May 4—15

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Principal: Sheri Epstein
Vice-Principal: Lisa Wargo
Vice-Principal: Sheldon Zelsman

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Please check our website regularly for updates.

NEWS & EVENTS
PARENTS
SCHOOL CALENDAR
Dear Families/Community Members

Your child’s mid-term report cards were distributed on Friday, April 24. If you have not yet seen it, please let us know. Report cards are one way for the school to keep parents/guardians informed of how their child is doing in school. The report card shows the academic progress your child is making in their courses, as well as their development of learning skills and work habits. Please contact the school if you require any help interpreting your child’s report card.

At Westmount, we believe that parents/guardians play a key role in supporting student learning. Studies show that students perform better in school if their parents/guardians are involved in their education. We strongly encourage you to regularly contact your child’s teachers to ensure their on-going success and academic achievement. Teachers’ contact information can be found on our school website. It is important that we work together as a school community to best support our students’ academic achievement.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Ms. Lisa Wargo
Vice-Principal
These 2 Weeks

Monday, May 4
- Valedictorian Voting

Thursday, May 7
- Valedictorian Voting Closed
- PROM

Friday, May 8
- PA Day—Regional Day

Wednesday, May 13
- School Council

Westmount Music

Congratulations to the Westmount Choir for their Platinum Award at the Music Alive Festival this week. Well done singers!
Math Contest

The results are in for the Pascal (grade 9), Cayley (grade 10), and Fermat (grade 11) University of Waterloo Math Contests. The grade 12 Euclid results will be arriving soon.

Congratulations to the following students for ranking in the top 25% of all contestants in each contest:

**Pascal:**
Alex Shen  
Matti Gencher  
Philip Lerner  
Raha Gharadaghi  
Alon Mezhibovsky

**Fermat:**
Jacky Jing  
Maor Epstein

A special thank you to all students that participated in the math contest:

**Pascal:**
Daniel Frank  
Jake Fromowitz  
Matti Gencher  
Ben Gelman  
Raha Gharadaghi  
Vicky Huang  
Daniel Kulakouski  
Philip Lerner  
Aakriti Mehra  
Alon Mezhibovsky  
Achuthan Mukundan  
Noam Segev  
Neta Sevilla  
Alex Shen  
Anna Shin

**Cayley:**
Fred Chereshski  
Chaya Edelist  
Thomas George  
Bradley Perez  
Daniel Shvartsman  
Nicole Sos  
Dylan Yakobovits  
Winky Yau  
Eitan Yehuda

**Fermat:**
Shoshana Beer  
Jessie Cartoon  
Maor Epstein  
Rebecca Feld  
Milena Gulevskaya  
Jacky Jing  
Kimberly Mahadeo  
Nicole Miropolsky  
Noah Thistle  
Andy Yan
DECA ICDC 2015 (April 23 - 30, 2015)
A full week of final preparations, rehearsing, presenting and awards took place in Orlando, Florida for the six Westmount DECA finalists. Jonah Prousky, Josh Shapiro, Benji Saltz, Daniel Weisberg, Ari Perez and Brad Perez, chaperoned by Mr. Coates, departed for the sunny south to compete against 17,000 other finalists from around the world in their respective business categories. The competition was fierce - but the experience was priceless. Congratulations goes out to all six competitors for outstanding performances, with special acknowledgement to Brad Perez, who placed in the top 20 for Hotel Management! Great job!
Guidance Appointments
Need an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor?
Here’s how to book and appointment:
https://sites.google.com/site/wciguidance/

Valedictorian Nomination and Voting
Nominations for Valedictorian can be submitted beginning April 27. Nominations close on May 1. Voting will take place in the Guidance office May 4 to 7 and the Valedictorian will be announced on May 8. #wcigrads
https://sites.google.com/site/wciguidance/graduation

Senior Prom 2015
Senior Prom will take place on Thursday, May 7 at the Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane St, Vaughan, Ontario. (Jane north of Hwy 7). Doors close at 7:00 pm sharp. We suggest that all grads depart for the Prom no later than 5:45 p.m. This earlier departure will accommodate rush hour traffic conditions, on-going construction in the immediate area and the weather conditions. Please remember that all vehicles will be checked for prohibited substances before all members of the party can enter the Prom venue. For more information please visit https://sites.google.com/site/wciguidance/graduation

Stay in the Loop
Follow WestmountGuidance on Facebook and @WCIGuidance on Twitter. Visit the Guidance website regularly for important news, information and announcements.
https://sites.google.com/site/wciguidance/home

Semester 2 Full Disclosure
Full Disclosure for grade 11 and 12 students is Friday, May 1. Courses dropped before May 1 will not appear on the official transcript. #dropacourse https://sites.google.com/site/wciguidance/dropping-a-course

Westmount Guidance Website
The Guidance website is updated on a regular basis. Students should regularly check the website to ensure they are up-to-date with what is happening in the school. For example, our grade 12 graduates should check out the “Graduating Class NEWS” page #wcigrads.

Did you know that each page of the Guidance website has been identified with a Twitter #hashtag? For example, the main page with the list of upcoming events has been labeled #wcievent. The Grads News page is labeled #wcigrads. These hash tags will make it easier to find news and information that has been posted to Twitter. If you type #wcigrads in the search box on your Twitter screen you will get a list of all tweets regarding news and events for our graduating class. Check it out at https://sites.google.com/site/wciguidance/
An ambivalent Cinderella? A blood-thirsty Little Red Ridinghood? A Prince Charming with a roving eye? All characters in James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim’s fractured fairy tale. Don’t miss Arts Westmount’s brilliant production May 27-29, 2015 at 8pm. Tickets are 15$ adults, $10 Students-available online at westmount.bpt.me, or at the door.
The Arts Westmount Dance Department would like to invite you to our annual year end production at the City Playhouse Theatre on Monday, June 1st and Tuesday, June 2nd. This highly entertaining show includes, jazz, ballet, contemporary, hip-hop, theatre dance and tap, with choreography by staff, students, and guest artists performed by our talented dancers. We hope that you will join us for this performance!

For more info please contact Ms. Catalano or Mrs. Harte.
Ann Douglas is a Canadian Author of a number of bestselling books about parenting and also a magazine writer who specializes in writing about parenting and health. This year she published her newest book *Parenting Through the Storm*: handling the Highs, the Lows, and everything In Between, a guide to parenting a child who is struggling with mental, neuro-developmental, or behavioral challenge.

Please join us for an evening with her on
Wednesday May 27th. Time: 6-7:30 PM
Location: Anne Frank Public School
RSVP to: anne.frank.ps@yrdsb.ca (subject line: "Ann Douglas")
Anne Frank Families: RSVP by May 1st, 2015
It will be open to community after May 1st. Limited space available.
Host a student visiting from abroad!

Can you offer ...
- a caring and secure environment
- an English speaking home
- a private bedroom
- three meals (and snacks) daily
- a home within reasonable distance to a YRSDB school

Families are compensated $900/month to cover the cost of hosting. School year and summer placements are available.

Accommodations in basements, and/or homes with tenants (renters/boarders) will not be considered.

homestay@yrdsb.ca
905 884 2046 ext 237
www.yrdsb.ca/international
The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families Presents:
A Coffee & Conversation Workshop Series
May 4-7, 2015

To celebrate Children’s Mental Health Week, The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families is hosting a Coffee & Conversation Series of workshops for interested parents and other community members. The workshops are free of charge, but you do need to register in advance for each workshop you would like to attend. The format of the evenings will be structured, but informal. Each evening will include a presentation, discussion, coffee, and goodie, not necessarily in that order!

**Place:** The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families
11225 Leslie Street, Richmond Hill (Elgin Mills & Leslie)

**Phone:** 905-887-5896
**Email:** info@theyorkcentre.ca

***TO REGISTER, please go online to the Eventbrite website using the link listed below each topic. Choose one only for each evening***

**Monday, May 4: 6:30pm - 8:00pm**

The Use of Mindfulness and Mental Health
http://theuseofmindfulnessandmentalhealth.eventbrite.com

"A Different Way of Learning": Understanding and Accommodating The Unique Learning Styles of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder
http://adifferentwayoflearning.eventbrite.ca

Rubber Band Kids: Raising Resilient Children
http://raisingresilientchildren.eventbrite.ca

**Presenter:** Sheri Van Dijk, MSW, RSW

**Tuesday, May 5: 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Parenting Your Anxious Child
http://parentingyouranxiouschild.eventbrite.ca

**Presenter:** Jennifer Scott, SSW

**Wednesday, May 6: 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Early Referral’s – Why They Make All The Difference for Children with Communication and language delays
http://why-early-referrals-for-language-communication.eventbrite.ca

Anxiety and Autism: A Kerry’s Place Group Learning Session (GLS)
http://autismandanxiety.eventbrite.ca

**Presenter:** Marlene Green M.A., Speech Language Pathologist

**Thursday, May 7: 6:30pm - 9:30pm**

safeTALK Training
http://safetalktraining.eventbrite.ca

Youth Led Engagement
http://youthledengagement.eventbrite.ca

**Presenter:** Michael Morris B.A., B.Ed., OCT

**Presenter:** Michelle Cassidy, Mental Health YRDSB

**Presenter:** Jaana Lempinen, CYW

**Supported BY**
RBC Children’s Mental Health Project

**Workshop Descriptions on reverse side.**
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS
Monday, May 4 (choose one)

**The Use of Mindfulness and Mental Health:** In recent decades, researchers have been learning that Mindfulness helps us live healthier lives, by reducing emotional problems such as depression, anxiety, and anger; improving sleep, concentration, memory, and immune system function; and helping us to be more effective in the relationships in our lives. In this workshop you will learn practical exercises, what Mindfulness is, and how it can help us with depression, anxiety, anger, chronic pain, low self-esteem, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other emotional difficulties. We will also learn how the way we think can increase our suffering and what we can do to reduce your emotional pain. *This workshop is geared towards adults and teens 16+. Presenter: Sheri Van Dijk, MSW, RSW, Psychotherapist and Author.*

**“A Different Way of Learning”; Understanding and Accommodating the Unique Learning Styles of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder:** This workshop will highlight the learning strengths and weaknesses experienced by students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Participants will learn about support strategies that accommodate learning needs and reduce anxiety for individuals on the Autism Spectrum. *This workshop is suitable for parents, teachers, and classroom support staff. Presenter: Neil Walker, BSW. COMPASS Manager, Project Manager; York ASD-Partnership.*

**Rubber Band Kids; Raising Resilient Children:** One of the most important tasks of parenthood is helping children learn to deal with their emotions. This seminar will help you raise your child with the ability to bounce back when stretched by stressors. You’ll learn six key building blocks for becoming emotionally resilient which will help you to help your child to cope with day-to-day stresses and major life events. *This workshop is suitable for parents of children ages 0-12. Presenter: Lettie Hall, M.Ed. YRDSB/The York Centre.*

Tuesday, May 5 (choose one)

**Parenting Your Anxious Child:** What does a child who is anxious look like and sound like? Come and learn about the cycle of anxiety and the signs and symptoms that anxious children present. There are things you can do and things you perhaps shouldn’t do. You’ll learn helpful strategies that parents can use. *This workshop is geared to parents and caregivers of kids of all ages. Presenter: Jennifer Scott, SSW. The York Centre Intensive Services.*

Wednesday, May 6 (choose one)

**Early Referrals – Why They Make All The Difference for Children with Communication and Language Delays:** This interactive talk will discuss how to identify communication and other language delays. Participants will also learn how to make referrals to York Region Preschool Speech and Language Program and York Region Early Intervention Services using E.R.I.K. referral kit. The importance of Early Intervention and Identification will be a key topic in this workshop. There will be opportunities to discuss how sensitive information is shared between agencies and to answer any questions from the audience. *This workshop is geared towards parents and caregivers, teachers, Early Childhood Educators, and/or support staff who work with children ages 0-6. Presenter: Marlene Green, MA, Speech and Language Pathologist, York Region Pre School Speech and Language, Child Development Programs Markham Stouffville Hospital.*

**Anxiety & Autism (ASD) – Group Learning Session:** One of the most commonly cited concerns we hear about day to day is the anxiety that people with Autism face day-to-day. This Group Learning Session (GLS) has been designed to help you recognize signs of Anxiety and learn what you can do about it. Come to learn more and be empowered on how to help your son/daughter/self gain a sense of self control over life again! *This workshop is open to parents and caregivers who have children that have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder who are also experiencing anxiety. Presenter: Michael Morris B.Ed., OCT. Autism Advocate, Community Kerry’s Place Autism Services, Central Region.*

Thursday, May 7 (choose one)

**safeTALK Training:** safeTalk is a training that prepares you to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. Most people with thoughts of suicide invite help to stay safe. Alert helpers know how to use these opportunities to support that desire for safety. As a safeTALK-trained suicide alert helper, you will be better able to: move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss or avoid suicide; identify people who have thoughts of suicide; apply the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen and KeepSafe) to connect a person with suicide thoughts to suicide first aid, and intervention caregivers. Powerful video clips illustrate both non-alert and alert responses. Discussion and practice help stimulate learning; Learning steps that contribute to saving lives. *This workshop is three hours in length. Presenter: Michelle Cassidy, Mental Health Lead, YRDSB.*

**Youth Led Engagement:** This youth lead workshop will encompass an open and judgment free forum for youth who would like to have the opportunity to engage in positive conversations with their peers (with Child and Youth Worker Support and Guidance) about youth-related important topics. Most importantly, there is FREE PIZZA! So come and join us for an evening of pizza and conversation. *This workshop is geared towards youth ages 13-18 years old. Presenter: Jaana Lempinen, CYW., The York Centre Youth Day Treatment Program.*
**LDAYR and Evoke Learning Presents** The Science of Student Success Workshops

**Part One: Preparing for Tests and Exams**

**Location and Time:**

4 sessions
2 hours per session

**Richmond Hill**
LDA - York Region
11181 Yonge Street
Richmond Hill, ON
905-884-7933 ext.23
(Room: B13 basement)

Week: August 17 - 20, 2015
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Aurora**
Evoke Learning York Region
15224 Yonge Street Suite 202
Aurora, ON
905-856-3893

Week: July 13 - 16, 2015
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

**Cost:**

$210 LDAYR member
$235 Non-LDAYR member

Program fees are transferable but non-refundable

Study skills are often referred to as the "hidden curriculum". Teachers often assume student know how to prepare for a test or exam, however many students lack these essential skills and approach the studying task haphazardly. We tell students to make sure they study for the next upcoming test, but many just don't know where to start. Our brains were not made for school, which means that we need to know the science behind how our brain works in order to understand effective study strategies. It also means that retaining information requires extra work on the part of the student. Knowing just what this work needs to look like, and how to study for a test or exam, is half the battle.

This workshop is designed for high school students (and those entering grade 9 in the fall) and demonstrates:

- How the brain learns
- How to prepare for a test or exam
- Effective and evidence-based (brain science) strategies for writing tests and exams - what works and what doesn't
- Why cramming doesn't work
- Some online tools that can be accessed to make studying a little more interesting and engaging

Students will receive a handout to take home that will help remind them of what they learned.

*All workshops are capped at 20 students.*

*Pizza and drinks will be served during the workshops.

NOW is the right time to learn these important skills to ensure the information is understood and absorbed!
LDAYR and Evoke Learning Presents: The Science of Student Success Workshops
Part Two: Note-taking and Preparing Notes that are Test and Exam Ready

Location & Time:
4 Sessions
2 hours per session

Richmond Hill:
LDA - York Region
11181 Yonge Street
Richmond Hill, ON
905-884-7933 ext.23
(Room: B13 basement)
Week: August 17 - 20, 2015
Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Aurora:
Evoke Learning York Region
15224 Yonge Street Suite 202
Aurora, ON
905-853-7283
Week: July 13 - 16, 2015
Time: 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Cost:
$210 LDAYR member
$235 Non-LDAYR member

*All workshops are capped at 20 students.
*Pizza and drinks will be served during the workshops.

This workshop is for students who have already registered for our first workshop; Preparing for Tests and Exams, and is an extension of what they need to know as a student to prepare effective study notes. While students may have an understanding of how to study, they may not be using effective note-taking strategies. Quite often students find themselves disorganized and without effective study notes to prepare for a test or exam.

This workshop is designed for high school students (and those entering grade 9 in the fall) and demonstrates:
- Effective note-taking strategies
- Effective reading strategies (how to annotate)
- How to create effective study-ready notes from a lesson, a reading assignment and a video
- Organization techniques

NOW is the right time to learn these important skills to ensure the information is understood and absorbed!

LDAYR • Learning Disabilities Association of York Region
The right to learn, the power to achieve
Expert Guest Speaker Series for Parents and Guardians!

Understanding and Managing Academic Stress

Richmond Hill High School and Bayview Secondary School invite parents and guardians in the community to join us for one or both information evenings on supporting students’ academic success and well-being.

Bayview Secondary School
Thursday, May 7th, 2015
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Presenters:
CMHA – Canadian Mental Health Association and students

Richmond Hill High School
Thursday, May 14th, 2015
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Presenters:
Michelle Cassidy (YRDSB Mental Health Lead), Youthspeak, and students

Join us to:
1) Identify and understand the signs that suggest students are stressed
2) Learn practical strategies to support and empower students
3) Have your questions answered

Save a seat and RSVP via Google Form - http://goo.gl/oo0UFL

Please let us know if you need support with translation in the following languages:
Farsi, Mandarin, Cantonese, Korean
WE ARE INCLUSIVE
EASY START TRANSITION PROGRAM
FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Join Us!
SCAN HERE AND REGISTER ONLINE!

LEARN MORE ABOUT:
Transition Tips for Students/Parents • Services for Students • Financial Aid Information
Plus: Student Panel Presentation • BBQ Lunch and Prizes...

LAKE SHORE CAMPUS
Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2015
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

NORTH CAMPUS
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2015
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm
*Including Cramerville, the University of Guelph-Humber and the Centre for Trades and Technology

ADDITIONAL DAY FOR ASD* STUDENTS:
Date: Friday, August 21, 2015
Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm
Hosted at the North Campus
*Autism Spectrum Disorder

REGISTER AT:
Website: wegotyou.humber.ca
Click on Accessible Learning Services

CONTACT US AT:
Email: accessible-learning@humber.ca

HUMBER
UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH HUMBER
groups & workshops
MAY 2015

BEYOND THE CHUPPAH, BECOMING A COUPLE
A two session Marriage Preparation group for couples who are going to be married in the next year. Topics include: Changing roles and expectations, finances, conflict negotiation and resolution, communication, and Jewish home and family life. This program is offered in partnership with the Rabbinical Assembly-Ontario Region.
Sunday May 3 & May 17, 2015 | 100 Elder St | Beth Emeth Synagogue | 11 am to 3:30 pm

EFFECTIVE PARENTING
A four session group to help parents learn what they can do to raise a happy, motivated and well behaved child. For parents of children ages 2 to 10 years. Topics include: how to; nurture self esteem, encourage problem solving, increase communication and set appropriate limits and discipline.
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 1 pm to 3 pm
Thursday, May 28, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 7 pm to 9 pm

WHEN YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEPARATE: WHAT TO TELL THE KIDS
A workshop for parents about to separate or in the early stages of separation. How and when to tell the children as well as ideas and strategies to best meet your child’s needs will be discussed.
Tuesday, May 5, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

WIDOW/WIDowers 65+ BEREAVEMENT
A six session daytime group for men and women over 65 years who have recently lost a partner or spouse. Topics to be discussed may include: coping with grief, living with loneliness, changing relationships, and new beginnings.
Wednesday, May 6, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 1 pm to 2:30 pm

LIFE SKILLS FOR TODAY’S WOMAN | 2 LOCATIONS
A six session group for women wanting to discuss relevant issues and wanting to make a change in their lives. Topics include: Time and stress management, building self esteem, assertiveness and improving communication skills.
Wednesday, May 6, 2015 | 9600 Bathurst St | Lebovic Jewish Community Centre | 7 pm to 9 pm
Thursday, May 7, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 1 pm to 3 pm
ONE FAMILY, TWO HOMES
A six session series for families experiencing separation and divorce. Children participate in separate age appropriate groups which will help them to: feel better, deal with some of the myths and know where to get support. Topics for parents include: tips for keeping the kids out of the conflict, trends in family law and the impact of separation and divorce on children.
Wednesday, May 6, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 6:30 pm to 8 pm

THE CHALLENGE OF ANGER FOR WOMEN
A six session group for women to learn how to express their anger in an assertive, non-aggressive way. Topics include: understanding what triggers your anger, emotional and physical responses to anger and alternative techniques to express your anger.
Thursday, May 7, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 7:30 pm to 9 pm

LIVING WITH TEENS
Parenting your adolescent without losing your cool. A six session group for parents of teenagers. Topics include: setting limits, letting go, parents rights and responsibilities, keeping the lines of communication open, realistic expectations, and the pressures of drugs, alcohol, dating and sexuality.
Thursday, May 7, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 7:30 pm to 9 pm

ADULT CHILDREN LOSING A PARENT
A six session group for adult children who have recently lost a parent. Topics include: coping with grief, loss and legacy and resolving unfinished business.
Tuesday, May 12, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 7:30 pm to 9 pm

MIND, BODY, CONNECTION for Women
Join us in an 8 session group for women who want to learn the practice of mindfulness and meditation in a safe and supportive group setting. Topics will include: stress and anxiety reduction, connecting with your mind and body, enhancing your self worth and self esteem, and learning about general relaxation and happiness.
Thursday, May 14, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 1 pm to 2:30 pm

HIGH CONFLICT DIVORCE
A workshop for parents wanting to develop strategies and techniques to deal with a High Conflict situation and help to lessen the impact of that conflict on their children. This workshop requires active participation and is not for individuals in an abusive situation.
Wednesday, May 20, 2015 | 9600 Bathurst St | Lebovic Jewish Community Centre | 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

PARENTING THE CHILD/TEEN WITH ADHD
This is a four week group for parents of children diagnosed with ADHD who are wanting to learn more about ADHD and develop strategies for assisting their children at home and at school.
Thursday, May 28, 2015 | 4600 Bathurst St | Lipa Green Centre | 7pm to 9 pm

As with all of our programs, registration is required. Our groups and workshops are open to all members of the community regardless of cultural, religious and/or racial background and we offer a sliding scale for those who require reductions.

For more information or to register, please call Shawna Sidney at 416-638-7800 x 6215 or visit our website at www.jfandcs.com.
Looking Ahead

Monday, May 18
- Victoria Day

Monday, May 25
- Marketing Week

Thursday, May 28
- Weststock / Relay for Life

Friday, May 29
- Yearbook Distribution

May 2015

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To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- **School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region.** Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.

Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

**RADIO**

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**TELEVISION**

- CITY TV
- CTV Barrie
- CTV Toronto
- CP24
- GLOBAL NEWS

*An bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the YRDSB and YCDSB on twitter.*