

School Updates



End of Semester 2 – Key Dates

- Formal Exam Period: **June 17–23**
- Exam Start Time: **9:00 AM daily**
- [RHHS Examination Guidelines - June 2026](#)

June 22	Period 3 Exams @ 9AM
June 23	Grade 9-11 Period 4 Exams @ 9AM
June 24	Exam Review Day (see schedule below)
June 24	Grade 12 Graduation
June 25	P.A. Day
June 26	P.A. Day
June 29	Marks Uploaded to Board
July 2	Marks Transmitted to OCAS/OUAC
July 6-8	Report Card eDistribution

Exam Review Day - Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Announcements	8:50 am - 8:55 am
Period 1 Classes	8:55 am - 9:32 am
Break	5 min
Period 2	9:37 am - 10:14 am
Break	5 min
Period 3 Classes	10:19 am - 10:56 am
Break	5 min
Period 4 Classes	11:01 am - 11:38 am
Break	5 min
Period 5 Classes	11:43 am - 12:20 pm
Lunch	12:20 pm - 1:00 pm
Promotion Meetings	1:00 pm (SST in the library)



Upcoming Dates:

[Calendar](#)

June 17-23: Exams

June 21: National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 23: 360 Kids 11:30AM, National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism

June 24: Exam Review Day & Graduation 6PM

June 24-25: Ashura

June 25&26: P.A. Days (no school for students)

🔥 ART NEWS 🔥



Artist Alley

From stickers, jewelry, cards, amigurumi, baked goods, and so much more! Our annual art show and sale was a great success.

Ten Tips To Prepare for Exams

With the secondary school exam period beginning, here are 10 tips to help students prepare for exams and manage stress:

1. **Take care of your health.** Eat healthy, drink water and get plenty of sleep.
2. **Plan breaks.** Schedule blocks of time for rest and activities that bring you joy. This could be exercise, time outside, extra-curricular activities, connecting with others or enjoying hobbies.
3. **Stay connected.** Maintain social connections and know who you can reach out to for support, including friends, family and school staff.
4. **Create a study plan.** Schedule dedicated blocks of time without distractions.
5. **Use study methods that work for you.** There are lots of different ways to study. Use [study techniques](#) and [exam preparation strategies](#) that work for you.
6. **Create a space for studying.** Find a place that works best for you - is free of distractions, has a flat surface and proper lighting.
7. **Look after your mental health.** There are lots of strategies to help you stay calm and [manage stress](#) before, during and after exams. This could include mindfulness strategies, visualization, breathing exercises, positive thinking and more.
8. **Be prepared on exam day.** Arrive early, review all the questions before you begin and read each question carefully.

9. **Ask for help when needed.** Try different strategies and techniques to learn what works for you, and ask for help or support if you need it.
10. **Practice positive self-talk.** Before, during and after the exam, remind yourself for example,, "I am doing my best, I have got this, I am proud of myself/my studying, etc."

"The exam period can be a stressful time for students and it's important that they know there are lots of strategies they can use to help them prepare and manage stress during this period," said Patricia Marra-Stapleton, Mental Health Lead, York Region District School Board. "The caring staff in our schools are there to provide support and guidance and to help students find what works best for them."

Members of the school board's mental health team met with some students to talk about [managing stress and mental health during exams](#) on the Tune In YRDSB podcast. For more tips and strategies on preparation, managing stress and supporting wellness during exams, [listen to the podcast episode](#).

Learn more

- [study technique tips](#)
- [exam preparation strategies](#)
- [mental health](#)
- [stress management tips](#)

PA Days June 25 & 26

PA Day – June 25 and 26, 2026 - Secondary Schools

Date	Length	Topic	Entity Hosting	Presenter/ Facilitator	Description
June 25, 2026	Full Day	Transition Planning and School Improvement Planning	All Secondary Schools	School Administration and Board Based Personnel	School Teams will engage in School Improvement Planning, reflecting on the impact of strategies used during the year and their impact on student outcomes.
June 26, 2026	Full Day	Transition Planning and School Improvement Planning	All Secondary Schools	School Administration and Board Based Personnel	School Teams will engage in School Improvement Planning, reflecting on the impact of strategies used during the year and their impact on student outcomes.

YRDSB Math Resources Family Survey

Dear Families,

As part of the York Region District School Board's Math Achievement Action Plan, YRDSB is committed to enhancing student success in mathematics through high-impact instructional practices and resources.

Your input is valuable in helping us better understand how current resources, which may include one or more of the following: practice work, math activities like games and puzzles, books, MathUP, Google Classroom resources, are supporting your child(ren)'s learning at school and at home. Please take a moment to complete this two question [Family Feedback Survey on Math Resources](https://ca.research.net/r/mathfamilysurvey) (<https://ca.research.net/r/mathfamilysurvey>)

about the math resources available to your child(ren) at home and in the classroom. Please complete this survey by **Friday, June 26, 2026**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Summer School

DON'T SWEAT THE SUMMER: THE TOP 10 MUST-KNOWS

1. Has Your Course Been Approved in My Pathway Planner? - Log in to My Pathway Planner under Continuing Education and **check the status of your course selection.**

Submitted	Guidance is Working on It
Accepted	Registered for the Course and Approved by Guidance
Waitlisted	Course is Full, Check Back for Updates



If your course has been accepted **but you want to drop or make a change to your course**, please speak to your home school guidance counsellor.

2. How Many Courses Can You Take? - Students can only take **one accelerated course in July** and **one in August (online, YRDSB students only).**



3. How Will You Know if Your Course Gets Cancelled? - Students are **notified through their GAPPs email account** when there is a cancellation. Make sure you are checking your GAPPs account regularly for updates.

4. When Will You Get Your Welcome Letter? - Welcome letters will be sent **to the student's GAPPs email account by June 29** with additional information for the start of classes.

5. When Will Your Teacher Contact You? - **Remote Learning teachers** will be sending out Google Classroom information to students' GAPPs email accounts **before the start of classes** on June 30th. Students are to join their class through Google Meets on June 30th. **Online Learning teachers** will be sending out login information to students' GAPPs email accounts **on the first day of classes on June 30th to access your course through D2L.**



6. How Will You Know Where Your Class is on The First Day of In-Person Summer School? - Teacher's name, course code and classroom locations will be posted in the front/main hallway on the first day of class at each location.



7. Will There be In-Person Exams For Remote or Online Courses? Where? - Teachers will advise **if there is an in-person exam** in the first few days of class. If there is an in-person exam it will be at the **Education Support Centre (39 Dunning Ave, Aurora)**

8. What Are The Expectations For Online & Remote Learning? - All Students need to have access to **reliable internet**, desktop or tablet. Remote students also need a **functioning camera, as they are required to have it on during class time.** All Students must be **present in Ontario** for the duration of the course. Online Courses require **5-6 flexible hours of work daily.** Remote courses will be delivered virtually in real-time through **Google Meets (synchronous) from 8:45 a.m. to 3:32 p.m.**

9. What if You don't have a laptop? - Speak to your Vice Principal at your home school, who will support you with a loaner Chromebook.



10. How Do You Get Your Grade Uploaded to OCAS/OUAC? - Students who are not returning to secondary school in September and require marks to be urgently sent to OCAS/OUAC must **complete the [OUAC/OCAS Form](#)** found in the Welcome Letter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



Secondary Summer Learning
Opportunities



continuing.education@yrdsb.ca



905-884-2046 OR 905-884-3434

Summer Mental Health & Well-Being Guide

In our ongoing commitment to Student Well-Being and Mental Health, York Region District School Board is pleased to share the Summer Family and Student Mental Health and Well-Being Guide to support the alignment of the Well-Being and Mental Health goals outlined in the [District Action Plan \(DAP\)](#). It can be found on the [WWW](#).

The Summer Student and Family Mental Health and Well-Being Guide is a collection of resources, professional training, and strategies/tip sheets to support Positive Mental Health.

[The Guide](#) is designed for students, parents, and family members. It contains:

- Tips for supporting mental health and well-being over the summer.
- “Try This” Daily Fitness Tips
- Children and Youth Mental Health resources, chat lines, and drop ins
- Resource Hubs and Mental Health resources
- General Mental Health resources
- Resources for students with developmental disabilities or Autism
- Health and Physical Education resources

ILIL Registration for 2026-2027 and Summer 2026 Programs

Online registration for secondary ILIL credit course selection will open in June 2026.

Secondary Credit Courses:

Courses for Grade 9 to 12 students are delivered remotely once a week for approximately 3.7 hours, across 28 to 30 sessions typically held from September to June. Teachers will lead live language lessons in real-time through Google Classroom, providing both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during regularly scheduled language classes. Please note that language course offerings may vary based on enrollment.

Secondary Summer Learning programs:

- [Secondary Summer School](#): International Languages - Remote Synchronous Learning Model*
 - Mandarin (Simplified), Spanish, and Tamil - Level B and C only
 - For current secondary students student (Grades 9 to 12)

For more information about Summer Programs, visit the Continuing Education [webpage](#).

* Please Note:

- Not all languages are offered at the elementary and secondary levels.
- Courses offered are subject to enrolment and teacher availability.
- Stacked classes may be created based on registration numbers.
- Additional fees are required for international fee-paying visa students.

Learn more about the ILIL 2026-2027 Year-Long Program and our Summer Reach-Ahead opportunities for Grade 8-12 students by viewing the program [flyer](#).

Administration Transfer

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to inform you of a change in school administration at **Richmond Hill High School** that will take effect **August 24, 2026**.

One of our Vice Principals, **Melissa McCardle** will be joining **King City Secondary School** as **Vice-Principal**. For the upcoming school year, our administration team will include our two current Vice-Principals, **Tamara Gord** and **Saima Nair**. Our focus remains on ensuring stability, maintaining strong relationships with students and families, and supporting a positive learning environment.

We also wish to acknowledge **Mrs. McCardle** for her dedicated service to **Richmond Hill High School**. Her leadership, commitment to students, and ongoing support of staff and families have been greatly appreciated. We thank her sincerely for her contributions and wish her continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K Luks'.

Krista Luks
Principal

Chippewas of Georgina Island 2026 Powwow



Board Updates

- ★ **National Indigenous Peoples Day - June 21:** June 21st was declared National Indigenous Peoples Day in 1996 by then Governor General Roméo Leblanc. The day was chosen in consultation with some national organizations for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples, including the Assembly of First Nations, and coincides with the summer solstice, which is significant for some First Nations people. It serves as a day to honor and celebrate the culture and heritage of Indigenous peoples in Canada. Resource: Government of Canada - [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#)
- ★ **Spring 2026 Tenant Rights Workshops:** York Region District School Board, in collaboration with the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights is offering Tenants' Housing Rights Free Virtual Workshops this

May and June. All parents, guardians and staff are welcome to attend any of the free virtual workshops. Once you [register](#), we will send you invites and links to the workshops.

Date	Time	Topic
Tuesday June 23	9:30 a.m.	Human Rights in Housing

- ★ **Ashura - June 24-25:** For Shiite Muslims, Āshūrā', which they call Muḥarram, has special importance as it commemorates the martyrdom of Ḥusain, Prophet Muḥammad's grandson, in AH 61 (680 CE). They observe the event for 10 days, from the first of the month ('Āshūrā' means 'the 10th'). It is a time of great mourning. For Sunni Muslims, 'Āshūrā' is a time to remember two of Allāh's merciful acts: Noah's safe landing after the Flood and the Israelites liberation from Egypt under Moses. Since Prophet Muḥammad fasted on this day, fasting is recommended but not required. (Observance begins at sunset on the previous day, but special worship and prayers begin June 25.)

★ **[2026 Newmarket Multicultural & Asian Harmony Festival Presented by Toronto Cultural Mingle Association \(TCMA\) - June 27-28](#)**

This vibrant two-day outdoor multicultural festival will bring together families, cultural communities, local businesses, and visitors from across the region for an unforgettable celebration of diversity, culture, entertainment, and community connection.

Festival Highlights:

-  International Food Experiences
-  K-POP Demon Hunter Live Tribute Show & Meet-and-Greet
-  Mega Kids Zone – Giant Inflatables & Soccer Games
-  Persian Night – Famous Singer Live Concert & DJ Party
-  Interactive Family Activities & Community Experiences
-  Live Cultural Performances & Entertainment Showcase
-  10,000+ Expected Attendees

Date: **June 27–28, 2026**

Time: 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Location: Ray Twinney Recreation Complex, 100 Eagle St W, Newmarket, ON L3Y 1J4

- ★ **Italian Heritage Month - June:** The month of June is Italian Heritage Month as proclaimed by the [government of Ontario in 2010](#). Ontario is home to more than 1,350,000 Italian Canadians. Since the 1880s, the Italian Canadian community has made and continues to make significant contributions to the cultural, social, and political landscape of the province.
- ★ **Portuguese History and Heritage Month - June:** The month of June is Portuguese Heritage Month as proclaimed by the [government of Ontario in 2001](#). Canada is home to more than 480,000 Canadians of Portuguese descent, one of the largest Portuguese diasporas in the world. Portuguese Canadians have made and continue to make significant contributions to the cultural, social, and political life of our communities. The month of June, particularly **June 10th**, holds significance for the Portuguese community. June 10 is the anniversary of the death of Luís de Camões, a famous Portuguese poet who often wrote about Portugal's history.
- ★ **Filipino Heritage Month - June:** The month of June is Filipino Heritage Month, as proclaimed by the [government of Ontario in 2021](#). Ontario is home to over 337,000 people of Philippine origin. The Filipino Canadian community has made and continues to make significant contributions to the cultural, social, and political fabric. June is a significant month for the Filipino community. Every year on **June 12th**, the Filipino community around the world celebrates Philippines Independence Day.
- ★ **Pride Month - June:** While diverse identities and ways of being have always existed, much of the world has specifically celebrated Pride Month in June since 1969. June 1969 marked a turning point in the 2SLGBTQIA+ equity movement, when community members, led largely by Black and Latinx Trans Women and Drag Queens, pushed back against targeted police raids of The Stonewall Inn, a Queer space in New York, and unjust laws that limited gender expression and targeted the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. This important moment in 2SLGBTQIA+ history serves as a powerful example of Queer community strength, and an inspiring story to remember as we celebrate Pride in 2026 and continue to advocate for safety and inclusion for all 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

★ **National Indigenous History Month - June:** June is National Indigenous History Month and is a time to celebrate the diverse cultures of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities, as opposed to focusing on what has been done to them. The Canadian Government unanimously declared June as National Indigenous History Month in 2009 through a motion in the House of Commons. The month, which includes National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21), is a perfect time to reflect upon the long relationship between the many different First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples of Turtle Island and Canadians throughout history.

Resources:

- Government of Canada - [National Indigenous History Month](#)
- [First Nations, Métis & Inuit Education Association of Ontario](#)