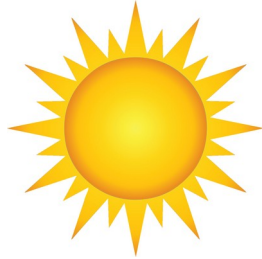




Yorkhill Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER TOUCHSTONE : Respect is essential.

We have enjoyed a beautiful beginning to the school year and a very enjoyable September filled with warmth and much light. Now as the days dim and grow colder we harvest the strength and courage to go into winter. The light of learning and the warmth of a caring community support student achievement and wellbeing. Our EQAO results highlight areas of strengths and areas of growth potential. As educators and teachers, we reflect on this information and plan collaboratively. For more detailed results, please visit www.yrdsb.edu.ca, click on EQAO results and follow the links to Yorkhill Elementary School.

We were pleased to greet so many of you on Curriculum Night and thank you for your genuine support and interest to be involved. We welcome your participation and appreciate hearing from you.

Our incredible team of passionate and committed educators are focused on the three main areas of Math, Mental Health and Well Being and Modern Learning. The support of our dedicated School Council, families and community is greatly appreciated. Together we look forward to a rich year of learning for each one of our students.

Sincerely,

Catarina Burisch



Message from our Trustee

As we begin the 2017-2018 school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new and returning students and families. This is an exciting time of year and I hope you are starting this new school year as trustees are - with optimism and a commitment to working together to continue advancing student achievement and well-being.

An important part of that commitment is working together with staff members, families and communities to ensure our schools provide an environment that is safe, welcoming and inclusive. This takes on increasing importance given recent local and global events. We take pride in the diversity of our communities and will continue striving to uphold the values of equity and inclusivity in our system.

Trustees have had a busy summer, welcoming our [new Human Rights Commissioner](#) and beginning the [process for selecting a new Director of Education](#) as we continue to move forward implementing the [Minister's Directions](#).

An important part of the director selection process includes collecting input from students, staff, families and community members - input that will be used to shape the job description, interview questions and more. I encourage everyone to share their thoughts through the [survey](#) available in September. We will continue to keep you updated as this work progresses.

Our schools are stronger when we work in collaboration with families and communities. Partnerships with parents and families are essential to achieving the goals we have for our students, and I hope that you will find opportunities to get engaged with the school and your child's learning this year.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.



Board Policy #668.0 Caring and Safe Schools

The York Region District School Board is committed to creating and sustaining caring and safe schools which promote student learning, achievement and well-being. Each student has the right to learn in positive and respectful surroundings free from harassment and discrimination. Inclusive, accepting, respectful and healthy relationships allow individuals to reach their full potential. This is consistent with all Board priorities, policies and procedures, and the Ontario Human Rights Code. Norms, expectations and standards of behaviour reflect a responsible and civil society where inclusion, acceptance and safety build the foundation of a caring and safe school climate.

The Board values and respects diversity and inclusivity. To support all students in becoming healthy and contributing members of society, strengths, needs and barriers to learning are identified and responded to as part of a whole-school approach.

Building a caring and safe school climate is complex. It requires supportive leadership, effective teaching practices, healthy relationships, a systematic approach to addressing behaviour, and the involvement of parents/guardians and the broader community.

Behaviour occurs in context, is learned, serves a function and can be changed over time. All students benefit from clear, consistent behavioural expectations with positive modeling. To enhance caring and safe school climates, positive student behaviour supports are provided and inappropriate behaviour is addressed taking into account mitigating and other factors, using a progressive discipline approach. A clear focus on anti-bullying supports the development of healthy relationships, educates the school community and encourages timely reporting of bullying incidents so that immediate and appropriate action can be taken.

Parents/guardians play a critical role in the education of their children and in supporting their social, emotional and academic growth. Students, families and schools face complex and challenging issues that often require Board supports and collaboration with external agencies to access resources that contribute to positive outcomes for all students and families.

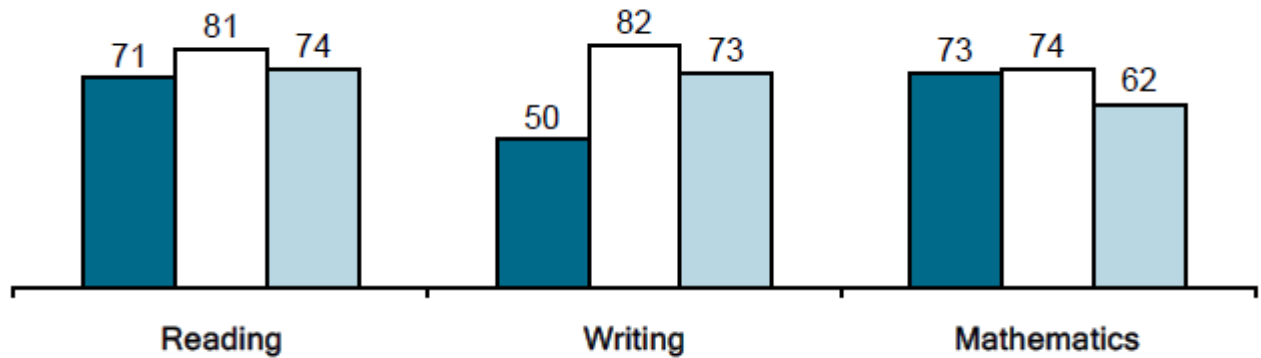




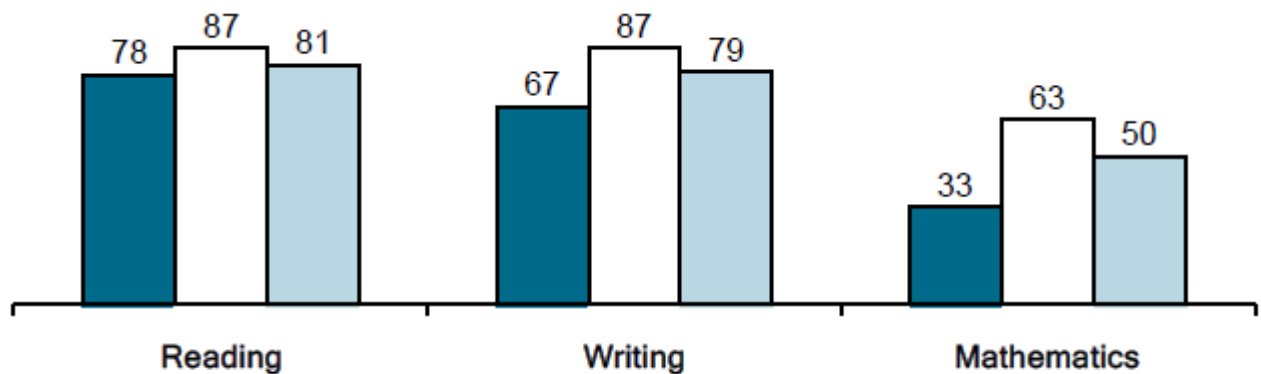
SEPTEMBER ECO THEME

In the spirit of the 4R's, with Reduce being a first priority, Litterless and Boomerang Lunches are encouraged at YES. These programs can be a very effective means for reducing waste: Boomerang Lunch programs provide students and parents with an opportunity to see how much food is not being eaten and can therefore plan lunches accordingly. Litterless provide another opportunity to realize the environmental and financial benefits of reusable containers vs. disposable packaging. Lets all do our part and help the environment.

Grade 3



Grade 6



■ School □ Board ■ Province

The EQAO results of our small group of 20 grade 6 students and 22 grade 3 students in Reading and Writing and 99 in Math are one of the many data sources used to inform school improvement strategies as we continue to support the needs of our students. We are committed to our students' success and recognize that there are areas for continued learning. Teachers continue to be responsive to each student's strengths and areas of need to support the development of conceptual understanding, procedural fluency and application of problem solving strategies and to support literacy and language development.



Yorkhill is committed to integrating technology throughout all areas of the curriculum in order to incorporate 21st century learning into our program. To this end, each class has been equipped with an audio-visual cart containing a projector and an elmo and 5 laptops. We are continuing to expand the technology available for each class with the support of School Council.



At Yorkhill we value the mental health and well being of each individual. As a school and board, it is our collective responsibility to support our staff, students, and parent body. The explicit teaching the 6 learning skills of responsibility, collaboration, organization, independent work, initiative and self-regulation are enhanced by “Second Steps”, a classroom program that has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression and bullying among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. Monthly assemblies highlight the 10 character traits successively.

The grade 7 & 8 students are also looking forward to attending a Well-being and Mental Health Literacy Conference called "Our Voice", which empowers students to speak up.

Our School Council is finalizing two Parent evenings for this year. Details will be forthcoming.

As well, our school has recently registered a few teachers to attend the 21st International Quest Conference that will focus on Well-Being.

There is so much to look forward to... Stay tuned for more mental health updates.

Library News

There's nothing like bringing home your first library book of the new school year! All primary students have received their new book bags, and are learning about using the library space, choosing books and book care. The Junior and Intermediates are learning about library organization, and will soon be introduced to the 'Reading Without Walls Challenge', which promotes diversity by exploring books of different voices, genres and formats.

As the hub of the school, our library is a place where learning is enhanced with many opportunities to read, think, discover and inquire. Our collection continues to grow, and new books, resources, and STEM activities have been purchased recently to enhance our learning culture.

With new tables that can be easily moved to create a variety of groupings, and the planned acquisition of new technology, we are beginning to see our library transform into a more accessible learning space – our goal over the next few years. Come in and visit our wonderful displays, and follow us on Twitter @350YES.

Happy Reading!





Subject: School Information Sessions for Bill Crothers Secondary School - Regional Program

Bill Crothers Secondary School (BCSS) is a system-wide school with a focus on healthy active living and sport. The school is open for Grade 9 to 12 students. Students and parents from across the region are invited to attend an information evening. Information will be shared regarding the vision, mission, schedule, programs, the transfer policy, and application process.

Due to building capacity regulations, we request that only students and parents interested in attending BCSS for the school year 2018 – 2019 attend one of these evenings. Parking is limited so we ask that parents carpool or park at the GO Station. Markham By-law officers regularly enforce the parking regulations on school property, so please abide by the posted parking regulations.

Information Nights at: Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main Street, Unionville, Ontario.

Tuesday October 3rd, 2017 – Students in the East and North area of York Region

Thursday October 12th, 2017 – Students in the West and Central area of Region

Information sessions will be from 7:00 – 8:30 pm in the school cafeteria and/or Gym A

Applications will be available from the Bill Crothers school website: Friday, October 13th, 2017

Applications are due: Friday, November 3rd, 2017



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COURSE LOCATIONS AND TIMES

MAPLE & VAUGHAN	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Saturday
Ahmadiyya Mosque	✓			
Al Palladini Community Centre	✓			
Discovery Public School	✓			
Dufferin Clark Library	✓			
Maple Library	✓			
Maple High School			✓	
North Thornhill Community Centre	✓			
Pierre Berton Resource Library	✓			
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	✓			
Woodbridge College			✓	
Woodbridge Library	✓			
Woodbridge Lions Club	✓			
Woodbridge Public School	✓	✓		
MARKHAM & UNIONVILLE				
Angus Glen Library	✓	✓		
Aldergrove Public School		✓		
Armada Public School	✓			
Bridle Trail Baptist Church	✓	✓		
Ellen Fairclough Public School	✓			
Markham Chinese Cultural Centre of FCCM	✓	✓		
Markham Chinese Baptist Church	✓	✓		
Markham South Welcome Centre	✓	✓	✓	
Milliken Gospel Church	✓	✓		
Milliken Mills Library	✓			
Parkland Public School	✓			
Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School			✓	
Social Services Network		✓		
Unionville Alliance Church	✓	✓		
Unionville High School				✓
AURORA & NEYMARKET				
Alexander Muir Public School			✓	
Aurora High School	✓		✓	
Bethel Church	✓			
RICHMOND HILL				
Bayview Hill Community Centre	✓	✓		
Bayview Secondary School			✓	✓
Richmond Hill United Church	✓	✓		
Richmond Hill Chinese Baptist Church	✓	✓		
Richmond Hill Christian Community Church	✓	✓		
Rouge Woods Community Centre	✓	✓		
STOUFFVILLE				
Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum and Community Centre	✓			
EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church	✓	✓		
THORNHILL				
Bathurst Clark Resource Library		✓		✓
Thornhill Baptist Church	✓			
Thornhill Community Library	✓	✓		
Uplands Community Learning Centre	✓	✓	✓	

CITIZENSHIP				
Markham Chinese Baptist Church		✓		
Richmond Hill Chinese Baptist Church		✓		
Uplands Community Learning Centre			✓	
COMPUTER TRAINING, GED PREP, SKILLS UPGRADING/LBS				
YorkWorks - Stouffville	✓	✓		
Uplands Community Learning Centre	✓	✓	✓	
Participation House	✓	✓		
LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS (LINC)				
Uplands Community Learning Centre	✓			

Click the table for specific location information and directions.

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION FOR NEWCOMERS TO CANADA (LINC)

CLB 2 to 5

Develop effective communication skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing for successful integration in Canadian society, workplace, and academic study. Enhance language skills for Citizenship and employment preparation. Build important computer skills for life in Canada.

EMPLOYMENT AND ACADEMIC PREPARATION

Basic Computer Skills

Develop basic computer skills (Microsoft Office, E-mail, Internet) for success in Canadian workplaces and post-secondary education. Whether looking to upgrade your employability skills, prepare for college, or use computers in daily life, this course will build your confidence and abilities while working at your own pace.

Computer Skills Upgrading

Develop practical computer skills (Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneNote, Publisher, E-mail, Internet, Google) for success in Canadian workplace and post-secondary education. Work at your own pace to advance your computer skills for employment, college preparation, or use in daily life.

Employment and Academic Skills Upgrading

Upgrade your reading, writing, math, computer and/or soft skills in order to pursue a degree or career. Whether preparing for Adult Credit School, Apprenticeship or College, returning to work or education, this course will provide individualized instruction at your own pace.

GED Preparation

Get individualized support and instruction while preparing for your GED. All subjects are offered.

Literacy and Computer Skills for Adults with Special Needs

Through individualized instruction and support, adults with varying levels of abilities build and enhance their employability and life skills for success and independence at their own pace.



SPECIALIZED COURSES

Citizenship

Minimum requirement of CLB 3 in Speaking

This course will develop effective language skills in preparing learners to take the Canadian Citizenship test through a focus on specific vocabulary and necessary concepts.

Workplace Preparation

Minimum requirement of CLB 5

Develop effective speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills for success in Canadian workplaces. This course addresses original Resume and Cover Letter writing, successful interview and presentation skills, Health and Safety training, and computer skills for employment.

Entrepreneurial World Of Business

CLB 6-9

Develop effective speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills for success in the real world of business. This course addresses the language and concepts of good hiring practices, managing people effectively, team work, and starting your own business in Canada.

Professional Business English

CLB 6-9

Develop effective speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills for success in the professional world of business in Canada including workplace related communication and computer skills.

Reading & Writing through Novel Studies

CLB 6 - 10

Enhance reading and writing skills and develop effective academic strategies through the study of novels.

IELTS Preparation

Minimum requirement of CLB 5

Take this course to become familiar with the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exam format, acquire effective test-taking strategies, and expand your academic vocabulary and communication skills.

Culturally Specific Language Circles

Work with others from the same background to improve conversation and pronunciation skills while networking and building relationships in your community.

Language Classes For Seniors

Work with others from your community to develop effective communication and language skills and become more independent in daily life.

**VISITING
CANADA?
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OUR COURSES!**

Must be 18 years of age.
Call to register!

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ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Courses are available from ESL Literacy to CLB 10

Develop effective language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing for daily life in Canada.

Varied course offerings based on learner's current CLB's.

SKILL-BASED COURSES

Courses are available from CLB 3 to 10

Single level courses based on learner's current CLB's in Speaking & Writing. This course is divided into two parts: Listening/Speaking & Reading/Writing.

Listening & Speaking

Focus on listening and speaking to develop effective communication skills for daily life, employment, and academic study.

Reading & Writing

Focus on reading and writing to develop effective communication skills for daily life, employment, and academic study.

SPECIALIZED COURSES

Varied course offerings based on learner's academic and professional needs and areas of interest.

Conversation

Courses are available from CLB 1 to 10

Focus on listening and speaking to develop and enhance effective conversation strategies for success in Canadian society, education system, and workplace. Whether interviewing for a job, speaking to your child's teacher, or speaking to any other professional, this course will enable you to communicate with more confidence and clarity of speech.

Varied course offerings based on learner's current CLB's.

Pronunciation

Courses are available from CLB 2 to 8

Learn to speak English with confidence and clarity by learning to form the sounds, use the natural rhythm and correct stress of the English language. Varied course offerings based on learner's current CLB's.

REGISTRATION IS ONGOING

Please call **905-731-9557** or email uplands@yrdsb.ca for more information.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

York Region District School Board would like to acknowledge and thank our community partners for their ongoing support and contribution to the success of our language and skills training programs. We value and cherish your dedication to the needs of our community!



Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada

Immigration, Réfugiés et Citoyenneté Canada



Select the program(s) you'd like to learn:

Basic Computer Skills

Minimum time commitment - 8 classes

Getting to Know a Computer

- Terminology
- Hardware and software
- Mouse skills
- Keyboarding

File Management

- Saving files to a hard drive or USB
- Creating folders
- Moving files

Getting Started with Email

- Setting up a new address
- Sending/receiving email
- Attaching a document (résumé, picture, etc.)

Basic Text and Image Skills (in MS Word)

- Working with documents
- Moving text
- Inserting pictures, clip art, shapes
- Formatting images and shapes
- Creating a basic chart/table
- Using spell-check
- Inserting, editing and removing a header/footer

Internet Searches

- Conducting searches
- Making searches more effective
- Choosing reliable sites

Digital Technology for Effective Job Searches and Online Applications

Minimum time commitment - 8 classes

Email for Employment

- Subject line
- Address: to, cc, bcc
- Reply, reply all, and forward
- Body of email
- How to attach a file
- Formal/informal tone
- Purpose of email

Résumés and Cover Letters

- How to format
- Salutations and closings
- Purpose of letter
- Appropriate language and tone
- Inserting, editing and removing a header/footer
- Applying to positions online

Soft Skills and Successful Oral Communication

Once a week

Conversation Group

- Weekly topics for discussion
- Appropriate language and tone

- Workplace culture and etiquette
- Body language
- Enhanced pronunciation
- Confidence building

High School Credit or GED Preparation

- Get individualized support and instruction while preparing for your high school credit program or GED (high school equivalency). All subjects are offered.

Computer Skills for Employment and Further Education

Blended learning using training software and instructional support

Minimum time commitment - 8 classes

Microsoft Office Skills Introduction

- Word: creating and editing original documents, using proofing tools, templates, setting page layout
- Excel: entering data, formatting worksheets, setting worksheet layout, creating formulas, exercises
- PowerPoint: creating simple presentations
- Publisher: creating basic publications, formatting objects, duplicating an existing tri-fold brochure
- Outlook: making contacts, using the calendar
- Access: creating relational database tables, field properties

Microsoft Office Skills Intermediate to Advanced

- Word: working with tabs, bullets and numbering, drawing objects, using building blocks, tables, mail merge, macros. Creating flyers using WordArt, images and tables
- Excel: conditional formatting, sorting and filtering data, pivot tables and charts, security features, larger orders and charts
- PowerPoint: slide show view, animations, inserting sound, charts, tables and objects. Creating presentations using animation and sound. Delivering presentations to a group.
- Publisher: using master pages, customizing schemes, page set-up and layout. Creating an original tri-fold brochure and other business stationary such as gift certificate and flyers
- Outlook: tasks, folders, mailbox options
- Access: queries, creating forms, form and report controls, macros

Google at Work

Once a Week

- Gmail
- Calendar
- Drive
- Sharing documents
- Hangouts

Increasing Keyboarding Speed

Employment and Academic Skills Upgrading

Math

Minimum time commitment - 8 classes

- Basic arithmetic
- Money math
- Time (time sheets, calendars)
- Math for college

English Language Skills

Minimum time commitment - 8 classes

- Grammar: parts of speech, word order, parts of a sentence
- Mechanics: punctuation, capitalization, spelling
- Writing complete sentences
- Verb tenses, agreement

From the list below, select what you need help with in order to find or secure sustainable employment:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finding and using information | <input type="checkbox"/> Using digital technology (computer skills) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating ideas and information | <input type="checkbox"/> Managing your learning (goal setting and action plans) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding and using numbers (math) | <input type="checkbox"/> Engaging with others ("soft skills" such as customer-service) |

The iWIN Program is offered at no cost to eligible learners by the York Region District School Board, with support from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.



DESIGN YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS



Book your assessment today!

Date: _____ Time: _____

This program is right for you if you are a resident of Ontario (19+) and need to:

- Enhance your employability skills
- Gain or upgrade computer skills for the workplace
- Prepare for college, university or apprenticeship programs
- Prepare for a High School Credit program or GED
- Gain confidence in life, work and studies

Our **iWIN Program** will help you reach your goals faster! Get individualized support from a highly qualified and experienced instructor and create a class schedule that **works for you**.

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JEWISH FAMILY &CHILD

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groups & workshops OCTOBER 2017

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 fee reductions.

WIDOW/WIDOWERS under 65 BEREAVEMENT

A six session evening group for men and women under 65 years of age and 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.

Tuesday, October 31, 2017
7:30pm to 9pm
4600 Bathurst St
Lipa Green Centre

Upcoming Events



October 5 & 6	Grade 2's @ Swan Lake
October 9	Thanksgiving Day
October 10	Lice Squad
October 13 & 16	Mad Science Begins
October 17	Bus Safety
October 20	P.A. day
October 23	Primary Drama
October 24	Grade 7's HEP B & HPV
October 26	School Council
November 9	Picture Retakes
November 21	Report Cards distributed
November 23	Parent/Teacher interviews
November 24	P. A. day