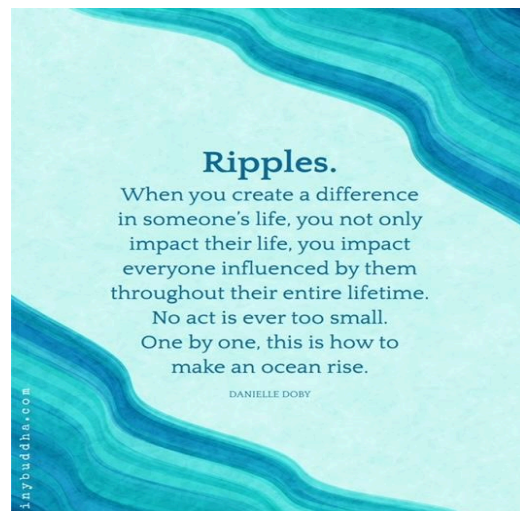


Dates At A Glance

May	Dutch Heritage Month Polish Heritage Month Jewish Heritage Month Armenian Heritage Month
May 17	Irish Heritage Day
May 19	Victoria Day - No School
May 22	Prom
May 30	John Sims Tournament
Jun 2-3	Shavuot
Jun 4-5	EQAO Math Gr. 9's
Jun 6	Eid-ul-Adha
Jun 18-24	Exams
Jun 25	Graduation
Jun 26-27	PA Day - No School
Jul 4	OCAS Transmission
Jul 7	OUAC Transmission Final eDistribution
Sep 5	First Day of School-Gr.9
Sep 6	First Day for Gr. 10-12

DAILY SCHEDULE

PERIOD	TIME
Warning Bell	8:50 a.m.
HR	8:55 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
1	9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
2	10:20 a.m. - 11:35 a.m.
Lunch	11:35 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
3	12:40 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.
4	2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.



HELPFUL LINKS:

[WC Website](#), [YRDSB Website](#)
[WC Twitter](#), [WC Instagram](#)

CARING & SAFE SCHOOLS:

[Crimestoppers](#), [Kids Help Phone](#)
[Report It \(YRDSB\)](#)

Exam Schedule

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to share with you the upcoming culminating activities and exams schedule.

Please see timelines below:

- Tues June 17 - Last Day of Semester 2 classes
- Wed June 18 - Period 1 Exams
- Thurs June 19 - Period 2 Exams
- Fri June 20 - Period 3 Exams
- Mon June 23 - Period 4 Exams
- Tues June 24 - Exam Day (if required)
- Wed June 25 - Exam Review Day - Morning only
- Thurs June 26 - PA Day
- Fri June 27 - PA Day

Please connect with your child's teacher if you have any questions. A detailed communication along with a list of all courses with exams will be sent to families at the end of the month.

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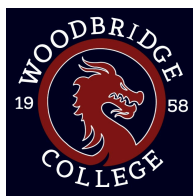
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Event at WC

Next Steps

Students are invited to attend a 45 min workshop run by Employment Specialist at Next-Steps Employment Centre regarding summer employment during lunch time on **Tuesday, June 4 in Room 108**. Sign-up will be in the student's google classroom, there are only 30 spots available. The session will focus on practical job search strategies—such as various job search apps, and effective tips for finding summer opportunities—to help students feel more confident and job-ready. The office is located in Vaughan, just a few blocks away at 4585 Hwy 7, Suite 7.

Provincial French Speech Competition

On May 3rd, three of our students - Bibek M, Divnoor M and Rahel F- competed in the *Concours d'art oratoire* French speech arts competition at York University Glendon College. All three students presented incredibly inspiring speeches against some tough competition from across the province and Rahel placed third in her category! Congratulations to all!

Attendance at WC

ATTENDANCE ABSENCE REPORTING

Parents/ guardians please email attendance absences to woodbridgecollege.attendance@yrdsb.ca
Please note, EDSBY is **not** monitored for student absenteeism.

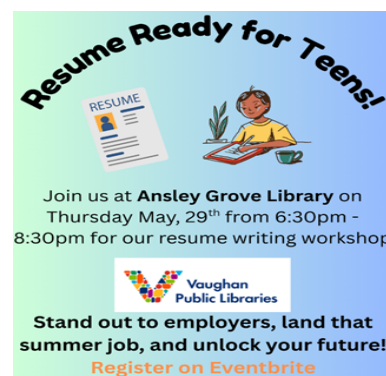
YRDSB Resources and Opportunities

Resume Workshop for Teens

Do you need a summer job? Or maybe you just want to improve your current resume? @vaughanpubliclibraries is offering Resume Ready for Teens. This free workshop will take place at Ansley Grove Library on Thursday, May 29th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Discover resume secrets at our teen-friendly workshop! Stand out to employers, land that summer job, and unlock your future. Register on Eventbrite.

If you have a draft of your resume, please bring a copy.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops as device availability on-site will be limited.

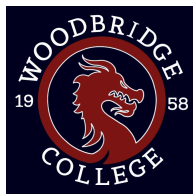


Honouring Jewish Heritage – A Celebration of Culture and Community

Join us for an evening of culture, learning, and connection featuring author Kathy Kacer, interactive children's activities, and a sweet sufganiyot tasting experience. Each family will receive a signed copy of *To Hope and Back*.

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.



Location: Anne Frank P.S., 431 Ilan Ramon Blvd., Maple

Registration: [online registration](#)

All are welcome!

Please see [flyer](#) for more information. For more information or any questions, please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) iscs@yrdsb.ca.

Jewish Heritage Month Community Event

The Network of Educators Supporting Jewish Learners (NESJL) and ISCS are hosting a Jewish Heritage Month celebration to honour the history, resilience, and contributions of diverse Jewish communities. Together, we will celebrate Jewish heritage by rolling up our sleeves and learning to braid traditional challah, a beautiful and symbolic Jewish bread.

This event, focusing on fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement, is open to all YRDSB students, families, and staff. Please join us on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Langstaff Secondary School, 106 Garden Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 6M1.

[Registration link](#) - Registration due date is Friday, May 16, 2025.

Please see [flyer](#) for more information.

For further information, please email Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at iscs@yrdsb.ca.

East Asian Heritage Celebration: Honoring Culture, Building Connections

Everyone is welcome to join us for an exciting and vibrant celebration of East Asian cultures.

East Asian Heritage Celebration: Honoring Culture, Building Connections event on Thursday, May 22nd, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5. This event is co-hosted by YRDSB Inclusive Schools & Community Services (ISCS), Community and Partnership Developer Team and Affinity Group Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) in collaboration with multiple community members.

Event highlights are:

- Celebrate and honour the rich cultural heritage and expressions of East Asian communities
- Commemorate the launch of the inaugural SEAS Leadership and Community Impact Student Award
- Enjoy interactive activities led by students and community members
- Participate in a friendly sport activity to foster community bonding and fun
- Experience cultural music, dance, and performances
- Explore virtual showcases featuring the talent and artistry of East Asian students
- Visit and take "A Seat at the Table" as hundreds of YRDSB students share stories of their Canadian identities in a Shadows of Racism Arts exhibit, a partnership between YRDSB and ALPHA Education, hosted at the Markham Civic Centre (next to Unionville HS)

Please register using this link, [East Asian Heritage Celebration 2025](#) for the event.

Please see [flyer](#) for more information.

For additional inquiries, please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at iscs@yrdsb.ca.

Open Mic Night Series with YRP

Join York Regional Police Youth Engagement officers for Open Mic Night at the Community Safety Village. Saturday, May 31, 2025.

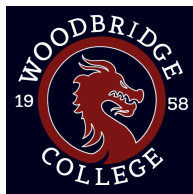
[Registration](#) is for families of students aged 12-17.

Please see [flyer](#) for more information.

Visit the [YRP Community Calendar](#) for all upcoming events.

School Year Calendar - 2025-2026

The YRDSB 2025-2026 school year calendars have been approved by the Ministry. These calendars may be accessed on the YRDSB website at: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-calendar>.



City of Vaughan's Transportation Youth Ambassador Program Announcement

Hey Woodbridge College! Ready to make a difference in your community? Join the City of Vaughan's Transportation Youth Ambassador Program.

Why Join?

- You can work alongside the City staff and gain real-life work experience.
- Earn volunteer hours and receive a certificate of completion.
- Voice your ideas on transportation and help shape the future of our city!
- Host fun events and learn to engage with different audiences.
- Build useful skills like leadership, teamwork, and critical thinking.

The program will run from: February 24th to May 30th

And the application deadline is: February 16th

To learn more about how to send in your application, go to

vaughan.ca/YouthAmbassador for more information.

Don't miss out on this chance to make an impact! Please see [poster](#) for more information.

Understanding and Navigating the Education System - Families of YRDSB Black Students - May Information Session

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting, where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Date and Time: Monday, May 26, 2025 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Please see [flyer](#) for more information. Please register through the [Registration Google Form](#).

Unity in Diversity - A Celebration of South Asian Heritage

We invite all YRDSB students, family, community members and staff to join us at Maple High School on Tuesday, May 27th, 2025 to celebrate South Asian Heritage Month.

Please see for more information and registration.

Centre for Black Excellence Mailing List

We would like to encourage families to subscribe to the mailing list to stay up to date with information about school board and community events and programs that would benefit Black students and families with Black children and updates on Board efforts to dismantle anti-Black racism.

Please see our [flyer](#) for more information on how to subscribe to the mailing list.

360°Kids Information Flyer

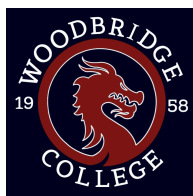
360°kids is dedicated to helping at-risk and unhoused youth by providing essential support services in housing, employment, health, and education. Please see our [flyer](#) for more information.

Sankofa Mentoring Program

The Sankofa Mentoring Program is for students in grades seven to twelve, online on Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and two Saturday's per month in person 10 am to 1pm at Bur Oak Secondary School, Markham Ontario. The environment creates a safe space for students, and mentors to come together in unity and learn more about their heritage. Through collective work/responsibility, we have created an environment where creativity and cooperative economics work together to engender self-determination.

The program was developed in the follow structure:

- Rooted in an Afrocentric Framework
- Three tier model (life skills, community engagement and civic responsibility)
- Highlights the principles of the Nguzo Saba – (The Seven Principles) Unity, Self-Determination Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, Faith, and



Self-Respect

[Register Here](#)

CO-OP & Pathway Opportunities

Support Ontario Youth (SOY)

Join [Support Ontario Youth \(SOY\)](#) for an evening virtual presentation designed for graduating students wanting to pursue a career in the skilled trades. The SOY team are subject matter experts in the skilled trades and apprenticeship sectors and provide information to help graduates navigate and understand the apprenticeship pathway. SOY will provide resources and tips on how to transition from high school to mainstream apprenticeship and better equip graduates to find that employer/sponsor. To add a real-world perspective, a licensed journey person will also join the discussion—sharing their personal journey in the trades and answering questions from attendees.

Date: Wednesday, June 4th

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Presentation Type: Virtual (Microsoft Teams)

[Flyer](#)

[Registration Link](#)

Health Care Plans for Students

If your child has a serious life-threatening allergy or medical condition, please inform the office to complete the appropriate medical forms. There are students and staff members in our school who have life-threatening allergies to nuts and other allergens. To help create an allergen-safe environment, do not bring nuts or nut products to school.

It is critical that parents and guardians share information with us about students' serious or life-threatening medical conditions or other health-related matters so that we can create fulsome Health Care Plans that help keep students safe. We encourage students, who are able, to contribute to the creation of these plans too.

Please access forms below as needed. Completed forms and medication can be placed in a sealable bag, with the student's name marked on the bag and left in the Main Office. As always, please contact us with any questions or concerns.

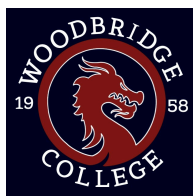
[Health Care Plan Form](#)

[Diabetes Health Care Plan](#)

[Asthma Health Care Plan](#)

[Anaphylaxis Health Care Plan](#)

[Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder Health Care Plan](#)



Guidance Corner

Students and/or parents are able to make a Guidance appointment with Ms. Kolianou or Ms. Neally through teachassist. Please wait for a response to see if your chosen date and time are available.

Grade 12's Accepting Offers

Grade 12's be sure to accept your offers before the June 2 deadline. Especially if you are planning on applying to OSAP or staying on residents.



The 2025-2026 OSAP application is now open!



Please note that you must have accepted an offer to a postsecondary institution to begin your OSAP application.

Since college tuition fees are typically due in mid-June, all students intending to attend college next year should be applying for OSAP in early May. This ensures that you will only need to pay the tuition deposit by the June deadline and not the full amount.

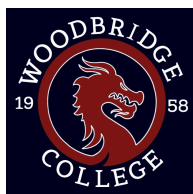
Students intending to attend a university next year should complete their OSAP application no later than the first week of June as applications can take up to 10 weeks to process.

Before you can apply online for OSAP assistance and/or the Ontario Learn and Stay Grant, you must register as a new user to the OSAP website. When you register, you will be asked to provide basic personal information for your personal profile on your OSAP account. This information includes your name, date of birth, gender, contact information, Social Insurance Number (SIN) and other identification numbers (e.g., your Ontario Education Number (OEN), if you have them).

Once you provide the necessary information, your OSAP Access Number (OAN) will be generated. Your OAN will be your user identification for the OSAP website. You will use your OAN, along with the password that you created, each time you access the OSAP website. This will include accessing the OSAP website for activities related to the [Ontario Learn and Stay Grant](#).

To start your registration process, read the terms and conditions set out in this OSAP New User Registration Agreement. You will be asked to indicate that you have read and agree to all of the terms and conditions.

You can start your OSAP application by registering as a new user by clicking on the [link](#).



Summer School - Continuing Education

Acceleration Courses (18 days)

For students who wish to earn a credit in a subject they have not previously studied or those who wish to upgrade a mark in a course that they have successfully completed. Students are encouraged to register early to avoid disappointment. Course offerings are not guaranteed as they are based on sufficient enrollment and teacher availability. Students can only take one acceleration course during the summer session. Transportation is not provided for this program.

Registration opens April 15, 2025.

Option 1 : Online Learning (formerly elearning)

Courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format. Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other. Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with check-in opportunities with the teacher. The learning platform is Brightspace by D2L.

Dates: Wednesday, July 2 to Friday, July 25

Hours: Flexible (6 hours per day minimum)

Learn more about [Secondary Summer School Online Learning](#).

Option 2: In-Person Learning

Courses will be offered in a face-to-face learning model.

Dates: Wednesday, July 2 to Friday, July 25

Hours: 8:45 am to 3:33 pm

Locations: Bill Hogarth SS, Bur Oak SS, Keswick HS, Maple HS, Middlefield CI, Newmarket HS, Richmond Green SS, and Thornlea SS

Learn more about [Secondary Summer School In-Person Learning](#).

Option 3: Remote Synchronous Learning

The learning platform is Google Classroom. Classes will be a mix of synchronous (real-time) and asynchronous learning. The teachers will be expected to be online for most of the day. A majority of the day will be spent in synchronous learning experiences (Google Meet with whole class or small groups, phone or video chats, individual conferencing – a combination of many tools to engage in synchronous learning). In July, before the start of classes, your child will receive an email with instructions on how to log on and participate in the class. [Remote Summer School](#)

Grade 11 Courses

MBF3C - Math College

MCF3M - Functions & Applications

NDA3M - Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Issues and Perspectives

Grade 12 Courses

MAP4C - Math Foundations College

International Language Courses

LKBBD - Simplified Mandarin - Level B

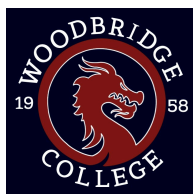
LKBCU - Simplified Mandarin - Level C

LWSBD - Spanish - Level B

LWSCU - Spanish - Level C

LITBD - Tamil - Level B

LITCU - Tamil - Level C



Centre for Black Excellence Summer School Courses

Y2 LEGACY – A Black-Centred Approach to Leadership, Innovation, and Excellence

is a transformative summer learning program that empowers students through a Black-centred lens celebrating leadership, innovation, and academic excellence. By building foundational knowledge and identity-affirming skills, students emerge with the confidence and capabilities to lead in their schools and communities. The foundational skills students gain in the summer will support them in navigating the school year with confidence and leadership.

Through credit-bearing courses grounded in technology, literature, business leadership, and community engagement, Y2 LEGACY provides a dynamic and culturally responsive learning experience. Students engage in experiential learning, build essential academic and life skills, and receive mentorship that supports long-term success.

Learn more [here](#) and [registration](#) is through MyPathwayPlanner

Summer Mentorship Program (SMP)

This gives high school students of Indigenous or African ancestry a chance to explore health sciences at the University of Toronto over four weeks in July.

Visit the Centre for Black Student Excellence to learn more about other summer programs available for Black students. Learn more [here](#)

Black Internship Program

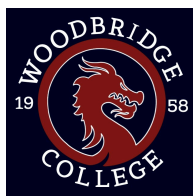
The Come Up, in partnership with York University, presents the Black Internship Program. This program is designed to develop leadership skills for Black students and increase education engagement.

Students earn a cooperative education credit

Details are available through MPP -> continuing education -> explore courses -> scroll to bottom " YRDSB Summer School" -> 1 Credit Coop Alt Ed Holding

Aquatics Leadership Program

Part 1 Fall 2025	Part 2 Winter 2026
Students earn Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, CPR and First Aid Certification from Life Saving Society	Students earn National Lifeguard Certification and the Swim and National Lifesaving Instructor Certification from Life Saving Society
Students earn PAQ2O1	Students earn PLF4M1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students must be registered in a secondary school and minimum age of 13 years oldStudents must pass a 400 metre swim test	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students must be 15 years old, and have Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Standard CPR and First Aid CertificationsStudents must have completed at least one Health and Phys. Ed Credit at Highschool
Available at Aurora, Georgina, Markham, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, and East Gwillimbury (Spring 2026)	
2 Part Registration Part A Register with Town or City, Part B Register with YRDSB	
Flyer email to Guidance Departments in June	
Registration will begin July 2025	



Spring College and University Open Houses

This is a wonderful time to visit college and university campuses for students applying to post-secondary.

- [University](#) campuses
- [College](#) campuses

Scholarships

OJEN's 2025 Bursary Program is open for applications

Are you considering a career in law? You might be eligible to apply for our bursaries!

Bursaries are available for graduating high school students in Ontario entering post-secondary education this fall. Each successful applicant receives between \$1,000-1,500.

When you apply, you are considered for bursaries provided by the Association of Justices of the Peace of Ontario, the Association of Ontario Judges, and the Ontario Superior Court Judges' Association. In your application, please describe the legal sector career you are interested in and demonstrate how your post-secondary program will help you achieve this goal.

To learn more, please visit: ojen.ca/program/bursaries-grade-12-students

Submit your application by **Wednesday, May 28, 2025**.

Questions? Contact: bursary@ojen.ca

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) 14th Annual Scholarships Application

This year, BFCN will be awarding four \$1000 scholarships to qualifying students pursuing education at an accredited Canadian University or College in September 2025. Two scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students and two scholarships will be awarded to graduate students. [Learn more and register](#) by July 31, 2025.

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) 11th Annual Aim 2 Achieve Awards Application

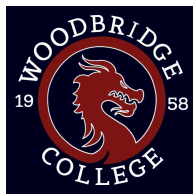
The Aim 2 Achieve Award will recognize Black students who are celebrating achievement after facing adversity. This year BFCN will be awarding two Aim 2 Achieve awards. The recipients of the \$1000 award will be students graduating from a Canadian secondary school or CEGEP and who will be attending an accredited Canadian University or College in September 2025 to pursue undergraduate education. Perseverance and dedication are two qualities that the Aim 2 Achieve winners must embody and believe in. Achievement exists in many different forms and we want to hear about yours! [Learn more and register](#) by July 31, 2025.

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) Scholarship Directory 2025

The [BFCN Scholarship Directory](#) is a free, detailed, and up-to-date compilation of 50+ available scholarships, awards, and bursaries for youth pursuing post-secondary education primarily at the undergraduate level. This directory was created to support Black students and their families, educators, guidance counselors, and coaches search, find, and apply for funding opportunities.

Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)

The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) invites self-identifying Black students who are graduating from a high school in the York Region District School Board to apply for AEBS 2025 Scholarships. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information. The deadline to apply is Monday May 12, 2025.

**Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA)**

The Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) will be awarding scholarships of \$1,000 to selected recipients. Deadline is June 30, 2025.

[2025 Scholarship Application Package](#)

Please see the [flyer](#) for more information or visit the MACCA website.

2025 Healthy Democracy Student Leadership Award

Please see [Flyer](#) and [Information Sheet](#) for more information.

The deadline for receipt of application packages is June 6, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

Scholar Tree

With spring right around the corner, [ScholarTree.ca](#) wanted to share a list of scholarships (over 1,800 awards totalling over \$5,000,000) available to students over March/Spring Break. [Scholarship for March](#)
If you have issues opening the links, you can either try right-clicking and copying the links into your browser.

Not all awards will apply to all students. Students should create a profile on ScholarTree to get a customized list and weekly email reminders of deadlines. Students can use the "Applications Open" filter only to see those scholarships currently accepting applications at the top left of their scholarship list.

York Region Sports - volunteer opportunity

Our organization is hosting a non-profit volleyball program in Woodbridge on Thursday Evenings. We are looking for both male and female volunteers between 14-18 years old, who are interested in helping out. [Flyer](#) They can contact us if interested - email York Region Sports info@yorkregionsports.ca

Summer Jobs

YRES is hiring for 8-week paid positions (Camp Counsellor, Web Developer, and more) in York Region through Canada Summer Job. Open to youth aged 15-30. Positions start April 28 or June 30. Apply today at yorkeducation.org/join-us.

Mental Health Supports

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Each year, Ontarians mark the first full week of May as Children's Mental Health Week. Please see the family toolkit [link](#) for more information.

Policy update from the Ministry of Education

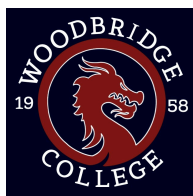
Dear Families,

The Ontario Ministry of Education released [Policy/Program Memorandum 128](#) in the fall of 2024, which included a directive to school boards to set out enforcement mechanisms to address the possession, use and provision of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, nicotine products, recreational cannabis, alcohol and illegal drugs. In support of a comprehensive approach, we are pleased to announce that in the coming months, vape-detecting devices will be installed at all YRDSB secondary schools.

Our schools continue to provide education and support regarding the harmful impact of these products. Please see resources listed below.

Resources for Families**QUASH**

- [A Logical Plan for Quitting](#)



- free smoking and vaping cessation app (co-designed by youth for youth)

School Mental Health Ontario

- [Vaping: What you need to know](#)
 - general information about vaping; outlines important facts, associated risks, and additional resources to support educators/families in having informed conversations with students

York Region Public Health (YRPH)

- [Vape Facts: What You Need to Know](#)
 - a website containing YRPH anti-vaping campaign videos and vaping facts
- [Vaping and E-Cigarettes](#)
 - a website continuing YRPH information on vaping and health risks

Canadian Lung Association

- [How to Talk to Your Child About Vaping](#)
 - a pdf guide for parents about talking with your child about vaping and the risks

Student Mental Health and Addictions Letter

[April 2025 - Getting Ready for Mental Health Awareness Week](#)

[March 2025 - A Fresh Start for Spring](#)

Inclusive School and Community Services

Inclusive School and Community Services support schools in developing a learning and school environment that is respectful, supportive and welcoming to all. This includes building and maintaining strong partnerships with parents, community, community organizations and social service agencies to ensure the Board is able to meet the diverse needs of our school communities. See [YRDSB website](#) for details.

Services to Support Mental Health

- **Family Services of York Region** - 905-883-6572
- **Trans Lifeline:** <https://translifeline.org>
- **YRDSB Trans Student Support Group** – Bi-weekly meetings 3:30 – 4:30 – contact Max at max.denley@yrdsb.ca Also offered in: Ukrainian, Russian, Dari, Mandarin and Arabic

Academic Supports

[YRDSB Student Tools and Supports](#)

Supporting Mental Health:

Crisis Mental Health Supports for Students:

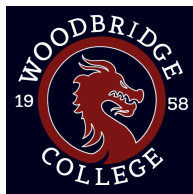
- [310-COPE](#): 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673) - avail.24/7
- [KidsHelpPhone](#): 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - available 24/7, <https://kidshelpphone.ca>
- [York Hills Help Phone Line](#): 905-503-9561 Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:30-4:00 p.m. for children and youth (0-18 years) and their parents, caregivers or adult supporters.
- **Mental Health Helpline**: 1-866-531-2600 - available 24/7

Culturally Relevant Mental Health Supports:

We recognize the importance of supporting our students, families, and staff during these challenging times. While many remember and reflect on current events, in response, the following culturally responsive supports are available to our families:

1) TAIBU Community Health Centre

- Clinic: 416-644-3536 - <http://taibuchc.ca/en/>
- Taibu provides intersectional, equity-based and culturally affirming practices for YRDSB students who self-identify as Black:



- Individual Therapeutic Counselling for individuals and parents/families/caregivers.
- Referrals for individual counselling can be made via your school's Social Worker or Psychology Services Professional.
- Group workshops for students (after school). Inquiries regarding potential workshops can be addressed to: Brittany Creighton, BSW, MSW, RSW Diabetes Education Program Social Worker / Health Promoter - Mental Health and Wrap Around Services TAIBU. BCreighton@taibuchc.ca

2) Black Youth Helpline

- Call 416-285-9944 - Toll Free 1-833-294-8650
- <https://blackyouth.ca/contact-us/>
- [Black Youth Helpline](#)

3) Harriet's Youth Support Line

- 24-hour emergency / crisis response line: 1-877-695-2673
- Text messaging available for young people who do not feel like speaking to someone, but are still in need of help
- Contact info@tubmancommunity.org or jdunn@peacebuilders.ca for additional inquiries.

4) NACCA - Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association (NACCA)

- Call 905-781-6222 - <https://www.naccacommunity.ca/nacca-youth.html>

5) Tropicana

- (416) 439-9009 - <https://tropicanacommunity.org/defy-your-label/>

6) Sikh Family Helpline: [Sikh Family Helpline](#) (1-800-551-9128)

7) Naseeha Helpline: [Naseeha Mental Health](#)

8) 2SLGBTQ+ Youthline: [LGBT Youthline](#)

9) PFLAG Canada York Region: 1-866-YR-PFLAG (977-3524) <https://plfagyork.ca>