THE YORK SCHOOL

Junior School WINTER 2023/2024 Co-Curricular Programme Guide

After School Programmes
3:45 PM - 4:45 PM



Start Date	End Date
Tuesday, November 14, 2023	Friday, February 23, 2024

Registration Open	Registration Ends
Friday, October 20, 2023 @ 9:00am	Friday, October 27, 2023 @12:00pm

No Classes Winter Break: December 22-January 5	
Monday	January 29 (PD Day), February 19
Tuesday	February 20 (Student Conferences)
Wednesday	

Thursday	February 15th
Friday	February 16th

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MONDAY Disney Kitchen (Explore It!) JK	Disney Kitchen (Explore It!) Grade JK Max: 15 $275.00 plus HST per student Even Disney characters love to cook! From short movies to full-length feature films, characters from Disney movies are often seen sipping soups, consuming cakes or sampling any number of gastronomic delights. What are they? How were they made? How can we get a piece of that pie? Recipes such as Moana's Tropical Smoothies, Pascal's Pancakes, Lady and the Tramp's Spaghetti and Meatballs, Mrs. Pott's Raspberry-Mint Iced Tea and Aladdin's Mast-o-Khair and more will be explored - and best of all, each week we'll enjoy our creations together at the end of class. Be our guest in this hands-on program where we'll get into the kitchen to create a feast! ● *Note to parents: All Explore It! culinary programs are 100% nut free and vegetarian friendly. It may not be possible to accommodate other allergies or dietary needs – please contact us for more information.*
MONDAY LEGO Creators (Explore It!) JK	LEGO Creators (Explore It!) Grade JK $265.00 plus HST per student Creativity is contagious- pass it on, with LEGO®! In this fun program, we will challenge our creativity as we imagine what we can build, and then bring it to life! Use your imagination to build anything and everything: bridges, cities, castles, trains, aeroplanes, and so much more! We will work independently and on team builds to develop structures, and to play creative LEGO® games! Create everything you could ever imagine… with LEGO®!
MONDAY TinkerLab Science Explorers SK	TinkerLab Science Explorers Grade SK $265.00 plus HST per student Let's get Tinkering in TinkerLab! This STEAM based program encourages curiosity and creative thinking through problem-solving, questions and hands-on experiments that explore art, science and more. Join us in TinkerLab this term to explore a world where Science, Technology and Art intersect - from Watercolour

	Explorations and Hanging Structures to Ramps and Marble Runs, we'll Tinker with it all!
MONDAY Chem-Mystery STEM (Explore It!) Gr. 1-2	Chem-Mystery STEM (Explore It!) Grade 1-2 $265.00 plus HST per student From crazy concoctions to exploding creations, chemical reactions are all around us - but for many, the science behind these reactions remains a mystery. Join us in becoming Junior Chemists by practicing proper lab techniques through experimental chemistry to solve the Chem-Mystery!
MONDAY Stuffed Minis Craft & Sew Club (Explore It!) Gr. 1-3	Stuffed Minis Craft & Sew Club (Explore It!) Grade 1 - 3 $265.00 plus HST per student In Stuffed Minis Sewing Club, we will learn to sew while creating miniature versions of our favourite stuffed animals and we'll bring them to life by crafting them into plush characters! This fun, hands-on program allows students to complete projects quickly while developing their sewing and crafting skills. Throughout the program, we will create brand-new, one-of-a-kind, miniature stuffies to hang on our backpacks, adorn our tote bags and cuddle as a part of our stuffed animal family!
MONDAY Aspiring Architects (Explore It!) Gr. 3-5	Aspiring Architects (Explore It!) Gr. 3-5 $265.00 plus HST per student . We spend most of our lives in buildings. We make our homes in them. We go to school in them. We work in them. But why and how did people start making buildings? For children with a passion for drawing, or dreams of creating buildings, this program explores how architects really work, moving through the process of planning and designing.. Aspiring architects will discover design techniques, along with different, exciting architectural styles used throughout history, before bringing their visions to life - first in freehand and then with engineering and model construction. The exciting world of architecture is at our fingertips… What will you build?

MONDAY LEGO Robots: STEM & Electronics Club (Explore It!) Gr. 3-5	LEGO Robots: STEM & Electronics Club (Explore It!) Gr. 3-5 $275.00 plus HST per student This LEGO Robotics program is a fantastic introduction to the world of robotics that will instantly see your children excited about STEM. Using a tablet and the EV3 Mindstorms kits, participants will learn how to build, program, and code while designing different and increasingly complex robots every week. Students will be taught the most important aspects of coding, including debugging and repair, working in precisely calculated steps, and repeated testing. Beyond the fun, there are a host of wonderful benefits that come with this program, including the development of logical reasoning and problem-solving skills, digital literacy, and the practical application of scientific methodology.
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TUESDAY 3D Art Lab (Explore It!) Gr. 1-2	3D Art Lab (Explore It!) Grade: 1-2 $318.00 plus HST per student It's time to move past two dimensional creations, into the realm of 3D! In 3D Art Lab, students will foster creativity through the creation of 3-dimensional art projects. Using materials such as clay, textiles, paper, and wire, students will create art through sculpture, jewelry making and other creative processes. Prominent and well-known artists, both past and present, will inspire each week's theme. Get engaged in a new dimension of the art world, with 3D Art Lab!
TUESDAY Magical Magicians (Explore It!) Gr. 1-3	Magical Magicians(Explore It!) Gr. 1-3 $318.00 plus HST per student Abracadbra! Join us to explore the mystical world of magical arts and theatricality! This program offers a strong focus on dramatic presentation as students learn how tricks come to life! We'll learn loads of tricks – maybe how to make cards appear, coins disappear or read people's minds – all while fine-tuning our critical thinking skills, as well as enhancing fine and gross motor skills. If you've always wanted to mystify an audience, this is the program for you! Join us this term for a truly magical experience!
TUESDAY Great Minds of Science: STEAM Explorers DIY Creators Club (Explore It!) Gr. 3-5	Great Minds of Science: STEAM Explorers (Explore It!) Grade: 3-5 $318.00 plus HST per student From Thomas Edison to Marie Curie, the great minds of our time have shaped the way we look at the world. In this program, students will use a hands-on approach to learn about the great minds of history. Together, we may learn about Archimedes' "eureka" moment, investigate the revolutionary engineering of Gustave Eiffel, or discover Leonardo Da Vinci as an artist, a mathematician and an inventor. Explore with us and you could be the next Great Mind of the 21st century!

WEDNESDAY DIY Makers Club (Explore It!) Gr. JK-SK	DIY Makers Club(Explore It!) Grade: JK-SK $344.50 plus HST per student It's time to move past two dimensional creations, into the realm of 3D! In Craft-Tastic Kids Club, students will foster creativity through the creation of 3-dimensional art and craft projects. Using materials such as clay, textiles, paper, and wire, students will create through sculpture, weaving, collage and other creative processes. Well-known artists, and current crafting trends will inspire each week's theme. Get engaged in a new dimension of creation in Craft-Tastic Kids Club!
WEDNESDAY Chess Gr. 1-5	Chess (Goran Milecevic & Natalia Khoudgarian) Grade 1-5 $360..00 Goran Milecevic continues his excellent and very popular Chess programme. In addition to being a successful chess competitor himself, Goran is a talented and popular chess coach with a number of Toronto schools. Goran loves teaching chess to children and has coached many successful Canadian Junior players who are Canadian and Ontario Champions and have represented Canada at the International level. Natalia Khoudgarian holds the International title of WIM. She was four times Canada's Women's Chess Champion and represented Canada at the World Chess Olympiad. Natalia teaches chess as a Co-Curricular activity and as part of the regular school curriculum in numerous Toronto schools." Children need not have chess experience to join the class.
WEDNESDAY Wonder Workshop: STEAM Adventures (Explore It!) Gr. 1-2	Wonder Workshop: STEAM Adventures (Explore It!) Grade 1-2 $344.50 plus HST per student . Encourage curiosity and creative thinking through problem-solving, questions and hands-on experiments in this STEM program. Join us in a program where Science, Technology and Engineering intersect - together we'll explore it all!
WEDNESDAY Fashion Crafts (Explore It!) Gr. 1-3	Fashion Crafts (Explore It!) Grade 1 - 3 $344.50 plus HST per student . In this fun program, we'll explore different fashion based arts such as drawing and pattern making, sewing and folding or draping, weaving techniques and creating to make our own fashionable crafts. From hair clips, necklaces, and toys, to purses, jewelry boxes, and mp3 sleeves – we can make it all! Working with different

	materials, students will be able to design and create fashionable items they will be proud to take home, wear and use. The project ideas in this program are endless – join us for some fashionista fun!
<u>WEDNESDAY</u> Food Lab: Cooking with Science (Explore It!) Gr. 3-5	Food Lab: Cooking with Science (Explore It!) Grade: 3-5 $357.50 plus HST per student Max: 20 Ever wondered how to make homemade mac 'n' cheese that is as satisfyingly gooey and velvety-smooth? What about exploring the temperamental wonders of chocolate to make decadent treats? Or perhaps you'd like to learn about your five senses and how they can help to make you a master chef in the kitchen?! In Food Lab : Cooking with Science, we'll focus on the science behind our most beloved dishes, delving into the interactions between heat, energy, and molecules that create great food. And - of course, we'll eat our delicious delicacies each week! Grab your chef's hat - let's get cooking! ● *Note to parents: All Explore It! culinary programs are 100% nut free and vegetarian friendly. It may not be possible to accommodate other allergies or dietary needs – please contact us for more information.*
<u>THURSDAY</u> Yoga Dance FUN! (Explore It!) JK-SK	Yoga Dance FUN! (Explore It!) JK-SK $265.00 plus HST per student Flow into fun and beautiful expressions in Yoga Dance FUN this term. In this program, we will combine the asanas of yoga with the movement, creativity, and rhythm of contemporary dance and the fun and power of bootcamp! Through individual exercise, choreography and partner or small group activities, students will develop strength and artistry in movement. Participants will learn how the power of dance and yoga complement each other as they flow into mindful movement each week. Join us and find the inner dancer, artist, and yogi in you!
<u>THURSDAY</u> Fairytale Food Cooking Club (Explore It!) (Gr. 1-2)	Fairytale Food Cooking Club (Explore It!) Gr. 1-2 $275.00 plus HST per student Max: 18 If you fancy tucking into a steaming hot bowl of Princess & the Pea Soup, enjoying a cup of tea and a slab of Hansel & Gretel's House Gingerbread, or tickling your taste buds with a dollop of Tinkerbell's Trifle, then this is the program for you. Each week, we'll cook a recipe - accompanied by the original book, poem or verse that inspired it - so roll up your sleeves and get ready to enjoy some delicious Fairytale Feasts this term!

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THURSDAY STEM LEGO Engineers (Explore It!) (Gr. 1-3)	STEM LEGO Engineers Grade 1 - 3 $265.00 plus HST per student It's time to create wacky projects that spin, stretch or spring into action - all by reacting to each other! Take your LEGO® knowledge up a notch, learning new building techniques for diverse LEGO® contraptions. Then, use these contraptions for elaborate chain reactions that swing, bounce or recoil in ways that only LEGO® bricks can! How complex a reaction can you create?
THURSDAY Game-Makers Club (Explore It!) Gr 3 - 5	Game Makers Club Grade 3 - 5 $265.00 plus HST per student Do you have an idea for the ultimate game that only you and your friends will understand? Or one you can share with the world?! Join us in this hands on, STEAM program and, before long, you'll be impressing everyone on your next game night! Creating your own board game can be a really fun project from start to finish - all you need are some great ideas, simple supplies, and your own inventiveness!
FRIDAY Act One-THE LION KING (Gr. 1-5)	Act One-THE LION KING (Act One) Grade: 1-5 $615 plus tax=$695 Start date: November 17th End date March 1st Dress Rehearsal at the theatre on March 3rd (no rehearsal on November 24th and February 16th) Students participating in ACT ONE will learn about the magic of musical theatre. They will rehearse for a limited rehearsal period and prepare a presentation for parents, grandparents, and friends. They will learn how to sing, dance and act in a fun setting. There will be two performances at York Woods Library Theatre (1785 Finch Avenue West) on Sunday March 3rd (matinee) and Monday March 4th (evening performance). Parents are responsible for supplying their child's costume and getting their child to and from the performances. Please note that attendees will be required to purchase tickets for each performance at a cost of $40 for General Admission seats and $50 for Premium seats.

Teacher Led Clubs ** No cost*



****Please note that even if your child is currently enrolled in a teacher-led club that runs all year, you will still need to re-register them for the winter term.**

Club	Description
TUESDAY IMPROV/DRAMA CLUB (Grade 3-5)	Improv/ Drama Club (Ms Charley) Grade 3-5 Max 18 Improv -short for improvisation - is a form of live theater in which all aspects of the performance including the dialogue, plot, and characters, are made up on the spot. Students play lots of fun engaging improv/ drama games to learn to be spontaneous and react in the moment. Life is not a dress rehearsal. Students enjoy working creatively and collaboratively with their peers as they develop self confidence, focus and concentration, and strong oral communication and listening skills. They learn to take risks, trust themselves and fail joyfully in a fun supportive environment.
TUESDAY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB *Picture Perfect!* (Grades 2-3)	Photography Club- Picture Perfect! (Ms Moffat Johansson) Grades 2-3 Max 10 Students will learn how to hold a camera, compose better photos, shoot from different vantage points/perspectives and how to capture emotion and energy. In addition to taking photos in the building, student photographers will also have the opportunity to go on photo scavenger hunts and photography walks through the cemetery and on the Beltline. Students will have access to the school's small digital cameras and ipads to take their photos. They are also welcome to bring their own cameras or iphones from home.
TUESDAY RUBIK' S CUBE CLUB (Grades 3-5)	Rubik's Cubers (Alexandra MacDonald - Junior School parent) Grade 3-5 Max 12 Rubik's Cubers is for kids interested in learning how to solve a 3x3 rubik's cube. We will be using the storytelling method to teach one algorithm each week. No experience is needed, just curiosity (and a bit of patience 😉). Children who are Rubik's savvy and would like to join are still welcome, and can focus on 2x2, pyraminx, 4x4 and mirror cubes.

WEDNESDAY JUNIOR CHOIR (Grades 3-5) Mornings 7:20 am- 8:15 am *Start your day with a song!*	Junior Choir (Ms Rosen) Grades 3-5 Do you love to sing? Join the Junior Choir and enjoy making music and performing with your friends. The Junior Choir is a formal choral experience and the students rehearse year-round from September to June. The Junior Choir is led by the new music teacher Ms Rosen. Students will get the opportunity to sing together at assemblies and at our annual Harmony Concert. The highlight of the year is learning the repertoire in preparation for a performance at our annual Conference of Independent Schools Music Festival at Roy Thompson Hall in the Spring.
WEDNESDAY CRAFT-TASTIC! (Grades 2-5)	Craft-tastic! (Ms Carroll) Grades 2-5 Max 12 Be inspired to make and create at our Craft-tastic! Club. This club is a fun way for young artists to express themselves and unleash their imaginations with engaging craft projects in a variety of mediums. Students will begin with jewelry making. They will enjoy designing their own friendship bracelets to wear and share using string, coloured embroidery thread, Gimp and beads.
WEDNESDAY READ TEAM (Grade 3-5)	Read Team (Ms Larcina) Gr 3-5 Max: 8 If you love to read and want to join a team of fellow book lovers, then this is the club for you! The Read Team offers avid readers a place to broaden their reading interests and exercise teamwork by participating in activities like book clubs and discussions. They will also have the opportunity to engage in friendly competition with kids from other CIS schools in a Battle of the Books trivia competition. Team members should be reading 1-3 books a week and need to have an open mind about exploring new authors and genres.
WEDNESDAY FRENCH CLUB (Grades 3-5)	French Club (Mlle. Calhoun) Gr 3-5 Max: 12 The French Club, led by Mlle. Calhoun, is an opportunity for students to practice, improve and extend their French language skills and have fun discovering francophone culture. Students will acquire new words and expressions, enjoy activities such as cooking French food and enjoy being part of a community of individuals who are interested in French.
THURSDAY CARIBOU MATH/ MATHLETES	Caribou Math/Mathletes (Ms Yochabel & Mr den Ouden) Gr 3-5 This math enrichment club is focused on building math fluency, problem solving skills and tenacity. Your children will form friendships and embrace their love of learning

(Grades 3-5)	math! Through games and challenges students develop excitement and engagement about math. Students may also choose to participate in the Canadian Caribou Mathematics Competition which is a world wide online contest that is held six times throughout the school year for interested students in Grades 2-12. Different from traditional mathematical thinking challenge activities, the Caribou contest integrates mathematical problems into life through “interactive” unique and interesting problems. Caribou games are definitely the most important part of the Caribou contest. Making math fun again!
<u>THURSDAY</u> CRAFTY KIDS/ORIGAMI CLUB (Grades 1-2)	Crafty Kids Club (Ms Philp) Gr 1-2 Max 10 The Crafty Kids Club enhances student's creativity and expression through various mediums. Students will begin with learning origami, the Japanese art of paper folding. They will develop their hand-eye coordination, sequencing skills, mathematical reasoning, memory, spatial awareness, attention and patience. Origami is also a great stress-reliever; plus it's fun! Students will also use their imaginations with other fun craft projects. No experience is needed as students learn, create, and showcase their own pieces with Ms. Philp.
<u>THURSDAY</u> COMMUNITY SERVICE/ECO CLUB	Community Service/Eco Club (Mme Almeida & Parent Volunteer Louise PItt, Gr 5 Student Leaders) Grade 3-5 Max 12 This club provides an opportunity for students to participate in initiatives, campaigns and activities that cultivate a sense of empathy, while assisting those in need. Students will get to raise awareness and demonstrate the learning profile attribute of ‘caring’ as they find ways to take action and live our school-wide community service motto, Take a Stand, Lend a Hand. This club will also engage in green eco-friendly initiatives that help us learn how to take better care of our planet.
<u>FRIDAY</u> PRIMARY CHOIR/MUSIC & MOVEMENT Gr SK-2 Mornings 7:20 am- 8:15 am *Start your day with a song!*	Primary Choir/ Music & Movement Gr SK-2 Max 20 Join Primary Choir/ Music & Movement and enjoy singing, moving, playing and performing with your friends. The Primary Choir led by our music teacher Ms.Rosen is a formal choral experience paired with the opportunity to play instruments and engage in music and movement activities. Students get the opportunity to perform at different assemblies and at our annual Harmony Concert. In January, this club will expand its focus to provide more opportunity for our younger students to extend their learning from music class. Students will sing, say, move, and play instruments while allowing student voice to create new ideas.