

Week of December 12, 2022

Upcoming Dates	
Dec. 14	VDPS Movie night 5:00 p.m.
Dec. 16	Snack Shop
Dec. 21	Primary Winter Concert -Teachers will share additional details
Dec 26 - Jan 6	Winter Break
Jan. 11	School Council Meeting

Toy Mountain

Thank you so much to you, our generous Viola Desmond community. We collected over 20 boxes of toys for Toy Mountain! Our students and staff volunteers who attended had a great time at the Toy Mountain event at Legoland on Thursday evening.



Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)

Effective July 1, 2014, Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) impacts how York Region District School Board communicates electronically with our parents and community partners. CASL prohibits the sending of any type

of electronic message that is commercial in nature unless the recipient has provided specific and informed consent.

As a result, York Region District School Board requires your consent to receive any electronic messages which contain advertising or promotions regarding school fundraisers, lunch programs, field trips, the sale of yearbooks, purchasing of student photos, books, prom or dance tickets, athletic events with an entry fee or similar events and offers.

In order to consent to receive commercial electronic messages we must already have your email address on file with the school to receive non-commercial communications. If you have not provided your email address as a part of the registration process, please contact the school directly to have your email address added to the non-commercial communications.

If your email address is already on file with the school, please indicate your acceptance of commercial emails by providing your email address using [this link](#)

The system will cross reference your email address with our database and if your email is on file with the school(s), you will receive a confirmation email.

Please note, in order to receive emails about hot lunches, lunch programs (theatre, cooking etc.), and fundraisers, you need to [opt in](#) to these emails.

School and Child Care Screening Tool

A message from Public Health and YRDSB: Students, staff members & visitors should continue to use and adhere to the School and Child Care Screening Tool prior to entering school.

Public Health has provided an updated screening tool to align with recent recommendations. <https://www.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

Message From Our Trustee

December 2022

I am delighted and honoured to serve as your trustee on the 2022-2026 Board of Trustees.

As a trustee, my role includes being an advocate for quality public education in York Region, and I want to assure you that I am committed to that work. Every one of our students deserves to be learning in an environment where they feel safe, valued and supported in learning and achieving success.

Part of our role as trustees includes making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and setting our priorities as an organization through a [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). Our board will work hard to keep students at the centre of our decision making, and to build collaborative relationships with the families and communities we serve. The education of our students, your children, is a partnership and the relationships we have with families is an essential one.

Communicating with families and members of the public is also an important part of our role, and I look forward to connecting with members of the school community in the coming weeks and months. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I will be sharing information with you throughout the school year, and letting you know more about our work and priorities as a school board. You can also visit the board website at www.yrdsb.ca or follow on social media.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates in December for different faiths and cultures, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to spend time with family and friends, relax and recharge, and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Best Regards,

Estelle Cohen

Trustee, Vaughan Wards 4 and 5

estelle.cohen@yrdsb.ca

Worth Repeating:

School Start-Up Forms

Please complete the School Start-Up forms as soon as possible. We require these forms for many aspects of school programming. They can be found here: <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>

Safety Before and After School

Our school follows a soft entry model. Doors are open from 8:55–9:10 am and staff supervise students indoors. There is no staff supervising outside on the school yard. The expectation is for students to enter the building as they arrive.

- Please do not leave your children unsupervised before or after school. This includes dropping them off at the kiss and ride loop to wait for the bell to ring.
- Please do not allow your children to ride scooters or bicycles on school grounds during arrival or dismissal
- Please do not play soccer on the playground during arrival or dismissal

We have many parents, grandparents and children on our property during arrival and dismissal, and we want to keep everyone safe.

Attached to the Weekly

- Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter