



UNIONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Parent Bulletin for Friday, May 8, 2020

Want to learn more about YRDSB's Learning and Caring Plan?

York Region District School Board launched a podcast called **Tune In YRDSB** in February as a way to entertain, inform and inspire learning through storytelling. Tune In YRDSB has six episodes uploaded and accessible to the community.

The most recent episode is called **Learning and Caring During COVID-19**. In this episode, Associate Director of Education Dr. Steven Reid speaks with Superintendents Kate Diakiw (Student Services and Well-Being) and Heather Sears (Curriculum and Instructional Services) about YRDSB's Learning and Caring Plan and answers some common questions related to it.

All episodes are available on Anchor.fm/yrdsb and you can subscribe on your favourite podcast platform to get future episodes as they are released.

Synchronous Learning Guidelines

As you know, YRDSB continues to explore different opportunities to learn from home, connecting students and teachers through technology with the safety and well-being of students in mind. With the Ministry of Education having extended the duration of the school closure, there is an opportunity for staff, if they choose, to offer synchronous "real time" live support to students, in order to enhance the asynchronous online learning environment currently provided.

- **Asynchronous** refers to activities that are not happening simultaneously or in "real time".
- **Synchronous** refers to activities that are happening simultaneously or in "real time".

As usual, teachers will continue to post learning activities for classes in their online learning platforms each week. Teachers may choose to identify "real time" synchronous activities that involve two-way audio/video conferencing. This will offer an opportunity for students to engage with one another and the teacher in a one-on-one, small/large group, or whole class setting. When these synchronous activities occur, teachers will provide information as to the day, time, and login instructions.

By students participating in "real time" synchronous teaching and learning, students and families are agreeing to the following responsibilities:

- [YRDSB Appropriate Use of Technology Policy and Procedures](#) will apply to all learning at home activities.
- Rules of conduct and behaviour for the regular classroom also apply to the virtual classroom.
- Appropriate student dress is required as applicable at school.
- Parents/guardians should be mindful of family activities that would potentially be heard/seen during the students' use of audio/video conferencing.

- Students/parents/guardians shall not take photos, screenshots or record any video/audio from these conference sessions.
- No aspect of a Google Meet session will be posted to any social media sites or through any medium.

Please note that participation in the “real-time” synchronous teaching and learning activities is not mandatory. If a student is not able to participate in synchronous support, an alternative arrangement will be made to ensure each student has access to the learning. Further, students may choose to participate in some synchronous activities and not others or decide only to participate asynchronously. If at any time you have questions about synchronous activities, please connect with the teacher via email.

Summer Learning Opportunities

- E-Learning

Registration for Summer School E-Learning is now open. Students interested in summer E-Learning must contact their alpha Guidance counselor by email requesting permission to register:

Ms. Farwell (A-H): michelle.farwell@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Riolo (I-N): rita.riolo@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Hawkins (O-Yo): stephanie.hawkins@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Choi (Yu-Z): yu-kyung.choi@yrdsb.ca

[Courses being offered along with general information can be found here.](#)

- Grade 8 Reach Ahead/Grades 9 -12 Language Program

Grade 8 students can now take a Grade 9 credit course this summer in Spanish or Mandarin. Grades 9 to 12 students can now take Level B or C summer credit courses in Spanish or Mandarin. Prerequisites are not required for any Level B international languages course. This is an 18-day program (July 6-29, Monday to Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m. daily) for one credit introductory (Level B) international languages course. [Please click here for more information and to register.](#) This program is available at the following summer school locations:

- Langstaff SS, Richmond Hill
- Milliken Mills HS, Markham
- Sir William Mulock SS, Newmarket
- Tommy Douglas SS, Vaughan

Asian Heritage Month

[In May 2002, the Government of Canada signed an official declaration to designate May as Asian Heritage Month.](#) This acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian Canadians from East Asia, Southern Asia, Western, and Southeast Asia and their contributions to Canada. It also provides an opportunity for Canadians across the country to reflect and celebrate the contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage towards the growth and prosperity of Canada. In the month of May, families are encouraged to join Ontarians and Canadians who will be celebrating the rich and vibrant heritage of people of Asian and South Asian descent.

The government is currently accepting video submissions that highlight cultural music and dance. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Scholarships

The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)

The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) is dedicated to the success of Black students of African Canadian heritage in schools in the York Region District School Board. Unfortunately, AEBS had to cancel the 2020 Achievement Awards Ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic physical distancing policy; however, AEBS believes it is important for students to have access to funds to help pay for their postsecondary education.

AEBS invites Black students who are graduating to apply for a scholarship. To see a list of scholarships and to apply, students should [CLICK HERE](#). An optional informational webinar will be held on Friday, May 15th at 4:30 p.m. on Google Meet for students interested in applying for an AEBS scholarship. Students should [CLICK HERE](#) to join the webinar and use the meeting name 'aeb2020scholarshipinfo'.

The Black Foundation of Community Networks

BFCN is a non-profit organization founded in 2011 and based in Woodbridge, Ontario. BFCN provides free and low-cost programs and services to support Black communities and also connects people with resources and other local organizations. BFCN's initiatives include annual scholarships and awards, [an annual Scholarship Directory](#), Scholarship Application Workshops, a weekly community program called Friday Focus, an ongoing Community Calendar, and access to resources, services and opportunities for Black youth, adults, and families. BFCN also acts as a community representative for various initiatives including the Anti-Black Racism Steering Committee for both the York Region District and the York Catholic District School Boards.

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