



Week of September 18, 2023

Upcoming Dates	
Sept. 20	Fall Fun Day - Gr. 1-8
Sept. 22	PA Day - no school for students
Sept. 28	Terry Fox Event- more details to follow
Oct. 4	School Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Curriculum Night
Nov. 3	Picture Day

Wishing Shanah Tova to all who are celebrating Rosh Hashanah this weekend.

A Message from YRDSB

Dear parents/guardians,

At the start of each school year, schools share with families a package of information about the school. We have attached it to this Family Weekly. Please ensure you review this important information. Families are also encouraged to review the online [Guide to the School Year](#).

We also ask families to complete some important forms. These forms are now available online. [Please complete and submit these online School Start-Up Forms](#) **through your child's YRDSB Google account**. Translations are available.

- You can access your child's YRDSB Google account via a web browser. For best results, use a computer rather than a mobile phone.
- The username is your child's YRDSB Student Number. Your child will receive their login information from the school at the start of the year. If you or your child do not know the password to log in to their Google account, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.
- Frequently asked questions and additional information on [how to complete the forms](#) are available on the Board website under [Family Resources](#) (click on the "Need Help" link for Family Start-Up Forms).



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It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year. There are both mandatory and optional forms. The forms are to be completed for all students. Your child's school will access the information.

Please complete a separate form for each child attending our schools. Secondary school students will also be asked to review important school and Board policies and to indicate that they have reviewed this information on forms sent to their student GAPPS account.

If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact your school office.

Thank you.

Fall Fun Day

At VDPS, we want all of our students to be safe and kind. We know that sometimes recess can be a challenging time. We can support students by fostering friendships and explicitly teaching activities that are appropriate for recess.

On Wednesday September 20 (Thurs. Sept. 21-rain date) we will be having *Fall Fun Day!* On this day, students in Grades 1-5 will have the opportunity to learn recess games and make connections with students of all ages. Students in Grades 6-8 will take on various leadership roles in order to help run Fall Fun Day. Please dress your child appropriately for outdoor activity on this day. Students will be offered a snack (vegan, gluten-free, nut-free) for Fall Fun Day. If you don't want your child to eat the provided snack, please let their teacher know.

Indigenous Languages and International Languages Program Update – September 2023

Registration for the [elementary language courses](#) is now open. Courses will be offered in-person and remotely, and will begin the last week of September.

Registration for the [secondary credit courses](#) is open. Courses will be offered remotely Wednesday or Saturday, beginning September 23.



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Please visit the [Indigenous Languages and International Languages web page](#) ,
or email ilil@yrdsb.ca for more information.

The York Region District School Board offers language learning to elementary students in grade SK to grade 8 and language credit courses to secondary students in grades 9 to 12.

Elementary Language Program

The elementary courses are extra-curricular language learning opportunities available in-person or remotely. Classes are 2.5 hours and take place once per week between Tuesday to Friday evenings (6:00 PM to 8:30 PM) or Saturday mornings (9:30 AM to 12:00 PM).

For more information about the elementary program, visit the [ILIL Elementary webpage](#) or scan the QR code:



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.

Bus Transportation

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

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.**

VDPS Weekly



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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.