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PETHS Weekly Newsletter

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Guide to the 2022-2023 School Year

Click on the link to read the [Guide to the 2022-2023 School Year](#)

PETHS 2022-2023 Student Handbook

Click on the link to read the [Student Handbook and Startup Package](#)



School Cash Online (SCO)



School Information

THIS WEEK @ TRUDEAU

Monday, January 30

→ Period 5 Culminating Day

Tuesday, January 31

→ Period 3 Culminating Day

Wednesday, February 1

→ Period 4 Culminating Day

→ Deadline for OCAS

→ Mobyss Bus @ Trudeau

Thursday, February 2

→ Period 1 Culminating Day

→ Cafeteria servery opens!

Friday, February 3

→ PA Day (no school)



Self-Screening

All students are required to complete the [COVID daily screening](#) prior to entering the building. The screening tool will out-line if/when you can come/return to work and duration of isolation or self-monitoring requirements. Individuals experiencing one or more common symptoms, or two or more other symptoms are presumed to have COVID-19 and must isolate (regardless of vaccination status)

Coming Up...

February 6 - Exam Review Day/First day of Semester 2

February 8 - Semester 2 Photo Day

February 9 - Black History Month Guest Speaker - Dwayne Morgan - Spoken Word Artist (Whole School Assembly) P. 1

February 9 - School Council Meeting (Virtual) ****New Date**

February 15 - Whole School Course Selection Virtual Assembly P. 2

February 15 - Mobyss Bus @ Trudeau

February 16 - School Council Forum 5:30 pm MDHS

February 16 - Positive Climates Whole School Assembly (P. 5)

February 17 - Semester 2 Safe Schools Assembly (P.1)

February 17 - Last Day for semester 2 timetable changes

February 20 - Family Day - No School

Important School Information links

- ☐ [Staff Directory](#)
- ☐ [Guidance](#)

Daily Schedule 2022-23

Period	Time
1 HOMEROOM	8:10 AM – 9:25 AM 9:25 AM – 9:30 AM
2	9:35 AM – 10:50 AM
3 LUNCH (grade 9 + 11)	10:55 AM – 12:10 PM
4 LUNCH (grade 10 + 12)	12:15 PM – 1:30 PM
5	1:35 PM – 2:50 PM

School Updates/News



Attendance

To report an absence or for questions about your child's attendance, please call 905-887-2216 ext. 190 or send an email to pierre.elliott.trudeau.hs.attendance@yrdsb.ca

If you receive notification that your child has been marked absent and you believe this to be incorrect, please have your child ask the teacher to notify the office to make the correction. All attendance corrections must be verified by the classroom teacher.

Key Dates From the Guidance Department

- 1) During exam week - **January 26-February 2** Guidance Counselors will be available for drop-in appointments. Please visit the guidance office if you would like to see a counselor during this time.
- 2) **Course changes for semester 2** can still occur until **February 17, 2023**. The Guidance Counselors continue to check waitlists as spots in courses become available. We do not take course change requests through email.
- 3) ****Grade 12 students** - the deadline to apply for Ontario college (OCAS) programs is **February 1st, 2023**.
- 4) A reminder to **Grade 12 students who have applied to the University of Western Ontario** that the internal deadline for the [Western National Scholarships Program](#) is February 6th. You must be nominated by the school to apply. To be considered, please submit a copy of your [application](#) to the guidance office by February 6th at 3pm.
- 5) **Night school course** offerings for YRDSB can be found on the [YRDSB website](#). Registration is now open and students can sign up via myBlueprint in the "Continuing Education" section.
- 6) **Course selection for the 2023-2024** school year will occur between **February 16th, 2023-February 24th, 2023**. Guidance will host virtual course selection assemblies for all students on Feb 15th, 2023 in Period 2.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Individual Student Reports (ISR) have been shared with students who wrote the Fall 2022 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). They were distributed by homeroom teachers this week. For students who were absent, please see your homeroom teachers by February 2 to pick up your reports. After February 2, reports will be available to students in the main office.



The OSSLT assessed the reading and writing skills included in the expectations of The Ontario Curriculum across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of the OSSLT is a graduation requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

Students who have successfully completed the OSSLT will have this noted on their Provincial Report Card and on the Ontario Student Transcript.

The next opportunity to write the test will be this spring (April - May). The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course may be available for some students who have been unsuccessful. Students must meet the secondary school literacy requirements in order to receive an OSSD. For further details, please visit the Ministry website at www.edu.gov.on.ca.

In-school support will continue to be available to students who will be retaking the test. Information regarding these literacy supports will be shared with students and families in semester two. Resources are also available through the EQAO website at www.eqao.com.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

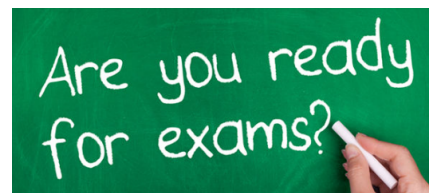
Sincerely,

Ms. Wargo

Exams

The **revised** Semester 1 exam schedule has been posted on our website. Students will write one exam per day corresponding to the subject in that specific period. All exams will begin at 8:30 a.m. The exam schedule is as follows:

- ~~Friday, January 27, 2023~~ – ~~period 2~~ exams
- Monday, January 30, 2023 – period 5 exams
- Tuesday, January 31, 2023 – period 3 exams
- Wednesday, February 1, 2023 – period 4 exams
- Thursday, February 2, 2023 – period 1 exams



Once their exam is completed, students have the remainder of each day to study at home for upcoming exams. View these links for: [Revised Semester 1 Exam Schedule January 13, 2023](#) [2022-2023 Exam Guidelines](#)

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Student Success Support in Room 116

Grades 9 and 10 can visit room 116 during their lunch (11:30-12:00 pm) for extra help and support in English, Math and other de-streamed subjects. Ms. Babcock and Mr. Jeddi will be available for extra help on a daily basis.



Resources for Families

Meet and Greet for Farsi Speaking Families at Alexander Mackenzie H.S.

By attending this Farsi session, you will:

- Meet with a psychotherapist and psychologist and learn about healthy relationships between parents and students and various relevant topics for future workshops
- Meet with the school Social Worker and learn about mental health services for students within the YRDSB
- Meet with the Afghan/Iranian Community and Partnership Developer
- Learn more about your child's report card, board policies and communication with the school
- Learn about the education system
- Participate in a survey for future workshops

January 31, 2023.

For more information and to register. Click - [Raising Confident Competent Children](#)



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NEWCOMER YOUTH PROGRAM

Connex Newcomer Youth Program (Virtual)

Begins in March 2023

For more information. Click - [Connex Newcomer Youth Program](#)

RAISING CONFIDENT COMPETENT CHILDREN

Let's talk about it!

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

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ASSOCIATION OF SRILANKAN GRADUATES OF CANADA
In Partnership with York Region District School Board

Date: Saturday February 11 2023

Time: 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Venue: Milliken Mills HS, Markham, 7522 Kennedy Road

Admission: Free

For more information and to register. Click [Association of Srilankan Graduates of Canada](#)

Inclusive School and Community Services Parent/Guardian Virtual Workshops

POVERTY in York Region 2023

All parents, guardians and staff are welcome to attend any or all of the free virtual workshops about poverty, housing rights and resources in York Region.

January 31, 2023.

For more information and to register .
Click - [Three-Part-Series-on-Poverty](#)



Inclusive School and Community Services
in Partnership With
Community Living York South



Supporting your Children with Special Needs

Information Series Part One: Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder

This session will be delivered in English, Chinese and Tamil on different dates to help parents, guardians and caregivers learn:

Thursday, March 2, 2023.

For more information and to register.
Click - [Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

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
3. Click link that appears on your screen

For more information. Click - [Low Cost Computers](#)

YRDSB Information

Voting for Student Trustees

Students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity January 23-30 to participate in voting for the student trustee candidate who will represent our area of the board. Student trustees play an important role representing students in the school board. They network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice.



All students will receive an email in their GAPPS account. The email will include a link to a site where they will find information about candidates in our area, and a link to a form where they can submit their vote. One candidate will be selected by students to represent each of the four areas of the school board in the final vote. Later in February, students can vote for the final two candidates who will represent them during the next school year.

This is an important opportunity for students to participate in the student trustee elections and vote for the students who will represent their voice, so I encourage all students to check their email and take the time to vote.

Learn more about the role and the election process at www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees.

Message from Our Trustee - February 2023

I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to 2023, and enjoyed their winter break.

One of the most important roles of school board trustees is communicating with the public. I hope to use this newsletter as one way to keep you updated on Board news, to communicate my role as trustee and how I can support you, and to answer some of the questions I am often asked as a trustee.

Communicating with the public includes both sharing information and attending events to build relationships with families, but also ensuring I am available to you. If you have questions about Board policies or budget, concerns about your community, ideas and suggestions, or have a question and don't know [who to call](#), please feel free to reach out. I am happy to assist you. Our Board of Trustees is made up of 12 trustees elected during the municipal election process, and one Indigenous trustee appointed through a separate process. Eight of the 12 elected trustees are new this term, and we are all looking forward to connecting with families and fulfilling our roles to support student achievement and well-being.

What do Trustees Do?

In addition to communicating with the public, we are also responsible for: Establishing a Multi-Year Strategic Plan. This [plan](#) sets out our priorities as a school board and guides our direction and decision making as a system. Setting policy. [Policies](#) govern the operation of our schools and organization, including field trips, school transportation, homework, caring and safe schools and much more. You can find out which policies are up for review in our [meeting agendas](#), or which [policies are out for comment](#) on the website. Your participation in this process is important to ensuring our policies are serving our communities and align with our priorities.

Setting an annual budget. I look forward to sharing more information about this process with you in the coming months as we engage in [budget](#) consultations.

Participating on Board and Advisory Committees. You can find the dates and agendas for these meetings on the Board website.

You are welcome to attend and observe any [public Board, Advisory and Board Committee meetings](#).

Hiring the Director of Education. This process is governed by the [Director of Education Selection Policy](#), and we will keep you updated as this process progresses. In the meantime, I am deeply grateful to Interim Director of Education Scott Yake for his commitment and service. Advocating for quality public education. I became a school board trustee because I believe in public education. I believe in the potential of each and every one of our students and our responsibility to nurture their learning, growth and achievement. Our decisions as a board are centered on our commitment to deliver the best for our students.

What's Happening in YRDSB

[Kindergarten](#) registration opened January 20 for families with children who will start Kindergarten in September 2023.

[French Immersion registration](#) is open from January 20-February 6 for students entering Grade 1 in September 2023.

[Student trustee elections](#) are currently underway. All students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote for the student trustees who will represent them next school year.

In February, we recognize Black History Month, celebrating the contributions of Black people to the fabric of our society. I encourage you to visit the Board's [Centre for Black Student Excellence webpage](#) and [newsletter](#) to learn more about upcoming events during Black History Month and what's happening in the Board to celebrate Black excellence.

Family Day and the March Break are also approaching and we hope everyone enjoys the break. There are a number of other events for families coming up and I encourage you to check the [Board calendar](#).

New Schools

One of the other questions I am asked, particularly in growing communities, is about new schools or capital projects. I can let you know that in our municipality the following [capital projects](#) have received approval: [Markham Centre Elementary School](#), proposed to open September 2026

There are many ways you can stay up-to-date with what's happening in our school board. Visit the [newsroom](#) or website homepage at www.yrdsb.ca. Listen to our [podcast](#). Follow the Board on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#). Read your school newsletters and emails. I look forward to staying connected with you.

Ron Lynn
Trustee, Markham Wards 2 and 6