

Week of January 16, 2023

Upcoming Dates	
Jan. 18	School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 19	French Immersion Information Night at 7:00 p.m. This is for parents/guardians of students entering Gr. 1 in September 2023
Jan. 20	PA Day - School is closed to students Kindergarten and Gr. 1 French Immersion Registration begins today
Jan. 25	International Holocaust Remembrance Day event at Anne Frank Public School 6:30 p.m. - Registration info below
Jan. 27	PJ Day Literacy Day (more details to follow)

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration begins **January 20** for the 2023-24 school year. Children who turn four or five years old during 2023, live within the school boundary, and whose parents/guardians are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for Kindergarten.

There are several ways you can register for Kindergarten:

- Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to their school email address: viola.desmond.ps@yrdsb.ca
- By phone - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed, during this phone conversation. [Call your local school](#).
- In-person at the school - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

Our Kindergarten programs are caring and welcoming where children learn through exploration, play and inquiry. You can learn more at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten. We

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look forward to welcoming our new students and families to the school.

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

Anne Frank Public School is hosting the producers of the award winning documentary, *The Rhapsody* on **Wednesday January 25, 2023**. Please see the flyer below for more information or click on this [link](#) for FREE tickets and registration.

Please reserve your seats early as this event has limited capacity and will likely fill up quickly! The event is intended for adults and students in 9 and up.

The Rhapsody is a documentary that unfolds like a thriller. Composer and Holocaust survivor Leo Spellman's secret wartime diary and long-lost orchestral masterpiece are the framework that bring his remarkable tale of survival to life. Diary entries of his eighteen months in hiding, as part of the Polish Partisans resistance, are portrayed through artwork and animation narrated by Stephen Fry. The documentary features powerful concert performances, rare archival footage, and an uplifting finale as Spellman's legacy is finally recognized in the Polish town where he narrowly escaped death.

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- WEBSITE: <http://spellmansrhapsody.com>
- TRAILER: <https://vimeo.com/522123390/bf20668efb>



IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Best Documentary · The Rhapsody

AUDIENCE AWARD WINNER
HK JEWISH
FILM
FESTIVAL
BEST DOCUMENTARY
2022

York Region District School Board families, educators & students (grade 9+) are invited to join the screening of *The Rhapsody*, a documentary about a Polish Canadian composer/Holocaust survivor, Leo Spellman.

The Rhapsody is a documentary featuring composer and Holocaust survivor Leo Spellman's secret wartime diary and long-lost orchestral masterpiece, which bring his remarkable tale of survival to life. Diary entries of his eighteen months in hiding, as part of the Polish Partisans resistance, are portrayed through artwork and animation narrated by Stephen Fry. The documentary features powerful concert performances, rare archival footage, and an uplifting finale as Spellman's legacy is finally recognized in the Polish town where he narrowly escaped death.

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Paul & Brenda Hoffert, producers of the film, will be joining the event and will participate as part of a Q & A panel at the end of the screening.

**Wednesday January 25, 2023
Anne Frank Public School
6:30 p.m.**

Please RSVP by **January 16, 2023***
Registration Link / QR code
<https://bit.ly/3wtK21v>

www.spellmansrhapsody.com

[Trailer](#)



*Limited Seating; please register early

School Council

Our next School Council meeting is on **Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the school library. We hope to see you there!

Agenda:

- Principals report
- Co chair /Events report
- Fundraising
- Lunch options update
- Lunchtime programs
- Finance report

- Proposed upcoming events:
 - Lunar new year
 - Kindness Week/Pink shirt
 - Fun fair

- Questions from parents

If you are not receiving emails about lunch time programming, ordering lunches or school fundraisers then please read below

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

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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.

Tamil Heritage Month

On October 5, 2016, Motion M-24 was passed in the Federal Parliament, officially proclaiming January as Tamil Heritage Month in Canada. Tamil Heritage Month aims to celebrate the richness of the Tamil language and its literature and highlight Tamil Canadians' vibrant traditions, histories, arts, and cultures. Students are invited to participate in a Tamil Heritage Month Poster Competition.

The poster is for the Tamil Heritage Month 2023 poster competition. It features a yellow background with a green watercolor splash in the center. At the top left, it says 'தமிழ் மரபுத் திங்கள்' (Tamil Heritage Month) in Tamil. Below that, 'TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH 2023' is written in bold red and black letters. To the right, there is a logo for 'TAMIL CIVIC ACTION' and a circular logo for 'TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH COUNCIL' with the text 'தமிழ் மரபுத் திங்கள் செயலகம்' (Tamil Heritage Month Council) in Tamil. The main text in the center says 'PARTICIPATE IN THE POSTER COMPETITION' in blue, followed by 'THE POSTER SHOULD DEPICT ANY ASPECT OF THE PAST, PRESENT OR FUTURE OF TAMILS IN TRADE & COMMERCE' in black. Below this, it says 'WHO CAN PARTICIPATE? CHILDREN & YOUTH AGED 6 TO 30' in blue and black. To the right, it says 'FINAL DEADLINE: JANUARY 23, 2023' in blue and black. At the bottom, there is an envelope icon and the text 'EMAIL ALL ENTRIES TO: info@tamilcivicaaction.com'. The poster also includes illustrations of a paint palette, a paintbrush, and a paint cup.

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/>

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/>