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Dates At A Glance	
June	Pride Month Filipino Heritage Month Portuguese History and Heritage Month Italian Heritage Month National Indigenous History Month
Jun 2-3	Shavuot
Jun 3	Next Steps Jobs Clinic
Jun 4-5	EQAO Math Gr. 9's
Jun 6	Eid-ul-Adha
Jun 12	Athletic Banquet
Jun 17	Locker Clean Out
Jun 18-24	Exams
Jun 25	Graduation
Jun 26-27	PA Day - No School
Jul 4	OCAS Transmission
Jul 7	OUAC Transmission Final eDistribution
Jul 7-10	eDistribution - Final Report Cards
Sep 2	First Day of School-Gr.9
Sep 3	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.
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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:

- o Tues June 17 Last Day of Semester 2 classes
- Wed June 18 Period 1 Exams
- o Thurs June 19 Period 2 Exams
- o 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
- o 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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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.

Attendance at WC

ATTENDANCE ABSENCE REPORTING

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

YRDSB Resources and Opportunities

YRDSB Math Resources Family Survey

Dear Families,

As part of the York Region District School Board's Math Achievement Action Plan, our school is committed to enhancing student success in mathematics through improved teaching strategies, in-class support, and access to resources.

Your input is valuable in helping us better understand how current resources are supporting your child's learning and how we can continue to improve. Please take a moment to complete the 2 question Feedback Survey on Math Resources (https://bit.ly/YRDSBFamilyMathSurvey) and share your thoughts on the math resources available to your child to support learning at home and in the classroom. Please complete this survey by Friday, June 6, 2025.

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.



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Black Foundation of Community Networks Scholarship Application Workshop

The Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) invites Black students and their families to a free online workshop on how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships.

Date: Friday, June 6, 2025

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Location: Virtually on Zoom

Register on Zoom.

You will receive your unique Zoom link via email upon registration. A reminder email and further details will

also be sent to registrants on the day of the event.

For more information please contact info@bfcn.ca or 416-566-2731.

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

Understanding and Navigating the Education System - Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session on Monday, June 16, 2025, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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. Please see our <u>flyer</u> for more information and to register.

The Canadian Black Nurses Alliance - York University Nursing Summer High-School Workshop

The Canadian Black Nurses Alliance - York University is hosting a Nursing High-School Summer Workshop. The deadline to <u>register</u> is June 23, 2025.

Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 **Time:** 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Health, Nursing and Environmental Studies Building (HNES), York University Keele Campus.

Please see <u>flyer</u> for more details.

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.

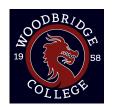
Centre for Black Excellence Mailing List

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 <u>flyer</u> for more information.



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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 <u>Support Ontario Youth (SOY)</u> 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 journeyperson 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

Recognizing Excellence in TraSkilled des



Woodbridge College, on behalf of the York Region District School Board and the Ministry of Education, are thrilled to announce that Jordan Cilardi and Illia Sokolenko have been awarded the Skilled Trades Bursary!

This prestigious recognition is awarded to students who have shown exceptional leadership in pursuing careers in the skilled trades and apprenticeship pathway. Jordan and Illia have actively participated in the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) through Cooperative Education during their Grade 11 and Grade 12 years, demonstrating dedication and passion for their chosen trades.



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The Skilled Trades Bursary aims to support recipients by alleviating financial challenges that may arise in their journey toward achieving their career goals. It is a testament to their hard work, commitment, and ambition in shaping a future in skilled trades.

Our sincerest congratulations to Jordan and Illia on this well-deserved recognition! May this bursary help pave the way for their continued success in the skilled trades industry.



Celebrating Bryce Nixon's Achievement in Electrical-Construction and Maintenance!

A huge congratulations to Bryce Nixon, who has successfully completed and earned his Level One in Electrical-Construction and Maintenance! Bryce demonstrated incredible dedication, completing a rigorous nine-week program at Humber College—all while earning his Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

Now, Bryce is taking his skills to the next level, working with one of our community partners in the electrical field. He's gaining hands-on experience, developing industry-specific terminology, and networking with seasoned professionals—all key steps in shaping his future as an electrician.

As Bryce prepares to graduate in June, he will leave with not only his OSSD, but also his Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Seal and Level One certification. His hard work and commitment to the skilled trades are truly inspiring!

We wish Bryce all the best as he continues his apprenticeship journey—we know he will accomplish great things!



Summer Dual Credit Courses

<u>Flyer</u> - learn about courses grade 11 and 12 students can take at college and earn a high school credit at the same time.

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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.

Below is a message from the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC)

This is a reminder that your students' admission confirmation status can be viewed online using Counsellors' Online Services.

Responses are indicated on the Applicant Status Report under the "Program Confirmed" column. For those students who have not yet responded to an offer of admission, we ask that you please contact them to ensure that they have all of their login information (OUAC username and password) and understand the steps required to properly submit their response to the OUAC.

A video tutorial demonstrating the steps required to respond to a university offer of admission is available on our website (also linked below).

An email reminder will be sent tomorrow to all applicants who have not yet responded to an offer. The email includes the response deadline date and specific instructions on how to respond to an offer of admission online, as follows.

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You must respond to your university offer of admission by June 2.

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Universities will send admission decisions directly to you. You will find your offers in your application.

May 29 is the latest date you can expect to receive an admission decision if you applied by January 15.

Note: The universities cannot guarantee that they will reissue your offer if you do not accept it by the June 2 deadline.

- 1. Prior to the June 2 deadline, log in to your Undergraduate application.
 - To protect your privacy and maintain strict confidentiality, we cannot give you your username or password by email or live chat. If you do not remember your username or password, click the applicable link on the Log In page to retrieve them.
- 2. From your Undergraduate Hub, click "View Offers".
- 3. Click the eye icon for your Offer or Alternate Offer to view the offer details.
- 4. Click "Accept" to accept the offer (or "Decline" to decline the offer).
- 5. Click "I'm ready to submit my response/changes".
- 6. Follow the instructions for the Review and Payment process.
- 7. When you successfully complete the Review and Payment process, you will receive a confirmation number by email. Keep this email for your records.
 - If you do not immediately receive a confirmation number, your response was not saved. Log back in to your application and re-submit your response.

After 1 hour, log back in to your application to ensure that "Accepted" is displayed for the program you accepted.

Contact Applicant Services:

Monday to Wednesday: 9:30 am - 4:15 pm (ET)

Thursday: 10:00 am - 4:15 pm (ET)

Friday: 9:30 am - 12:15 pm

Phone: 519-823-1063

Email: undergradsup@ouac.on.ca

Live chat is available in the Undergraduate application.

Thank you,

The OUAC Undergraduate Department
The 2025-2026 OSAP application is now open!

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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.

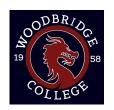
Grade 12 Student Exit Surveys

The Ministry of Education has requested that each Grade 12 student complete a Secondary Exit Survey if they are graduating high school at the end of the current academic year. If you are graduating this year, this survey should be completed between May 29 to June 13, 2025. It will take no more than 5 minutes of your time. The instructions are below.

All students can access the survey through their My Pathway Planner accounts by doing the following:

- 1. Go to https://www2.yrdsb.ca/
- 2. Select "Online Student Tools"
- Select "My Pathway Planner"
- 4. Log into their account using their YRDSB login
- 5. Click on the "Complete Survey" button in the blue banner on the homepage
- 6. Complete the survey questions in the Google Form that opens

Link: https://mypathwayplanner.yrdsb.ca/LoginFor



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Scholarships

Final Scholarship Report

Russell Alexander Law Scholarship

This is a friendly reminder, there is only one month left to apply for the Russell Alexander Law Scholarship.

The recipient will receive up to \$2,000 toward the tuition for their post-secondary education, in addition to a \$500 bonus to help cover the cost of school supplies of their choice, such as technology, textbooks, notebooks, etc.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a Canadian citizen planning to attend college or university in Canada during the 2025 academic year
- Students must have an average of 80% or higher
- Must have a general interest in studying and pursuing a career in the legal field.

Applicants must upload their resume, transcript, and an essay response to ONE of these questions:

The Future of Family Law: Family law is constantly evolving to reflect societal changes, including shifts in marriage trends, cohabitation, and parenting structures. What do you think is the most significant challenge facing family law today, and how should legal professionals address it?

The Role of Collaborative Law in Family Disputes: Collaborative family law focuses on resolving disputes amicably rather than through litigation. Do you believe this approach is preferable to traditional court proceedings? Why or why not? Provide examples to support your argument.

Deadline is June 30, 2025

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. <u>Learn more and register</u> by <u>July 31, 2025</u>.

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 <u>BFCN Scholarship Directory</u> 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



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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 <u>flyer</u> for more information. The deadline to apply is <u>Monday May 12, 2025</u>.

Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA)

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

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, <u>ScholarTree.ca</u> wanted to share a list of scholarships (over 1,800 awards totalling over \$5,000,000) available to students over March/Spring Break. <u>Scholarship for March</u> 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.

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

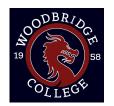
Each year, Ontarians mark the first full week of May as Children's Mental Health Week. Please see the family toolkit <u>link</u> for more information.

Policy update from the Ministry of Education

Dear Families.

The Ontario Ministry of Education released <u>Policy/Program Memorandum 128</u> 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.



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Resources for Families QUASH

- A Logical Plan for Quitting
 - o 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
 - o a website containing YRPH anti-vaping campaign videos and vaping facts
- Vaping and E-Cigarettes
 - o a website continuing YRPH information on vaping and health risks

Canadian Lung Association

- How to Talk to Your Child About Vaping
 - o a pdf guide for parents about talking with your child about vaping and the risks

Student Mental Health and Addictions Letter

May 2025 - Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
April 2025 - Getting Ready for Mental Health Awareness Week

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

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- 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. <u>BCreighton@taibuchc.ca</u>

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