

Week of September 11, 2023

Upcoming Dates

Sept. 22	PA Day - no school for students
Oct. 4	School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Curriculum Night

We had a fantastic first week of school! It was wonderful to see all of our students engaging in learning, reconnecting with old friends and meeting new friends. Earlier this week we had our Caring and Safe schools assembly when we talked about being safe and kind, consent, and healthy behaviours.

ASK YOURSELF, "IS IT SAFE"?



ASK YOURSELF, "IS IT KIND"?







REMINDERS: HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS & BEHAVIOURS

Actions that are acceptable:

-  Being inclusive and accepting
-  Being kind, caring, and compassionate
-  Being collaborative
-  Respecting the personal boundaries of yourself and others

Actions that are unacceptable:

-  Bullying/Cyberbullying
-  Spreading Hate/Rumors
-  Sharing inappropriate images & recording others without consent
-  Non-consensual touching



Lunch Assistants Needed

If you or someone you know is available to work as a lunch assistant from 1:00–2:00 PM daily, please contact the office for more information. This is a paid position.

Early Pick-Ups

Please note that school ends at 3:40 PM. It is very disruptive to student learning to have interruptions during the last 10–15 minutes of the day. While we understand that children will occasionally have medical or other appointments please do not regularly pick up your children early from school.

Medical Information

Each year, there are forms that need to be completed for children with life threatening allergies and/or other medical conditions. Please download any required medical forms and email the completed forms to viola.desmond.ps@yrdsb.ca or return hard copies to the office during the first week of school.

- [Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)
- [Asthma Health Care Plan](#)
- [Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)
- [Epilepsy Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)
- [Staff Administration of Medication](#)
- [Self-Administration of Medication](#)

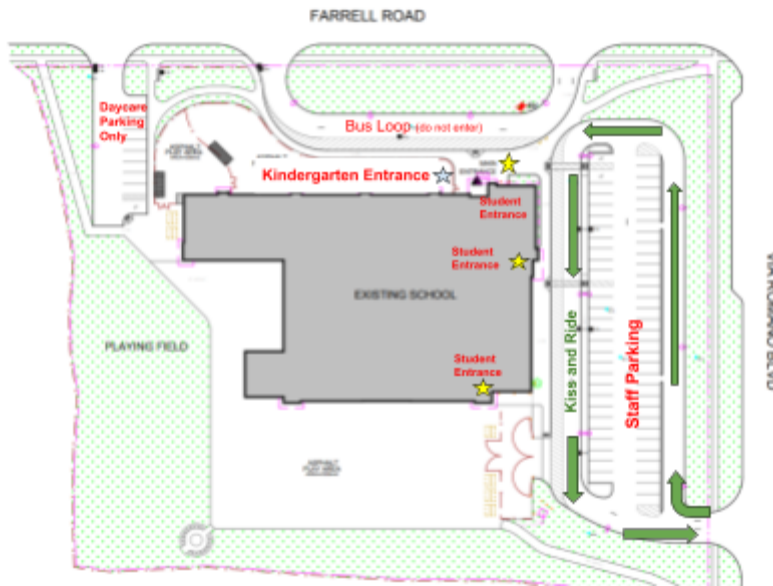
For students who are anaphylactic, please send your child to school with 2 epi-pens. One will be kept in the office and the other will remain with your child throughout the school day.

Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL)

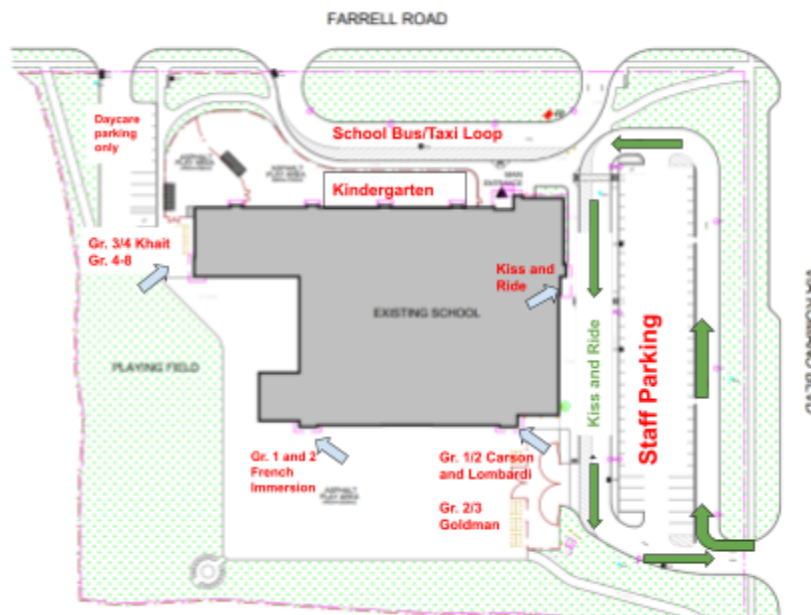
In order to receive information of a commercial nature that we plan to include in future Family Weeklies, **including fundraisers, lunch time programming, and hot lunch programs**, you will need to **opt in** using **this form**. We will also post the Family Weeklies to the school website.

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Entrance Doors for Morning Arrival



Exit Doors for Dismissal



Bus Transportation

Please go to the [School Bus City website](#) to confirm your bus stop or get information regarding transportation delays.



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If there is a change in your child's transportation needs, please email the office (viola.desmond.ps@yrdsb.ca) so we can update our records.

School Council

All parents/guardians are invited to participate in our School Council. If you are interested in running for an elected position, please complete the nomination form that will be shared in the YRDSB school forms email that will be sent out shortly. The first School Council meeting for this school year and the elections will take place on **Wednesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.**

School Cash Online

Field trips, yearbooks, fundraisers and some **hot lunch programs** are paid for by families using School Cash Online. If you already have an account, ensure it is set up to provide you with **notifications** of new items.

If you do not yet have an account, please see the information below with instructions for setting up an account.

Follow the steps below to register:

Step 1: Register

Please go to the School Cash Online parent site:
<https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Select the **"Register"** button



Enter your parent information to create an account.

*For Security Reasons your password requires **8 characters**, **one uppercase** letter, **one lowercase** letter and a **number**.

Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.

Step 3: Find/Add Student

NOTE: Enter Student Number (not OEN)

This step will connect your children to your account.

Select the School Name from the list

Add Student

* indicates a required field

1. Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

York Region District School Board

Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

2. Select School Name from the list

Select school...

3. Enter student information

Student Number

Last Name

Confirm

[I don't want to add a student](#)



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Enter student information: Student Number and Last Name

Select **Confirm**

On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**

Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select “**Add Another Student**” option in My Account/My Students and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select “**View Items For Students**” option.

A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the *GET HELP* option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com.

PA Day

Friday, September 22 is a Professional Activity day for school staff. Students do not attend school on this day.

School administration, teaching staff and support staff will be engaged in learning outlined below:

Half Day – AM

Student Well-being, School Safety, and Violence Prevention

Description:

School teams will engage in compliance training including:

- occupational health & safety;
- student safety and violent incident prevention;
- training on supporting student mental health and well-being; and
- understanding cybersecurity and online privacy.

Half Day – PM

Literacy/Mathematics Instructional Strategies

Description:

Literacy: Kindergarten to Grade 8 educators will participate in a module providing an overview of literacy in YRDSB, an orientation to the new Ontario Language curriculum, Early and Emergent Reading Instruction, Universal Design for

Learning, Equitable Assessment, and Screening Tool information.

Math: Kindergarten to Grade 8 educators will participate in a module on the nine High Impact Instructional Practices identified by the Ministry of Education and their connection to our board's Comprehensive Math Program.

Workshops and Events

Fun Fair and Meet & Greet Celebrating Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and Sukkot



Please join us to foster cultural understanding to celebrate the Jewish holidays in September. Come meet fellow families and community members and help to create an identity affirming environment for Jewish learners.

This celebration is for YRDSB students, parents/caregivers and community members to learn about Jewish traditions, customs and practices.

Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Location: Westmount Collegiate Institute

Fun Activities

Acknowledgment of holiday traditions and games

Holiday related art activity

Jewish community questionnaire/survey

Kosher food will be available for purchase sold by Kosher Pickle food truck

Jewish resources

Jewish holiday dance performed by Bounce Entertainment

You will also have an opportunity to meet the YRDSB Jewish Community and Partnership Developer from Inclusive School and Community Services, Diana Talis

To Register

Scan the QR code or fill out the [Registration Form](#)

If you have any further questions regarding this community event, please reach out to diana.talis@yrdsb.ca or iscs@yrdsb.ca.

