



Week of November 22, 2021

Upcoming Dates

November	Hindu Heritage Month
November 22-26	Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week
December 6-10	Food Drive in support of Vaughan Food Bank
December 13	Save the date: Virtual School Council Meeting
January 11, 2022	Grad Photos and Photo Retakes

Food Drive in Support of Vaughan Food Bank

Dear Families,

From Monday, December 6th to Friday, December 10th, our school will be collecting canned and dry food items to donate to the Vaughan Food Bank in an effort to help families in our community that are struggling.

Did you know that each month, more than one million Canadians benefit from food bank services, and that one third of them are children? Community food drives help ensure that children and their families have access to food assistance when needed. Every donation helps and we hope that our combined donations will make a meaningful difference for those in need.

Items will be collected daily in classrooms and in bins outside the main office.

Thank you for your help.

Here are some donation suggestions:

Rice	Juice boxes
Flour	Soups
Canned meats/fish	Stews
Pasta	Cooking oil
Pasta sauce	Apple sauce
Peanut butter	Jam or jelly
Dried and canned beans	Gluten free products
Sugar	Sugar free items
Milk powder	Meal replacements
Baby formula	Hot/cold cereals
Diapers and wipes	



Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week

From November 22–26 we recognize Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week. At our school, it is important that we provide a caring, safe and inclusive environment that supports the academic achievement and well-being of all students. This week serves as a reminder to our school community about bullying and how to respond. During this week students will engage in learning activities that reinforce positive behaviours that respond to and prevent bullying.

Bullying is a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Bullying can take many forms. Some include:

Physical – hitting, shoving, stealing or damaging property

Verbal – name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments

Social – excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them

Electronic (commonly known as cyberbullying) – spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of cellphones, e-mail, text messaging and through social media

Bullying is never acceptable at our school. All members of our school community are encouraged to stand up and support each other. Should there be concerns about bullying or if you have any questions please contact us.

You can also report events that happen at school, at school-related activities, online or off school property if they negatively affect a student or the school climate through [YRDSB's Report It tool](#). This tool is available on the homepage of our school's website or on www.yrdsb.ca. You may also choose to make a report anonymously.

For more [information and resources on bullying and cyberbullying](#), please follow @YRDSB or visit www.yrdsb.ca.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and inclusive school community.



School Council

All VDPS parents and guardians are invited to participate in our School Council.

We are looking for people to join our fundraising initiatives. If you are interested in learning more about how you can get involved with School Council, please send an email to viola.desmond.ps@sc.yrdsb.ca

Our next (virtual) meeting will be on December 13. Please complete [this form](#) to register for the meeting, and we will share the Zoom link on December 13.

YRDSB FAQ page

The YRDSB has a helpful FAQ page that includes information about learning as well as health and safety. [Covid-19 FAQ](#)



Reflecting on Racism & Discrimination
A Monthly Lecture Series

Allyship and Acts of Solidarity

Moving forward together, we look at effective allyship and acts of solidarity in the closing session of this lecture series.

Presenters Neena Gupta and Rebecca Bromwich, both lawyers at Gowling WLG, discuss our shared responsibility to be effective allies. The focus will be on practical, implementable ways for individuals to interrupt bias, and help build inclusive and diverse workplaces.

Tuesday, Nov 23 | 7 pm   Live on Zoom



Guest Speakers
Rebecca Bromwich
Neena Gupta

[Registration link](#)



Parent Engagement Panel Discussion (In Tamil Session)

தமிழில் பெற்றோருடன் ஓர் கலந்துரையாடல்

- **Course Selection for Grade 9**
9 ஆம் வகுப்புக்கான பாடத் தேர்வு
- **Destreaming of Grade 9 Math**
புதிய Academic, Applied நீக்கப்பட்ட தரம் 9க்கான கணிதம்

Hosted by

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and
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யோக் பிராந்திய பாடசாலை வாரியத்தின் தமிழ் மாணவர்கள்
வெற்றிக்கான அமைப்பும்,
யோக் பிராந்திய பாடசாலை சமூக சேவைகளுடன் இணைந்து நடாத்தும்
பயிற்சிப் பட்டறை

Date / திகதி: December 8, 2021
Time / மாலை: 6:30 - 8:00 pm வரை

[Registration பதிவு செய்ய இணைப்பு இங்கே](#)

If you have any questions please contact:
உங்களுக்கு ஏதாவது கேள்விகள் இருந்தால்

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[Registration Form](#)