



## Welcome to the YH Family!

York Humber is a small school with big goals; we want every one of our students to learn how to be healthy, respectful, productive citizens. At YH, all of our students receive intensive support from our highly trained staff to develop stronger academic, work, life, and social skills.

We know that it takes a whole community working together to help students achieve. This is the first of many newsletters you will receive this year, and is just one of the ways we want to keep in touch with you. Please check out our school website at [www.yorkhumber.com](http://www.yorkhumber.com), or call us anytime at (416) 394-3280. We are here to listen and help.

We are sending home a copy of 'Today's Parent' magazine to the families of all of our new students. Check out the great article on page 110 "Inside ADHD" about what it is like to live with this challenging medical condition.

Thank you to all those who were able to join us for our 'Moving on Up!' event in August. It was a joy to meet so many new students and their families.

## During the first few weeks at YH

### Diagnostic Testing

Your son or daughter will be (or has been) tested to check their English and Math skills, so that we can place them in the right level with the right teacher. We want them to learn new skills, be challenged and supported, but not frustrated or overwhelmed. Once they are placed, their classroom teacher will start the year with more informal assessments to make sure the class is a good fit, to figure out your child's learning goals and gaps, and make a plan for how to best meet their academic needs.

### SEA Claims: Equipment and Furniture

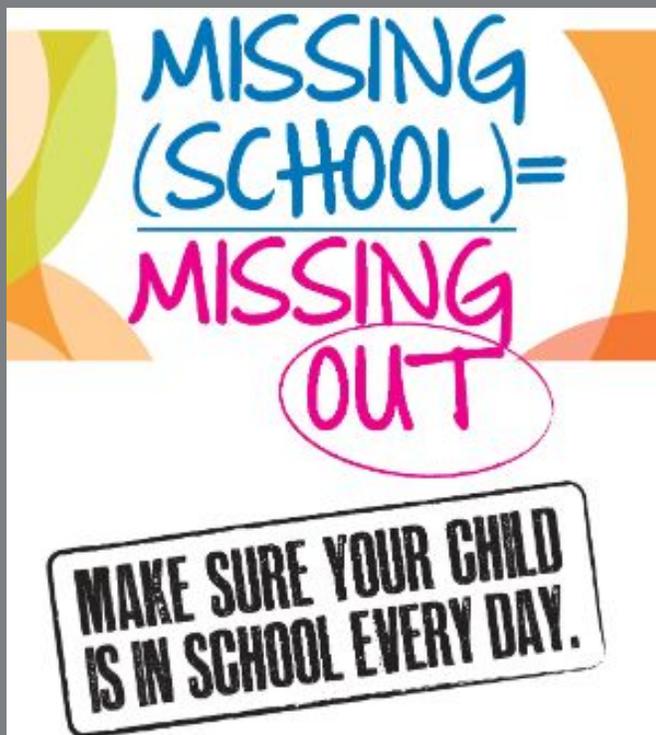
It generally takes two to three weeks for all of our student's SEA claim computers and equipment to arrive at the school, be catalogued, tested, and set up. If you have concerns about SEA claims, please call the school and ask for the ACL of Special Education, Mrs. Goldenberg.

### Phone Calls Home

We make every effort to reach out and talk to each parent and guardian in the first few weeks of school about their child's goals and individual challenges. **If you have not been contacted, we might not have the right phone number on file!** Please call the school any time to discuss your concerns, ask a question, or for an update about your son or daughter's progress. We want to hear from you – you are an expert on your child's needs.



"Today's Parent is Canada's #1 source for parenting content that informs, inspires and builds a sense of community. They help parents celebrate the happy chaos that comes with having a family and remind them that they are not alone. You'll get insightful information for all ages and stages on discipline, health, behaviour, education, plus easy and nutritious recipes and so much more." ENJOY!



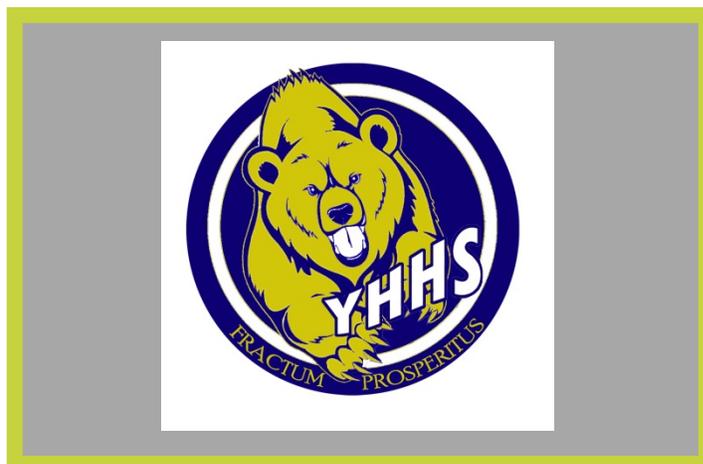
## YH Attendance Program

There is a new program at York Humber to help students learn to be in school on time every day. In every class, if a student is late without a valid excuse they will sign into the Admit Log.

After three lates, parents/guardians will receive a phone call home from their classroom teacher. We want you to know right away if we have concerns, and to work with you to solve them.

After six lates, students go down to the Focus on Success room where they complete a lesson on Time Management and receive one-on-one counseling to address this important issue.

If the lates continue, so does the Time Management training and counseling, until the student learns how to be on time, in uniform, every day!



## Orientation and Support

### *Welcome Back Assemblies*

We have had our first Welcome Assemblies for students in each Grade at York Humber. Our **Principal Alison MacLachan** and our **Vice-Principal Nick Rowe** greeted students, reviewed school rules, and talked about how to set high personal and academic goals. Mr. Burns, our new Guidance Counsellor spoke to students about how to get support, community service hours, and how to begin thinking about transitioning into the workplace after graduation. It's never too early to plan for success!

### *Focus on Success (FOS)*

Our new FOS Program in Room 133 is up and running. Each period of the day there is a teacher and Child and Youth Worker available to provide extra support for students who need help with academics, behaviour, inter-personal, or social-emotional issues. We are looking forward to working in partnership with students and parents to develop action plans to help our students become independent, responsible, and mature young adults in our school and community.

**REMINDER: SCHOOL PHOTO DAY  
IS SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

