid19

PUBLIC HEALTH
york.ca/immunizations
1-877-464-9675





COMING SOON

SECONDARY ARTS SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS

PLEASE VISIT YOUR REGIONAL ARTS' PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON PROGRAMS, INFORMATION NIGHTS AND HOW TO APPLY



[Alexander Mackenzie HS](#)

November 9th



[Huron Heights SS](#)

November 10th



[Unionville HS](#)

November 10th



[Westmount CI](#)

November 2nd



YRDSB OFFERS REGIONAL ARTS SCHOOLS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS
WHO ARE COMMITTED TO EXPLORING AND DEEPENING THEIR
UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARTS

REMINDER Edsby Registration Opens November 10, 2021
Closes December 6, 2021

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PRESENTS A 2 PART WORKSHOP VIA zoom

Navigating Secondary School

SESSION 1: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021 7PM-8:30PM

"Thinking with an end in mind" Post-secondary Pathways Planning

SESSION 2: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021 7PM-8:30PM

Understanding and Navigating System Practices in Ontario Secondary Schools

AUDIENCE:

Parents/Caregivers of African Canadian students in Grades 7 - 11, Black students

Parents/caregivers of Black students in grades 7-11 and Black students are invited to NACCA's 2 part workshop on navigating secondary school.

About this event

Although secondary school staff in Ontario have the knowledge to help African Caribbean Canadian students navigate educational systems so that they can achieve their postsecondary pathways goals, they aren't necessarily taking into consideration the differences in lived experiences between mostly White Euro-Canadian educators and Black students (Dei, 1996). This difference is significant with respect to how Black parents and students navigate school policies, protocols and/or procedures. Hence, this two-part workshop series aims to provide the nuanced information necessary to help Black families with the navigation of high school.

Session #1 will cover the following topics:

- The criteria needed to graduate from an Ontario secondary school
- Streaming
- Admission requirements for entrance into postsecondary programs

Session #2 will cover the following topics:

- School attendance, suspensions, homework, assessment and evaluation
- Specialized opportunities and guidance
- Special Education and English as a Second Language/English Skills Development

Ample opportunities will be provided at the end of each session for questions and answers. Please note: Zoom link will be sent 2 hours before the event.

There will be prizes and giveaways, don't miss it!

Announcements

Changes—Moving, Contact Information

Please let the office know your new address if you are moving so that we can update our records. Be prepared to provide us with the proof of address.

If there are any other changes such as contact information, pickup, etc., please let us know.

Lost and Found

We do not have a Lost and Found at this time due to COVID-19. Students who have lost things like jackets outside the school will be left there for the rest of the day. After that, they will be removed and thrown away.

Others

We are asking for donations for our Snack Program. Please contact school office on how to donate.

Please do not drop off any food or other items for students in the class for birthdays or other celebrations.

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.