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# PETHS Weekly Parent Bulletin

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### Guide to the 2023-2024 School Year

Click on the link to read the [Guide to the 2023-2024 School Year](#)

### PETHS 2023-2024 Student Handbook

Click on the link to read the [Student Handbook 2023-24](#)

### School Cash Online (SCO)



# School Information

## THIS WEEK @ TRUDEAU

### Monday, September 11

- TRUDEAUMANIA - GRADE 9 SPIRIT WEEK
- Grade 10 Safe Schools Assembly

### Tuesday, September 12

- Photo Day - see info below

### Wednesday September 13

- Grade 11 Safe Schools Assembly

### Thursday, September 14

- Grade 12 Safe Schools Assembly

### Friday, September 15

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## Coming Up...

- September 21 - Grade 9 parent information event 6pm
- September 21 - School Council Meeting 7pm
- September 22 - PA day - No School
- September 25 - SFD - Yom Kippur
- September 28 - Music Potluck

## 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

## 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](mailto: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.

## A message from our Trustee

Dear families,

It is my pleasure to welcome all new and returning families to school for the 2023-2024 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and wish you a positive start to the new school year. I know it can be a time of transition for many, and am grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our school staff for all that they do to support students as they start the new school year, and create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment in our schools.

The education of your children is a partnership, and we recognize that you are our most important partner when it comes to your child's education. As a family member, there are many ways you can engage in your child's learning, from speaking with your child about school and connecting with school staff to volunteering or becoming involved with the school council. You know your child best and we place great value on the relationship we have with families. I look forward to connecting with you throughout the school year.

As your school trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees has many [responsibilities](#), including making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicating with the public. Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns, and I will continue to keep you updated throughout the year on what is happening in the board. You can also visit our [newsroom](#), listen to our [podcast](#) and connect with us on social media to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the board.

This year, we are pleased to welcome our [new Director of Education Bill Cober](#), who took on the role on August 1 this year. He brings nearly 30 years of experience in public education in York Region, a commitment to student achievement and well-being, and a strategic and collaborative approach.

Later in the year, we will be undertaking a comprehensive strategic plan review. One of our roles as a board is to set the [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) that establishes our priorities and guides our direction as a school board. We will be reviewing that plan this year, and engaging with communities is a priority for us. Your input will be important and I look forward to sharing more information with you on this in the future.

I wish you all a great start to the school year and a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Ron Lynn

Trustee, Markham Wards 2 and 6



## My Experience and Advice for High School by CL

We strongly recommend our students and their families read this insightful look at the high school experience by, former PETHS student. The student has taken the time to share her thoughts, experience and advice. The article discusses topics such as academics, friendship and finding your passion. Below is a small excerpt from the article.

“The key lesson I took away from high school is that I am the master of my own actions. High school is like an empty canvas, and it's up to you to define your experience, rather than letting others define you. It's about doing what matters and makes sense to you, while also embracing the opportunity to grow and connect with others along the way.”

Please click on this link to read the entire document [My Experience and Advice for High School](#)

## Student Photo Day - Tuesday September 12

**YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!**

Tuesday September 12, 2023

**Showcase Your Best Smile**

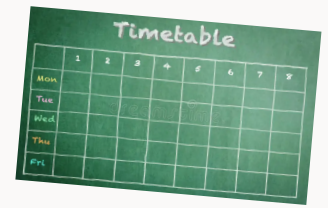
- Students will be photographed at school.
- You must be photographed to receive your student ID.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!

**DON'T FORGET**  
To help make your photo day seamless, check out our photo day tips at [edgeimaging.ca/photo-day-tips](https://edgeimaging.ca/photo-day-tips)

**GET REMINDERS**  
Sign up for notifications at [edgeimaging.ca/photoday](https://edgeimaging.ca/photoday) to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.

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# Update on Student Timetables



We wanted to provide you with an important update regarding the current timetable issues at PETHS.

Our Guidance Counsellors have been working tirelessly to resolve conflicts and ensure that our students receive the education they deserve. We understand that not having a full course load can cause anxiety, and we want to assure you that we are actively addressing this matter with the highest priority.

Here are some key points to keep you informed:

- 1. Prioritizing Affected Students:** Our top priority is students who do not currently have the required number of courses for their respective grade levels. Specifically, we are focusing on students in Grades 9 to 11 who do not have eight courses and Grade 12 students who do not have six courses.
- 2. Seeking Additional Sections:** To address these course conflicts, we have taken steps to request additional sections of certain courses from the Board. This effort may involve hiring more teachers or making necessary adjustments to our schedules.
- 3. Contacting Absent Students:** We have also initiated contact with students who did not attend school this week. This outreach is intended to determine whether these students still plan to attend PETHS. By doing this it opens up spaces in course.

We want to reassure you that rectifying these issues is of utmost importance to us. Our goal is to have all affected students back in class as soon as possible.

## Grade 12 Courses

We have few spaces left in Grade 12 courses. We are recommending that Grade 12 students sign up for a Night School or Remote Learning course through My Blueprint this weekend if they require a specific course this semester that is unavailable at PETHS.

We understand the concern and frustration that these timetable challenges may have caused, and we appreciate your patience and support as we work diligently to resolve them. If you have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to an alpha VP for assistance.



## to pay your \$30.00 Student Activity Fee

The Student Activity Fee will fund or subsidize activities such as:

- Student Council Events and school clubs
- Music, Theatre Arts and Visual Arts events
- Athletics
- Guest speakers for Heritage Months and Spirit days



## PD Day September 22, 2023

September 22 will be our first Professional Development day of the 2023-2024 school year. There is no school for our students on the 22nd, but our staff will be spending the day learning. Check out what our staff will be doing for the day.

[September 22 PD day agenda](#)

## AFTER SCHOOL BUILDING HOURS

PETHS Library is open after school until 3:30 pm for students to utilize its resources and study.

All students are encouraged to exit the building by 4:30 PM unless they are engaged in one of the following activities:

- Attending a club meeting.
- Receiving extra academic help.
- Participating in a special school event.
- Participating in a sports practice.
- Attending a sports game or event.



For the safety and security of our students, we kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child adheres to this policy. If your child is not involved in any of the above activities, please make arrangements for them to leave no later than 4:30 pm.

We understand that there may be exceptions due to unforeseen circumstances or specific arrangements, but we encourage you to communicate with us in advance if your child needs to stay at school beyond this time.

## Student Health Plans

Next week, health care plans forms will be distributed to students identified in our system. If your child has a medical condition and does not bring home a form, please use the links below to access the appropriate form.. Return completed forms, Ms. Tseng in the main office

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

[Epilepsy Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Type 1 Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

## Cafeteria Update

Our cafeteria survery will be open for the 2023-2024 school year. At this time, we are working toward having our cafeteria open for sales around the middle of September . We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available, and dates are confirmed. Students, who eat at school, should bring their lunch. The cafeteria will be open for all students to eat their lunch.



## Grade 9 Parent/Guardian Information Evening

Please join us on:

September 21, 2023  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
PETHS Library

Kindly RSVP by Sept. 15th, completing this [Google form](#) which also indicates your presentation language preference



## School Council Meeting

September 21, 2023  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

In-person PETHS Library  
Elections for our 2023-2024 School Council executive will take place. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please print the [PETHS School Council Nomination Form](#) and return the completed form to the main office on or before Friday, September 15, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

# MOBYSS

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Time: 9:30am - 1:00pm  
Every other Wednesday

Dates: Sept. 27  
Oct. 11, 25  
Nov. 22  
Dec. 6

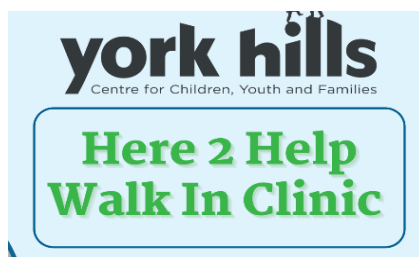


Canadian Mental  
Health Association  
York and South Simcoe

## Resources for Families

### The Here 2 Help Walk In Clinic

York Hills offers free immediate access to single session counselling from a mental health professional. Click the link below for more information. [Here 2 Help Walk In Clinic](#)



Learn more about

## One Stop Talk

### One Stop Health

One Stop Talk offers children, youth (within 18 years of age) and their families immediate access to free mental health support. [One Stop Talk](#)



# YRDSB Information

## Indigenous Languages and International Languages Program Update – September 2023

Registration for the [elementary language courses](#) is now open. Courses will be offered in-person and remotely, and will begin the last week of September.

Registration for the [secondary credit courses](#) will open mid-July. Courses will be offered remotely Wednesday or Saturday, beginning September 23

Click on the link to view our flyer: [Flyer](#)

Please visit the [Indigenous Languages and International Languages](#) web page, or email [ilil@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ilil@yrdsb.ca) for more information.