

OCTOBER
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>

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Message from our Administrators

Dear Stonebridge Families,

Fall is in full swing and I hope you are getting an opportunity to enjoy the fall scenery of the beautiful trees in our community. The weather is definitely getting cooler so please provide your children with appropriate attire for fall. Students are encouraged to wear their jackets outside at recess but often they end up taking them off and forgetting them outside. These items are placed in the school's lost and found bin. If your child is missing a jacket or any other item, please feel free to check out our lost and found on the first floor, around the corner from the main office.

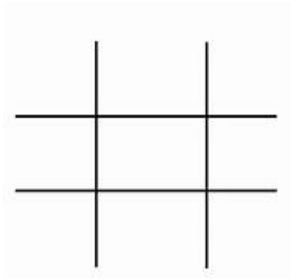
Halloween is quickly approaching and we welcome students who want to dress up in a costume on October 31st. Please be advised that dressing up is optional and not a requirement. We want to remind families that cultural dress is not a costume and replica weapons of any kind are not permitted. Students also have the option of dressing up in fall colours. This is another way of celebrating the season and we welcome students who decide to make that choice. We want to keep the occasion safe and enjoyable for everyone.

On September 29th Stonebridge competed in the area cross country meet. Our school did very well with 7 students qualifying to compete in the regional tournament on October 24th. We wish these students lots of luck as they represent themselves and Stonebridge P.S. on this regional stage. Congratulations to the entire team!

David Williams
Principal

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Vice-Principal

Tic Tac Toe?



Tic Tac Toe?

Tic Tac Toe (2 players)

Goal: be the first to get 3 marks of “x” or “o” in a row (up, down, diagonally)

How to play: draw the gameboard on a piece of paper.

Players decide who will be “x” and who will be “o”.

Both players take turns putting their marks in one of the empty squares.

The first player to get 3 of their marks “x” or “o” in a row (up, down, diagonally) is the winner. If all 9 squares are full, the game is over. If no player has 3 marks in a row, the game ends in a tie.

Did you know there are other versions of Tic Tac Toe that can help children develop number sense?

Tic Tac Odd -

Goal: be the first player to make a row of three that adds up to an odd number.

How to play: draw the gameboard on a piece of paper. Players can use any two consecutive numbers instead of the X and O.

For example, player one only uses the number 5 and player two only uses the number 4 to play Tic Tac Toe with the goal of being the first player to make a row of three that adds up to an odd number.

Tic Tac Six -

Goal: be the first player to make a row of three that adds up to six.

How to play: draw the gameboard. At the start of each turn, a player will toss a coin to determine heads or tails. Heads represents the number 1 and tails represents the number 2, the player will then use that number on the tic-tac-toe board. For example: Player 1 flips the coin, it lands on heads, player 1 must use the number 1 on any available space on the board. Then Player 2 flips the coin. (Any item that has two options can be substituted for the coin, i.e. integers tile, a virtual coin toss, selecting from two different coloured cubes)

Please visit the [board's math page](#) for useful information about what students learn in school and for resources to support math learning at home.

Active School Travel



The YRDSB has been engaging in Active School Travel (AST) for the past 15 years to promote active travel to and from school and to increase school zone safety. AST is the use of any form of human-powered travel, such as walking or wheeling (e.g. cycling, scootering, rollerblading, skateboarding) to travel to and from school. Within this definition, riding the school bus is also included as a form of ac-

active travel as it is considered a sustainable form of transportation. AST also supports improved visibility within school zones, reduces the number of vehicles entering school zones, enhances safety and connectivity within communities and has a positive impact on well-being.

Through education and encouragement, the goal of AST is to reverse the trend of driving and motivate families to walk/cycle and ride the bus to reduce school zone congestion.

Pilot programs to promote AST have taken place in Markham, Newmarket and Vaughan which have resulted in updates to the Board's AST resources/tool kit. Schools interested or in need of assistance in promoting and encouraging active school travel and /or school zone safety as it relates to traffic are welcome to email activeschooltravel@yrdsb.ca or contact Reena Mistry, Senior Planner - Active School Travel, Planning and Property Services at reena.mistry@yrdsb.ca.





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Date: Oct. 23 - 27, 2023 Monday to Friday

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Location: Richmond Hill Welcome Centre, 9325 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, L4C 0A8
OR**

Date: Oct. 30 - Nov. 3, 2023 Monday to Friday

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Markham South Welcome Centre, 7220 Kennedy Road, Markham, L3R 7P2



Register For This Free Program Today!

Space is limited [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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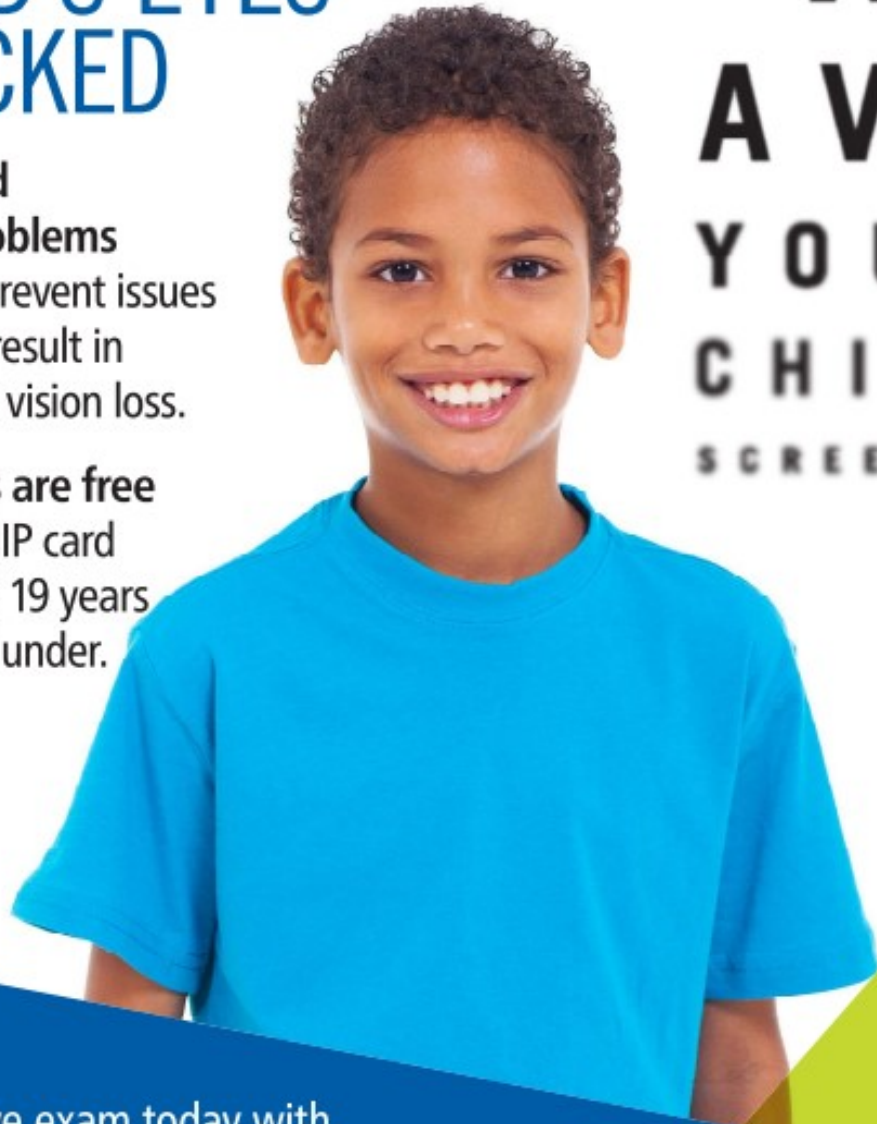
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Detect and correct problems early and prevent issues which can result in permanent vision loss.

Eye exams are free with an OHIP card for children 19 years of age and under.



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Book an eye exam today with a local optometrist (eye doctor).

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York Region

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.