

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

Every student must have a complete immunization record on file with York Region Health Services in order to attend school. York Region Health Services is required, by the Immunization of School Pupil's Act RR.O 1990 Reg. 645, to ensure that each child attending school in York Region is fully immunized.



To fulfill this requirement, York Region Health Services:

- maintains and reviews immunization records annually on every child (age 4-18 yrs.) attending schools in York Region; and
- sends out questionnaires asking for any missing information.

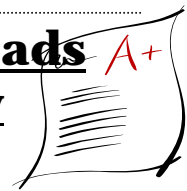
In November 2008, students whose immunization records are not complete received an Immunization Questionnaire from York Region Health Services asking for updated immunization information. **If the updated immunization information is not received by York Region Health Services by Monday, December 1st, 2008, school suspension orders will be issued.** If you have any questions, please contact the York Region Health Services, Infectious Diseases Control at 1-877-794-1880.



Up-coming Dates

19 November	Awards Evening 6.30pm
25 November	Report Card Response Form due
28 November	PA Day-no school
1 December	Food Drive begins
10 December	Grade 8 Parent Information Night 6:30pm
12 December	Music Night 7.30 pm
17 December	Locker Clean Out
22 December - 2 January	Winter Break
5 January	Return to School
19 January-20 January	EQAO Grade 9 Math
20 January	Last day to return Library Books
Exam Period-	January 21, 22, 23, 27, 28
26 January	Instructional Day
29 January	Exam Review Day
30 January	PA Day-no school
2 February	Semester 2 Classes begin
5 February	Semester 1 Report Cards distributed
9 February	Spirit Week
16 February	Family Day-no school
27 February	Semi-Formal

**Milliken Leads A+
the Way**



SLAM (Student Leaders in at Milliken) provides students with an opportunity to develop their leadership skills. To become a SLAM member, students must prepare a resume and attend an interview. SLAM members share similar qualities: enthusiasm, responsibility, and commitment. Their role as mentors to Milliken's new Grade Nine students is highly valued. The new students feel as though they have someone they can relate to and ask questions of right from the get-go. SLAM students begin preparing in the spring for the first day of school in September and for Milliken's Grade Nine field trip to Camp Robin Hood. They work on skills, such as, teambuilding, conflict resolution, and organizing. There is an executive where members can apply to become president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, publicity and Student Council liaison. This year SLAM led the first day of school with an introduc-



tion to their SLAM teams, several skits to help students understand what appropriate behaviour at Milliken looks like, a scavenger hunt, and a pizza lunch. SLAM then goes to Camp Robin Hood to attend a leadership workshop and to practice the activities for the Camp Robin Hood field trip for all Grade Nine students later in the month. I am very happy to say that the SLAM students and the Grade Nines had a fun and welcoming first day of school and the trip to Camp Robin Hood was a real success, where the students bonded, built new relationships and had a great time!

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE

Guidance Department News:

The guidance department invites all members of the MMHS community to join our list server(guidancenews) in order to stay abreast of what opportunities are available for our students in terms of enrichments, courses and scholarships. To join/subscribe or leave/unsubscribe to this Mailing List: Send an email to :

millikenlists@mmhs.ca

In the body of the email include the command: JOIN MMHS GuidanceNews@mmhs.ca or Leave MMHS GuidanceNews@mmhs.ca

Please do not use hotmail or yahoo accounts. Use your MMHS address or Rogers or Simpatico or any other bonafide server address.

The grade 9s had a very successful day visiting with their parents or other relatives in the Take Your Kid to Work day on November 5th. It was a chance to explore possible future careers and to consider the daily lives of people in the workforce.

We are awaiting the PINs from **OUAC**, the university application centre in Guelph, in order for the **potential grads** to be able to apply to university for next year. We are expecting them at the end of November and as soon as we receive them we will distribute the PINS along with an instruction sheet. For potential grads interested in applying to college, **the OCAS site is open for applications and students are invited to come into the guidance office in order to pick up their booklets of available programs and also an instruction sheet. Please visit ontariocolleges.ca for your both** your research and application to any program which might appeal to you.

There are numerous summer programs which are available to students in order to enrich their schooling experience and to stretch their imagination. The time to plan for summer is now. Please see **Mrs. Mantell** in the guidance office for applications and any enquiries which you might have about studying/volunteering everywhere from Costa Rica to Scotland, from the Amazon Rainforest to Italy, from Holland to Thailand. Closer to home, for the intellectually curious, gifted and creative student, **the Shad Valley Program (headquartered at Waterloo)**, now in its 28th year, is a phenomenal opportunity to meet with other such students from all across Canada at university campuses from UBC in British Columbia to Memorial University in Newfoundland. The federal government sponsors a program in which students are able to study French and improve their facility with Canada's other official language. Please visit myexplore.ca in order to get more information and an application. If you have any questions about these opportunities, please visit the guidance office.

On Tuesday, November 18th, 2008, mid-term report cards will be distributed. If parents have any issues or concerns about their children's progress, the teachers and guidance counselors are always available and open for consultation and discussion.



Student Attendance



This year the York Region District School Board has switched our Student Administration System to a more updated program entitled Trillium. This transition has presented some challenges, including our inability to accurately use our automated phone-home system (SynerVoice). The Board's Information Technologies service (IT) has been working on this issue in all secondary schools since the beginning of September. We are pleased to say that SynerVoice should be up and running starting November 19th. At that time, parents can expect an automated phone call for any unexplained absences. We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused. Any parent who would like a print-out of their child's attendance since the beginning of September may call the attendance secretary at (905) 477-0072 ext. 232 or send your child into the attendance office and we will happily print a copy for you.

Again, we apologize for this inconvenience. Communication with our families is a priority and we have always received and appreciated the support of the parents. Hopefully, now that our new technology has been fixed, our attendance communications will return to the levels we would like.

The ARTS UNIONVILLE program

WHAT

The ARTS UNIONVILLE program (formerly ARTS YORK) is a four-year, eight credit package of intensive arts courses in Dance, Drama, Music (Piano, Strings, Winds, Vocal) and Visual Arts. Students complete the program as part of their secondary school diploma

WHERE

Unionville High School

WHEN

APPLICATION DEADLINE – Applications are due by **Friday, December 5, 2008.**

AUDITIONS will be held at Unionville High School January 22-28, 2009.

HOW

Students are accepted through application and audition. The application and detailed audition requirements are available at: www.artsyork.com.

WHO

NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2009: All York Region students are eligible to apply to the **strings and piano** program, particularly those who are highly motivated in the Arts.

Students residing in CEC East may apply for the Dance, Drama, Winds, Vocal or Visual Arts programs. The program is aimed at students entering Grade 9; however, each year a number of openings become available at the senior levels.

Questions?

Please contact Ms Diana Wasilenko, ARTS YORK Coordinator at 905-479-2787 x 253 and diana.wasilenko@yrdsb.edu.on.ca, or visit our website at www.artsyork.com.

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATORS VISIT MMHS

We are hosting 3 Korean educators for the month of November and December. They are Paul Choi, Ae Ra Kim and Mi Sook Kim. They are here to observe our teaching strategies as well as our assessment and evaluation practices.

We are also hosting 3 more international educators during the month of November. They are Mary MacKinnon, Principal/Teacher of Literacy from England; Guus Krahe, Alderman and H. Spelde, General Manager of Secondary Schools both from the Netherlands.

It is a pleasure to share practises and ideas with these international educators.

~*~*~*~*~*~***SCHOOL COUNCIL***~*~*~*~*~*
PLEASE JOIN US

The Milliken Mills High School Council meets on Monday evening from 6:30 pm. to 8:30 p.m. every second month in the school library. We are an advisory group that meets with Mr. Wilshire and his staff representatives to discuss a variety of topics that are of interest to parents. Please join us; the meetings for the remainder of the school year are:

January 19, 2009 March 23, 2009 May 11, 2009