

# PARENT INFORMATION SESSION



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# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are *the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island* who are our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

# How are YOU feeling?

Introduce yourself to somebody you don't already know.

Share how you are feeling today.



# Introductions

- **Christopher Hilmer** – Principal
- **Vanessa Wonnacott** – Vice-Principal (A-L)
- **Sanjee Sivanesan** – Vice-Principal (M-Z)
- **Natalie White** – IB Coordinator
- **Seema Shahjahan** – 2023-2023 Vice-Chair of School Council

# School Council

- First Meeting and Elections are in-person on Monday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. All parents/guardians are invited to attend.
- 6 meetings per year – usually on the third Monday of the month



Monday, September 18

Monday, October 16

Monday, November 20

Monday, January 22 (online?)

Monday, March 18 (online?)

Tuesday, May 21

# Introductions

- **Mi-Jin Kim** – Guidance Counsellor (A - I)
- **Irene Petrou** – Guidance Counsellor (J - P)
- **Dina Saweriss** – Guidance Head (Q - Ye)
- **Sandeep Virk** – Guidance Counsellor (Yi - Z)
- **Shana Mayer** – Special Education Head
- **Alexia Casalnuovo** – Special Education Assistant Head
- **Diane Truong** – Student Success Teacher

# General Information

## School Times

- 8:50 am - 3:30 pm (five-periods each day)

## School Year Structure

- 2 semesters (September – January and February – June)
- Grade 9 Lunch in Period 4 (12:55 – 2:10 pm)
- Four classes each semester – 75 minutes each
- Three report cards each semester (interim, midterm and final)
- Final exams – end of January and end of June

## School Population

- ~1500 students
- ~390 incoming Grade 9s

# Important Dates

- September 22 - PA Day
- September 27 & 28 - Photo Day
- October 10 - Grade 9 Camp Day
- October 17 or 18 - Interim Report
- October 20 - PA Day
- October 25 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- November 17 - PA Day
- November 20-22 - Mid-term Report Card
- January 25-31 - Exams
- February 1 - Last Day of Semester 1
- February 2 - PA Day
- February 13-15 - Semester 1 Final Report Card





# How to Read a Course Code

**ENL1W1**

Department

Year

Course Type

Course Identifier

D = Academic

W = Destreamed

L = Locally Developed

O = Open

Z = Prep for IB

4 = Beginner Music

8 = Girls Phys. Ed

9 = Boys Phys. Ed

L = Course for ELLs

# Ontario Secondary School Diploma Requirements

12 **Elective**  
Credits

Successful  
Completion  
of **Literacy**  
Test

18  
**Compulsory**  
Credits

40 Hours of  
**Community**  
Involvement



# Attendance



Regular attendance is important for students' success.

Students must not attend if they are ill. Complete the COVID screening tool every morning before coming to school.

<https://www.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>

If your child is going to be absent or late, please contact the main office to let us know.

If they must leave early for an appointment, please contact the main office that morning.

# Driveway and Parking Lots

Everyone's safety is essential. Safety first! Do not rush in the parking lots or driveway. Be patient with others. Give pedestrians and cyclists the right-of-way.

The driveway in front of the main doors is a fire route. Car owners can be ticketed for stopping here to drop off/pick up students.

The driveway is a “no U-turn” zone.



# Medical Conditions

If your child has a serious medical condition – such as *anaphylaxis, severe asthma, diabetes, epilepsy/seizures, or another severe condition* – be sure to report it to the main office by filling out a Medical Form each year.

Spare epi-pens can be stored in the main office.

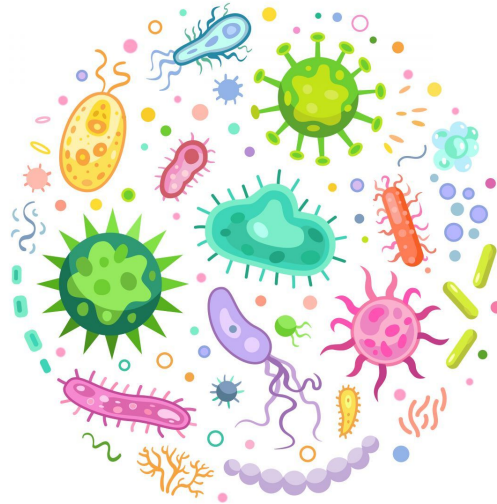


# Self-Screening

Students should not come to school if they are not feeling well.

Students (and visitors) should screen themselves every day before coming to school.

<https://www.ontario.ca/self-assessment/>



# Lunchtime

**Students may leave school property during lunchtime without signing out.**

**Servery will be open in late September.**



# Stay Informed

- Keep your e-mail address up-to-date with the main office.
- Please read e-mails from the school, from school staff, and from YRDSB.
- Please read the Family Bulletin every Friday.
- Please subscribe to e-mails of a commercial nature.
- Read the online *Guide to the School Year*.
- Speak to your child's teachers.
- Create a TeachAssist Parent Portal Account at <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/parents/>



# TeachAssist Parent Portal

- You can view your child's courses and marks (if made visible by their teacher)
- Go to <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents>
- Enter in your e-mail address and leave the Password blank, to set up a one-time access link, or to reset a password that you've created
- An e-mail will be sent with a time limited link that will look similar to this:

teachassist@yrdsb.ca

To: parent\_email

Click here for your one time access to teachassist

<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/parents/listReports.php?email=parent&token=serdftyugio678>

- Once logged in, parents will have the option to set up a password to access this site regularly.



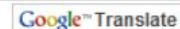
Staff: --Select an Application--

Students: --Select an Application--

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## Milliken Mills High School

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### MillikenMillsNews

Today ◀ ▶ Tuesday, August 29

#### Wednesday, September 27

IB Evaluation Visit for 5-Year Re

#### Thursday, September 28

IB Evaluation Visit for 5-Year Re

#### Friday, September 29

IB Evaluation Visit for 5-Year Re

Showing events until 10/31.

[Look for more](#)



### Contact Information

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Bell Times: 8:50 AM - 3:30 PM



Principal's  
Message



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School News



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Parents/Guardians: Enter your e-mail address to **subscribe** to electronic communications of a commercial nature.

You may also choose to [unsubscribe](#) at anytime.



# Weekly Bulletin

Every Friday, the school sends a Weekly Bulletin to families. Please read it for information about events at the school and in the school community.

The sender might be [mmhs@users.smore.com](mailto:mmhs@users.smore.com). Please set this address so that it does not go to your Junk folder.

You can easily translate the Weekly Bulletin into almost any language.

<https://www.smore.com/1bkh0-mmhs-weekly-bulletin-for-families?ref=email>

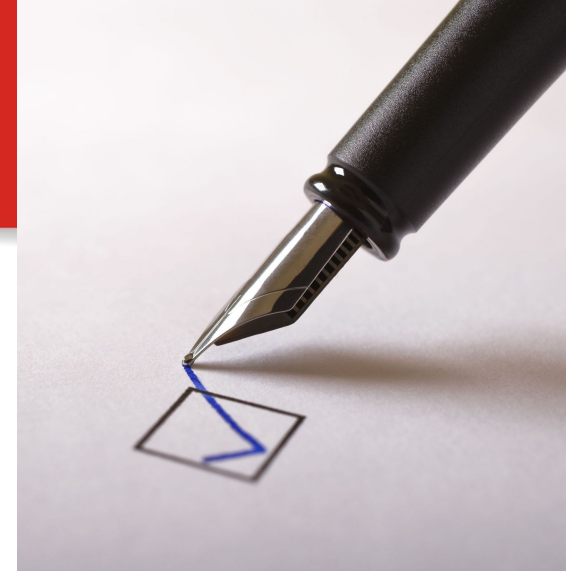
# Consent Forms

YRDSB will e-mail Consent Forms to families and students during the week of September 11.

Student GAPPS login information will be required for families to complete the forms.

- Start-Up Permission Form (mandatory)
- Student Information Consent Form (mandatory)
- Request for Faith Accommodation (optional)

Hard copies will be available in the main office.



# Extra-curricular Activities

Encourage your child to get involved in school extracurricular activities.

Develop interests, skills and friendships.



# Student Activity Fees

## Grade 9 Camp Day at Camp Robin Hood - October 10

- includes team building and leadership activities
- Cost is \$50 - transport, food included

**This year the Student Activity Fee is \$40 per student.**

This fee helps to support school clubs, activities, events – all so that we can make MMHS an even better place to learn, grow and be.

- Please pay both fees through School Cash Online.

# Who Do You Contact If...?

<b>IF...</b>	<b>CONTACT THE...</b>	<b>BY...</b>
<b>You want to drop off an item for your child to pick up</b>	<b>Main Office</b>	<b>In-person</b>
<b>You want to discuss course selection, timetable, graduation, or post-secondary pathway options</b>	<b>Guidance Counsellor</b>	<b>E-mail or phone</b>
<b>You want to review your child's behaviour and/or academic progress in a particular subject or course</b>	<b>Subject Teacher, SERT, the Guidance Counsellor or the Student Success Teacher</b>	<b>E-mail or phone</b>
<b>You want to discuss your child's well-being</b>	<b>Guidance Counsellor, SERT, or the Vice-Principal</b>	<b>E-mail or phone</b>

# Who Do You Contact If...?

<b>IF...</b>	<b>CONTACT THE...</b>	<b>BY...</b>
<b>You want to discuss your child's overall academic progress</b>	<b>SERT, Student Success Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, or the Vice-Principal</b>	<b>E-mail or phone</b>
<b>You have a question about the IB program</b>	<b>IB Coordinator</b>	<b>E-mail or phone</b>
<b>You need to resolve an issue with a staff member</b>	<b>Staff Member before contacting Subject Head and/or the Vice-Principal or Principal</b>	<b>E-mail or phone</b>
<b>You would like to discuss any other aspect of the school</b>	<b>Vice-Principal or Principal</b>	<b>E-mail or phone</b>



# General Q & A

