THE YORK JUNIOR SCHOOL

Spring 2025
Co-Curricular Program Guide

After School Programming 3:30 PM - 4:30PM

Registration Opens online on YorkNet	Registration Closes closes on YorkNet
Friday February 21, 2024 9:00 AM	**Friday February 28, 2024 12:00 PM**

Programming Start Dates	Programming End Dates
Monday March 31, 2025 - All co curricular and athletic offerings ****Friday, March 28, 2025 - Act One Rehearsals**	**Friday May 23, 2025 - All co curricular and athletic offerings** ****Friday, June 6, 2025 - Act One Rehearsals**
Week of Monday, May 26 - Friday, May 30 Make up classes for Explore It! Clubs/Celebration & Jersey Return	

Co Curricular Interruptions	
Date	**Reason + Makeup Date**
Monday April 7, 2025	PD Day (no classes) - (Makeup on Monday May 26)
Friday April 18,2025	Good Friday (no classes)
Monday April 21, 2025	Easter Day (no classes)
Thursday April 24, 2025	Celebration of Learning - (Makeup on Thursday May 29)
Friday May 16, 2025	Founder's Day (no classes)
Monday May 19, 2025	Victoria Day (no classes)

YORK JUNIOR JK TO 5	**Co-curricular Program Dates** **2024 - 2025**
FALL	Monday, September 9 - Friday, October 25 (7 weeks) Week of October 28 - November 1 (Celebration and jersey return.)
WINTER	Monday, November 4 - Friday, December 13 Winter Break Monday, January 6 - Friday Feb, 21 (13 weeks) Week of February 24 - 28 (Celebration and jersey return.)
SPRING	Monday, March 31 - Friday, May 23 (8 weeks) Week of May 26 - 30 (Celebration week & mini-meet.)

External Provider Offerings

****NEW****

Please review the following Terms and Conditions before proceeding with registration.

Minimum Student Enrollment

- Please note that the **Minimum Student Enrollment requirement to run any of our external provider offerings is 7 students.** If a club does not run as a result of low student interest/enrollment, families will be notified after registration closes and given the opportunity to register for an alternate offering.

Changes to Enrollment After the Registration Period Has Closed

Requesting a **Change Before the First Class**:

- Please email Zachary Vito a minimum of 48 business hours before the first class to request a cancellation or transfer into an alternate program. Transfers will be based on availability of space in a program and cannot be guaranteed.

Requesting a **Change After the First Class** (and up to 48 Hours Before the Second Class) in a Program:

- With written notice by email, a transfer to another class may be offered if space is available.

Requesting a **Change After the Second Class** in a Program:

- We are unable to refund any portion of a program fee.

Discipline and Behaviour Management:

- The York School and its programming partners reserve the right to have a child removed from a program, without compensation for remaining classes, for serious discipline or behavioural issues.

Programme Name	Description
MONDAY	
Hip Hop & Break Dance Fun! Grade JK - SK	**Hip Hop & Break Dance Fun!** Grade JK - SK Cost: $207.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 20 Get ready to move, groove, and break it down! The Hip Hop & Break Dance program is designed for young children to explore the exciting world of hip hop and breakdancing. In a fun, safe, and supportive environment, kids will learn the fundamentals of both dance styles while developing coordination, rhythm, and confidence. Each session is packed with age-appropriate activities, from learning basic breakdancing moves like top rock, footwork, and spins, to discovering the power of self-expression through hip hop grooves. Our experienced instructors will guide kids through energetic warm-ups, interactive routines, and group choreography that encourages teamwork, creativity, and a sense of accomplishment.
TinkerLab STEAM Workshop Grade JK - SK	**TinkerLab STEAM Workshop** Grade JK - SK Cost: $207.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 15 Welcome to TinkerLab: STEAM Workshop, where creativity, curiosity, and hands-on learning come together in a fun, interactive program! Designed for young minds, this exciting program introduces children to the world of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) through imaginative and playful activities that spark innovation and problem-solving skills. In each session, kids will dive into fun projects using everyday materials to explore engineering challenges, experiment with simple machines, create colorful art, and engage in interactive science experiments. From building their own mini catapults to creating water-powered rockets, the possibilities are endless in the TinkerLab! Guided by our friendly instructors, children will develop critical thinking, teamwork, and creative problem-solving skills while having a blast.
Homemade Gifts DIY Crafts Club Grade 1 - 3	**Homemade Gifts DIY Crafts Club** Grade 1 - 3 Cost: $207.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 15 Give the gift of creativity! In Homemade Gifts, where children will discover the joy of making personalized gifts with their own two hands. This fun and heartwarming program introduces kids to the art of crafting, where they'll learn to create thoughtful, handmade presents for family, friends, and loved ones. From painted picture frames to clay ornaments, kids will use their imagination and crafting skills to make special gifts full of love and care. Each week, young crafters will explore a different project, learning new techniques and using a variety of materials such as paper, clay, fabric, beads, and paint. With guidance from our enthusiastic instructors, kids will take pride in making unique, meaningful gifts that they can't wait to share. Along the way, they'll develop fine motor skills, boost their creativity, and learn the value of giving from the heart.

LEGO Architecture: Build & Create Grade 1 - 3	**LEGO Architecture: Build & Create** Grade 1 - 3 Cost: $207.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 20 Welcome to LEGO Architecture, where young minds can design, create, and explore the world of architecture through the magic of LEGO! This exciting program introduces children to the basics of architectural design, engineering, and creativity using one of the most beloved building materials — LEGO bricks! In each session, kids will have the opportunity to build their own mini masterpieces, from famous landmarks to imaginative structures of their own design. Our experienced instructors will guide them in developing problem-solving skills, learning about famous buildings around the world, and experimenting with different construction techniques. Whether they're building a tall skyscraper, a cozy house, or a futuristic city, every project is an adventure in creativity and exploration.
Treat Yourself Cooking Club Grade 4 - 5	**Treat Yourself Cooking Club** Grade 4 - 5 Cost: $213.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 12 Calling all little pastry chefs! Treat Yourself: Cooking is the perfect program for kids who love to get creative in the kitchen and enjoy making delicious desserts. In this fun and interactive program, children will learn how to make simple, yummy sweets they can proudly share with family and friends! Each week, kids will dive into hands-on activities like decorating cupcakes, making fruit parfaits, preparing no-bake cheesecakes, or assembling their own cookie creations. Our friendly instructors will guide them step-by-step, teaching essential kitchen skills like measuring, mixing, and following recipes while emphasizing safety, cleanliness, and teamwork. By the end of each class, kids will have fun, beautiful desserts to treat themselves and others!
Drama and Debate Club Grade 4 - 5	**Drama and Debate Club** Grade 4 - 5 Cost: $207.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 15 Lights, camera, action! Drama & Debate is an exciting program where children can step into the spotlight and explore the world of performance and public speaking in a fun and supportive environment. This program introduces kids to basic drama skills and the art of friendly debate, helping them build confidence, express themselves clearly, and develop important communication abilities. In each session, kids will engage in drama games, improvisation exercises, and short skits that allow them to explore different characters, emotions, and stories. They'll also learn the basics of debate — how to express their opinions, listen to others, and participate in respectful discussions. Whether they're acting out a fairy tale, practicing a speech, or learning how to present their thoughts on a fun topic, children will build valuable skills in both performance and conversation.

TUESDAY	
LEGO Adventures Grade JK - SK	**LEGO Adventures** Grade JK - SK Cost: $250.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 20 Get ready for a fun-filled journey of imagination and creativity with LEGO Adventure:! In this exciting program, children will embark on thrilling building challenges, create their own LEGO worlds, and go on exciting adventures—all while developing problem-solving and teamwork skills. Whether they're constructing towering castles, designing futuristic cities, or exploring secret spaceships, each session is a chance to dive into a new world of LEGO possibilities! Our experienced instructors will guide kids through a variety of fun, hands-on building activities that promote creative thinking and collaboration. Each week, children will be inspired to use their LEGO bricks to bring their wildest ideas to life, while learning the fundamentals of engineering, design, and storytelling. The possibilities are endless, and every project offers a new adventure!
Art-Rageous! Grade JK - SK	**Art-Rageous!** Grade JK - SK Cost: $250.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 15 Unleash your child's inner artist with Art-Rageous! This program is designed to inspire creativity and self-expression through a variety of fun and engaging art projects. From painting and drawing to sculpting and crafting, kids will explore different mediums and techniques, while also learning about famous artists and their iconic works. In each session, children will dive into hands-on art-making activities, guided by our experienced instructors. They'll experiment with watercolors like Claude Monet, create bold shapes inspired by Pablo Picasso, and sculpt playful figures in the style of Auguste Rodin. Let's get Art-Rageous this term!
Top Secret Recipes: Kid Chefs on the Case Grade 1 - 2	**Top Secret Recipes: Kid Chefs on the Case** Grade 1 - 2 Cost: $258.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 12 Calling all little detectives and food lovers! Top Secret Recipes: Kid Chefs on the Case is an exciting program where young chefs become culinary detectives, recreating famous dishes and snacks from their favorite restaurants and food brands. Every week, kids will unlock the secrets behind popular food creations, learning how to make their own "copycat" versions at home, from crispy fries to delicious smoothies or tasty treats. In this fun, hands-on program, children will get to mix, mash, assemble, and decorate - crafting their own fruit parfaits to create signature wraps, no-bake energy bites, and even "copycat" smoothie bowls, kids will enjoy safe, easy, and tasty recipes. Guided by our expert instructors, they'll learn kitchen skills, creativity, and teamwork while becoming culinary detectives uncovering the best secret recipes.

	• *Note to parents: All Explore It! culinary programs are vegetarian friendly. We also make every effort possible to ensure that ingredients are nut-free. It may not be possible to accommodate other allergies or dietary needs – please contact us for more information.*
3D Art & Creation Lab Grade 1 - 2	**3D Art & Creation Lab** Grade 1 - 2 Cost: $250.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 15 Let your child's creativity come to life with 3D Art & Creation Lab*!* In this fun and hands-on program, children will explore the world of three-dimensional art by building, molding, and shaping their own creations. Using a variety of materials like clay, playdough, cardboard, and more, young artists will dive into exciting projects that allow them to transform flat surfaces into fantastic, life-like sculptures! Each week, children will have the chance to create their own 3D masterpieces—whether it's a clay animal, a colorful geometric shape, or even imaginative creatures from recycled materials. Our experienced instructors will guide them through fun techniques and easy steps, helping them bring their artistic ideas to life in a whole new dimension. As kids explore textures, forms, and space, they'll build confidence in their artistic abilities while gaining valuable skills in sculpture, design, and spatial awareness.
Sculpture Art Workshop Grade 3 - 4	**Sculpture Art Workshop** Grade 3 - 4 Cost: $250.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 15 Welcome to the Sculpture Workshop — a hands-on program designed to inspire young artists to explore the exciting world of sculpture! In this program, kids will learn the art of turning everyday materials into 3D masterpieces. Whether they're molding clay, building with cardboard, or shaping materials in new and creative ways, children will develop their artistic skills while unleashing their imagination and creativity. Throughout the program, students will dive into a variety of fun, guided projects, creating sculptures that range from animals and abstract designs to imaginative figures and structures. Our experienced instructors will guide them through the process of planning, building, and finishing their sculptures, helping them learn essential techniques, including texture, form, and balance. As they experiment with different materials and design concepts, children will gain confidence in their abilities, all while having fun and expressing themselves in three dimensions!
Game Makers Grade 4 - 5	**Game Makers** Grade 4 - 5 Cost: $250.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 15 Welcome to Game Makers — where kids become the designers of their own fun, interactive games! In this hands-on program, young creators will dive into the exciting world of game design, learning how to make their own board games, card games, and

	other fun, creative games—using their imagination and problem-solving skills every step of the way. Through a series of fun and creative projects, kids will get the chance to invent unique game concepts, develop rules, create game pieces, and test their games with friends. Whether they're designing a race to the finish line, a card game of strategy, or an adventure game with custom pieces, they'll be guided by our experienced instructors who will help them turn their ideas into playable, fun experiences. Along the way, they'll build important skills in teamwork, creativity, and critical thinking, all while having a blast playing their own creations!

WEDNESDAY	
Spangler Science Grade JK - SK	**Spangler Science** Grade JK - SK Cost: $250.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 15 Get ready for a whirlwind of excitement and discovery with Spangler Science! Inspired by the thrilling, hands-on science experiments made famous by Steve Spangler, this program is packed with fun experiments that will spark curiosity and ignite a love of science in your child. Throughout the program, kids will dive into the world of chemistry, physics, and engineering, exploring the science behind everyday objects through cool, safe, and easy-to-understand experiments. From creating colorful volcano eruptions to building fizzy rockets, experimenting with water pressure, and more, each activity is designed to entertain while teaching core scientific principles. Guided by our experienced instructors, children will develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and creativity as they experiment, test, and learn.
Playground Games Grade JK - SK	**Playground Games** Grade JK - SK Cost: $250.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 20 Get ready to run, jump, and play in Playground Games! This high-energy program is all about getting active, having fun, and learning classic playground games in a safe and supportive environment. Whether it's a team game, a friendly competition, or a creative twist on a favorite activity, each session offers new ways to engage, build teamwork, and have fun outdoors. Through play, kids will develop important skills such as coordination, sportsmanship, and communication while building friendships and getting active. Our instructors will guide the children in learning the rules, strategies, and teamwork needed to enjoy every game, fostering a sense of confidence and fun in every player! • We'll aim to be outside for at least part of all sessions, so bring your layers to bundle up to play a variety of games with us this term!
Musical Theatre: Pop Music Performers Grade 1 - 4	**Musical Theatre: Pop Music Performers** Grade 1 - 4 Cost: $250.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 20 Get ready to unleash your inner pop star in Pop Music Performers! This exciting program lets kids step into the spotlight as they learn to sing and dance to their favorite pop musical songs, while developing confidence, creativity, and teamwork along the way. From catchy tunes to fun choreography, children will explore the world of pop musicals through performance and play! Each session features a mix of singing, dancing, and acting as kids learn pop musical hits, create fun routines, and perform with their friends. Our instructors will guide children through the basics of vocal technique, movement, and stage presence, all while having a blast! Whether it's a high-energy dance routine or a group sing-along, every child will get the chance to shine and show off their talents in a supportive, positive environment.

Sweet Treats Cooking Club Grade 2 - 3	**Sweet Treats Cooking Club** Grade 2 - 3 Cost: $258.00 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 12 Welcome to Sweet Treats Cooking Club: Bake — the deliciously fun program where kids get to bake, decorate, and, of course, enjoy sweet treats! In this hands-on cooking club, children will learn how to make a variety of yummy desserts, from cupcakes and cookies to fruit tarts and ice cream sundaes, all while exploring the basics of baking and decorating. Each week, kids will follow easy and safe recipes, mix ingredients, and practice basic baking skills like measuring, stirring, and frosting. They'll also get creative with colorful decorations, toppings, and edible art to make their sweet creations as beautiful as they are tasty. Whether it's frosting cupcakes, decorating cookies with sprinkles, or making fruit parfaits, every child will have fun and gain confidence as they whip up delicious treats to share with friends and family! • *Note to parents: All Explore It! culinary programs are vegetarian friendly. We also make every effort possible to ensure that ingredients are nut-free. It may not be possible to accommodate other allergies or dietary needs – please contact us for more information.*
Babysitting Certificate Program Grade 5	**Babysitting Certificate Program** 9 weeks with a Summative Test for Certificate on Wednesday May 28 Grade 5 Cost: $295.50 plus HST per student Maximum Student Enrollment: 20 Prepare your child to become a confident, responsible babysitter with the Canada Safety Council's Babysitting Certificate Program. This engaging and informative program is designed for students in grade 5 and up, providing them with the essential skills and knowledge to safely care for children. From child development to emergency response and first aid, this course covers everything needed to be a successful babysitter. Throughout the program, participants will learn important babysitting skills, including how to manage different age groups, handle emergencies, and keep kids safe and entertained. They'll also practice planning age-appropriate activities and understand the basics of effective communication with parents. At the end of the program, participants will take a final exam to assess their knowledge. Those who pass the exam will earn a Babysitting Certificate, validating their readiness and skills to babysit responsibly. • *NOTE: Students must attend all sessions and establish a passing grade of 75 percent on the final examination in order to receive their certificate.* • *NOTE: In order to complete the certification, participants will be required to attend all sessions and receive a passing grade on a test covering the materials. The test will be held during the last session of the term and make-up opportunities (if requested) will be at the discretion of an Explore It! company director.*
Chess Grade 1- 5	**Chess (Goran Milecevic & Natalia Khoudgarian)** Grade 1-5 Cost: $238 per student

Teacher Led Clubs
No Cost

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.
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB ***Picture Perfect!*** **Grades 2-3**	**Photography Club- Picture Perfect! (Ms Mary 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.
RUBIK' S CUBE CLUB **Grades 3-5**	**Rubik's Cubers (Ms. Baptist)** 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**	**Junior Choir** 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 Mr Planert. Students will get the opportunity to sing together at assemblies and at other divisional events. 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 Thomson Hall in the Spring.
CODING/JS YORK TV **Grade 3-5**	**Coding/JS York TV (Ms Jensen & Ms Pearson)** Gr 3-5 Max: 12 At Junior Coding/York TV Club, students will learn programming language to create instructions that a computer can understand and execute as they make their own games and animations. They will also use video camera equipment and editing software to create TV spots. Students will develop public speaking and interviewing skills as they speak to students/faculty & staff about their roles, various topics and community events. The videos created by this club may be showcased at Junior School assemblies, in the Flash or be added to York TV episodes created by our Senior School students.
MATH **EDU-TAINMENT** **Grade 1 & 2**	**Math Edu-tainment (Ms Morgan)** Gr 1 & 2 Max: 10 Math Edu-tainment Club is a fun and engaging way for students to work with their peers to review key concepts and skills with math puzzles, games and problem solving and logical thinking activities. This club boosts students' self-confidence, fosters a can-do attitude towards math, and promotes collaborative cooperative learning.

THURSDAY	
CARIBOU MATH/ MATHLETES **Grade 3-5**	**Caribou Math/Mathletes (Ms Meg Stephson & Ms. Katherine Laschowski)** 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 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!
YEARBOOK CLUB **Grade 4 & 5**	**Yearbook Club (Mme Almeida + Ms. Faba)** Gr 4 & 5 Max: 12 Students will run the annual Cover Design Contest and learn about what happens behind the scenes when publishing a yearbook from planning/prep, page layouts and design ideas, communication with the publisher, deadlines and photography etc. They will collaborate on new ideas to add to our Yearbook like student surveys, jokes, inspirational quotes or top 10 lists. Students will also get to highlight and celebrate events by learning how to take photos and design slides to share with the community on our LCD screen on the first floor.
COMMUNITY SERVICE/ECO CLUB **Grade 3-5**	**Community Service/Eco Club (Ms Mary Moffat Johansson & Ms Wright)** Grade 3-5 Max 15 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**. T**his club will also engage in green eco-friendly initiatives that help us learn how to take better care of our planet.
FRIDAY	
PRIMARY CHOIR **SK - Gr 2** **Mornings** **7:20 am- 8:15 am**	**Primary Choir** SK - Gr 2 Join the Primary Choir and enjoy singing and performing with your friends. The Primary Choir led by our new music teacher Mr. Planert is a formal choral experience. Students rehearse year-round from September to June and will get the opportunity to perform at different assemblies and divisional events.