



AMHS Bulletin

April 1, 2021

Reminders

Dates at a Glance

April 2 - Easter (Western)

April 8 - Holocaust Memorial Day

April 12 - 16 - April Break

Our Actions Online Have Impact: Student Lesson Series

During March and April, all staff and students are engaging in learning in support of our collective responsibility to dismantle hate and racism online. Students are participating in learning specific to Digital Citizenship and the use of images online. This learning opportunity is facilitated by their classroom teacher(s) and is required of all students in our Board.

Students who were absent for this learning, or who have a spare, can access the [Our Actions Online Have Impact lessons through this Google Site](#). At the end of each lesson is a [Google Form](#) students can use to show their completion of the learning.

Students that require technical support can [fill out this form](#).

Revised School Self-Screening Protocol

Each day, prior to entering the school, students must complete the on-line self-assessment [COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#). Upon completion of the self-assessment, students will complete a response to the question: "Have you completed the self-screening test?" in the confirmation [form](#).

Students will receive an email response when they respond "Yes". The email will include a colour code specific to the day of the week. Upon entering through the school designated entrance (main entrance), students will provide confirmation of completion of the self-screening to a designated staff by way of:

- On phone - email or picture of email from their computer
- Hard copy print off of email
- If neither option is available, students can provide a verbal response confirming completion

Thank you for working with us to protect the health and safety of students, staff and families and to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Daily COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Reminders

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19 we are sharing the following letter from York Region Public Health. Please view the YRPH letter [here](#).

Student Attendance

General inquiries and student attendance information can be sent directly to the general AMHS email address at alexander.mackenzie.hs@yrdsb.ca or please call the school directly at 905-884-0554.

Visitors to AMHS

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, visitor(s) are not permitted into the school without a pre-arranged appointment. Please contact the school by telephone and we will be happy to assist you.

Prior to entering the school, review/complete the self-assessment as per the posted self-screening poster ([COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#)). Come directly to the main office to complete the visitor sign-in process with the main office staff member, which will include responding to the question “Have you completed the self-screening assessment?”, and sign out when leaving.

Any visitor(s) experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must remain home. All visitors must sanitize their hands, wear a face covering at all times, and maintain a two-metre physical distance as they enter, move through and exit the building.

School Schedules

April 5 - 9	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Alternate Face to Face and Online Daily 8:30 – 11:00 T2-R1 Starts on Thursday April 8, 2021	EASTER MONDAY	Period 5 Class Cohort A Face to Face Cohort B Online	Period 5 Class Cohort B Face to Face Cohort A Online	Period 1 Class Cohort A Face to Face Cohort B Online	Period 1 Class Cohort B Face to Face Cohort A Online
11:00 – 11:15	Students Exit				
11:15 – 12:30	Period 3 Student Transportation / Lunch				
Synchronous Online – Block 2 12:30 – 1:20		Period 4 Class Cohort A & B	Period 4 Class Cohort A & B	Period 2 Class Cohort A & B	Period 2 Class Cohort A & B
Synchronous Online – Block 3 1:20 – 2:10		Period 1 Class Cohort A & B	Period 1 Class Cohort A & B	Period 4 Class Cohort A & B	Period 4 Class Cohort A & B
Synchronous Online – Block 4 2:10 – 3:00		Period 2 Class Cohort A & B	Period 2 Class Cohort A & B	Period 5 Class Cohort A & B	Period 5 Class Cohort A & B

TIMETABLE ROTATION SCHEDULE - SEMESTER 2

Rotation	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
	Feb 16-25	Mar 1-10	Mar 12-23	Mar 25 - Apr 7	Apr 8-30	May 3-19	May 21-Jun 8	Jun 9-25
F2F	1	2	4	5	1	2	4	5
Block2	2	1	5	4	2	1	5	4
Block3	4	4	1	1	4	4	1	1
Block4	5	5	2	2	5	5	2	2

Community Information

Celebrate 2021 Asian Heritage Month

This contest is open to youth age 12 – 22 years who would like to use their creative voice to inspire positive race relations and a world imagined. For more information please see the information [flyer](#).

Communication Strategies and Healthy Boundaries

Parent Engagement Event: "Communication Strategies and Healthy Boundaries". Participants can choose to attend the sessions in Mandarin, Cantonese or English. The sessions are provided by Hong Fook and Family Services for York Region. Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

Auto Connect – Opportunities for Black Youth

There is a world of well-paying career opportunities in the automotive industry. Hear from industry professionals about their journey, explore career opportunities, and learn about post-secondary pathways and scholarships to get you there. Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

York Hills – Here to Help Line

Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information regarding dates, services, and contact information.

Design Your Future: Black Youth Legacy Conference 2021

This conference is taking place on Saturday, April 17, 2021. The panel guests and contributors will consist of community leaders and influencers who will share their pathways to success. Please visit this [link](#) for additional information.

Black Foundation of Community Networks

BFCN Friday Focus Parent Workshop #5: Foundations of Financial Literacy. A workshop for Black parents called Foundations Of Financial Literacy presented by Mutiat Bello, of MBRE, and featuring Ivor Christopher. Please view this [link](#) for additional information.

Parents For Children's Mental Health

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. Please view the [poster](#) for more information.

Coalition for Racial Equity in Education – Volunteers needed.

The Coalition for Racial Equity in Education (CREE) project: Ontario Alliance of Black School Educators (ONABSE) and Urban Alliance on Race Relations (UARR) are looking to partner with Black parents and students to participate in a long term commitment to receive advocacy training within the education system, coordinate events aimed to increase public awareness about racial inequities and implement solutions in education. Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

Urban Alliance on Race Relations - Volunteers needed.

The Coalition for Racial Equity in Education (CREE) project is recruiting parents/guardians and high school students. Are you passionate about community organizing? Would you like to help combat racism in the education system? Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

Mayor's Black Youth Liaison Committee

Combat anti-Black racism and have your voice heard. Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

Your voice matters!

Share your lived experiences relating to Anti-Black Racism through this survey. The overall duration of the survey is approximately 10-15 minutes. The survey is open to EVERYONE. Please share it with others in our community. PLEASE CLICK HERE TO PARTICIPATE <https://bit.ly/3t692on>. Please view this [flyer](#) for additional information.

Government of Ontario Student Jobs

Each year the Ontario Public Service targets up to 5,000 summer students to work in locations across Ontario in areas such as:

- Ontario Parks
- Environment-Science
- Administration-Business and Finance
- Research and Laboratories
- Communications Customer Service

Earn while you learn! All jobs were posted on February 25. Closing dates will be between March 10 and June 1. Apply early to have a chance to apply to the job types that interest you. You can learn more at: ontario.ca/summerstudents

York Region District School Board Information

Visit our new website

YRDSB has refreshed its Board website to make it easier for families to find the important information they are looking for at www.yrdsb.ca.

The new website has been designed to be mobile friendly, translatable, accessible, searchable, easy to navigate and to better reflect York Region District School Board and our community. This includes:

- Built-in translation tool
- Enhanced search capabilities
- Built-in accessibility features to meet accessibility legislation
- Revised navigation based on user testing, website analytics and research
- Quick access to six of our most accessed pages, including school calendars and school transportation information.

The new website also includes:

- A [Family Resources](#) that provides quick access to online tools like Edsby, Google Classroom and School Cash Online, as well as links to information about translation tools, IT support for families and more. Use the “need help” button to access tips and support in using these tools.
- Updated [Online Student Tools](#) pages provide quick access to students to online learning platforms and resources to help with homework. Use the “need help” button to access tips and support in using these tools.
- An enhanced [newsroom](#) with access to the latest news, events and videos so you can find out what’s happening around our Board.
- Easy access to information about [supports for students](#), [elementary school](#) and [secondary school](#) programs, [adult learning opportunities](#) and more.

Information about COVID-19 and schools, including update information, screening tools and frequently asked questions can still be found at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

We hope that the website makes it easier for families to find and access the information you are looking for. When you visit the new website, please take the time to share your feedback, so we can continue to ensure our website meets the needs of the community we serve.

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter – April 2021

This month's newsletter will focus on the importance of maintaining and expanding our social connections by offering a listening ear while following Public Health guidelines.

Please refer to this [link](#) to view the newsletter in its entirety.

Affirming Black Joy Student Campaign 2021

AEBS had hosted an opportunity for the community to highlight and honour the achievements of Black students in the YRDSB. AEBS would like to thank all the educators and families who participated in affirming and recognizing Black excellence in the YRDSB. Please refer to this [link](#) to view the compilation booklet.

Budget Consultation Process for Families and Community Members

Between April 7 and April 29, York Region District School is inviting families and community members to participate in its annual budget consultation process. The Board values public input and encourages public participation in virtual [consultation sessions](#) and an online survey. These consultation sessions provide the Board with valuable information about how the community would like to see the school board budget allocated to better support student achievement and well-being. The results will be used to inform the 2021-22 school year budget allocation. Please see the [letter](#) for additional information.

Addressing Anti-East Asian Racism Through Conversations & Learning

A three-part virtual learning series hosted by NEKS (Network of Educators for Korean Students) and SEAS (Supporting East Asian Students), in collaboration with the York Region District School Board. Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

2021 Summer Institute Program Cancelled

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, York Region District School Board is cancelling Summer Institute programming this summer. This is in line with public health guidelines. Summer Institute was scheduled to run July 6 - August 14.

This applies to Summer Institute only. Other summer programs, such as summer school, will be proceeding where possible within an online environment. More information will be provided in the coming weeks about these programs.

Speaker's Award for Young Writers

The Speaker's Award for Youth Writer's invites Ontario youth in grade 7-12 to submit their short stories and personal essays to this writing contest. Please see the [flyer](#) for additional information.

211 – Services for Families

Do you need help finding food, housing, financial assistance, mental health support, employment support, support for seniors, winter clothing and/or shelter? For information and referral to government, health, community and social services, call 2-1-1, search 211Central.ca, text 21166, live-chat at 211Ontario.ca/chat or email gethelp@211Ontario.ca. 211 is free, confidential and available 24/7 in 150+ languages to connect you to local community supports. Learn more about the services they offer in this one-page fact sheet. Please use this [link](#) for more information.

Secondary GSA Google Classroom

Secondary school students who identify as 2SLGBTQI+ and their allies are invited to join a virtual GSA secondary classroom. The classroom will be moderated by our caring and dedicated GSA advisors, who will make sure the space is following ground rules, safe space guidelines and confidentiality. The classroom is now open and accepting student

registrations. Students must [register](#) using their YRDSB GAPPS account. The GSA Google classroom will bring the social and educational aspects, and fun of a GSA online. It will include discussion boards, community services and resources, group social sessions and various supports as students need.

Online Program Opportunities

As many of our YRDSB community partner organizations continue to offer on-line opportunities for your children and youth, we are happy to provide you with a comprehensive list of these opportunities, including those that are continuing and also new programs and services.

Please visit [2020-2021 Online Program Opportunities for Children, Youth and Families](#) to find a list of programs organized by category and age group. We encourage you to check the link regularly as the Community and Partnership Developer Team will be making regular updates to available programs and resources.

For more information, please contact iscs@yrdsb.ca

Adult ESL, LINC & LBS Programs

YRDSB offers Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for those who want to develop effective language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing for daily life in Canada. We also offer specialized classes in Citizenship and Conversation.

For more information and registration details, please check these links: [English](#), [Farsi](#), [Russian](#), [Tamil](#), [Simplified Chinese](#).

Guidance

Peer Tutoring

The Guidance department will be running a Peer Tutoring Program for semester 2 starting March 1st, 2021. Students in Grades 11 and 12 can express interest in becoming peer tutors. Students in Grades 9 to 12 can request for peer tutors

There will be two forms for students to consider:

Peer Tutoring Form to become a peer tutor – for senior students in Grades 11 and 12 would like to be peer tutors
Peer Tutoring Form to request a peer tutor – for all students in Grades 9-12 requesting a peer tutor

The Google forms are posted on the following Guidance Google Classrooms:

Grade 9-11 Guidance Classroom (Class code: lckdws2)

Graduating Class June 2021 Guidance Google Classroom (Class code: zjwvzt3)

Thank you,
The Guidance Team

Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association Scholarship Award

The Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association is pleased to offer a \$1000 scholarship to selected students in support of their post-secondary education. Please view the [flyer](#) for additional information.

Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association: The Rightsline Computer Science 2021 Scholarship

Please view the [flyer](#) for additional information.

Jean Lumb Foundation – Jean Lumb Awards

The Jean Lumb Foundation presents the 24th Annual Jean Lumb Awards for high school students of Chinese Heritage. Deadline for application: May 24, 2021. Please view the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

Central East PPAN Scholarship

The Public Property Assessment Network Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is being awarded through the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) to one recipient in the OPSBA Central East Region for three school years – 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22. Scholarship recipients are students of strong character, who care deeply about their communities and furthering their own learning. Please refer to the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

Volunteer Opportunity

[Sending Sunshine](#) is a not-for-profit corporation run out of Mississauga, Ontario. Sending Sunshine aims to help reduce the negative effects of social isolation and loneliness among senior citizens in our community by providing them with handwritten cards. It is with the help of people like YOU that Sending Sunshine can help provide a ray of sunshine in the lives of Ontario seniors!

Please speak with a guidance counsellor for more information about this volunteer opportunity.

Town of Aurora – John West Scholarship 2021

Leaders of Tomorrow ... The Town of Aurora believes in recognizing our Leaders of Tomorrow, who have made a positive impact in our community and inspire and give us hope for the future. This award honours youth contributions to the advancement and well-being of our community. Please review this [flyer](#) for additional information.

Transportation and SHSM Students

A recruitment officer from Centennial College School of Transportation will be offering daily sessions from Monday January 11th to June 19th from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Students can expect to learn about Post-Secondary Programs with Career Options, Apprenticeships, Pathways, Why Consider a Trade, Financial Aid, Student Support Services, Tuition, and much more. Please visit Zoom and use Zoom Webinar ID: 92661724820, passcode: 920905.

Please see the following updated Guidance Google classrooms

Grade 12:

Graduating Class June 2021; Password: zjwvzt3

Grade 12 Scholarships for Graduating Students only; Password: hltthp5

Note to Grade 11 Students: If you would like to learn more about Grade 12 in order to prepare for next year, please join the Grade 12 Google classrooms. However, please be mindful that only Grade 12 students may participate in the nomination for any awards and scholarships that are shared by the Guidance department.

School Information

Graduation Photos

Graduation Photos will take place this semester from May 25-28. Bookings will be made available approximately two weeks prior; more information will follow regarding instructions on how to secure a booking. A sitting fee of \$30 is required at the time of booking, which includes a class composite and copies of proofs.

Please contact the school should you have any questions.

Parking & Ticketing

Students and visitors will be required to display a valid parking permit in their vehicle at all times in order to park on school property. Any vehicle parked on AMHS property without a valid parking permit will be subject to ticketing. It is your responsibility to ensure that a valid parking permit is clearly visible to our parking enforcement officers. Be sure to request a parking pass when you sign in at the Main Office. (*ALL visitors to the school MUST report to the Main Office.) **Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis; availability cannot be guaranteed**

School Council News

Minutes

School Council minutes can be accessed through the school website by clicking the attached link: [School Council Minutes](#)

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