



AMHS Bulletin

April 23, 2021

Reminders

Dates at a Glance

April - Sikh Heritage Month

April 27 - Midterm report card distribution begins

April 30 - Easter (Eastern)

Graduation Photos

We regret to inform you that the Graduation Photos that were scheduled to take place between May 25-28 have been canceled at this time. We will share more information regarding a potential rescheduling if time permits once the stay-at-home order is lifted.

Please contact the school should you have any questions.

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](#).

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 or email 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 Schedule During Remote Learning

	Block/Period 1	Block/Period 2	Lunch	Block/Period 3	Block/Period 4
Time	8:30 - 9:45 a.m.	9:50 - 11:05 a.m.	11:05 a.m.-12:25 p.m	12:25 - 1:40p.m.	1:45 - 3:00p.m.
	Online	Online		Online	Online
	Cohorts A & B	Cohorts A & B		Cohorts A & B	Cohorts A & B

Community Information

Sikh Heritage Month

April is an important month for the Sikh community. Sikh Canadians celebrate Vaisakhi, which marks the creation of the Khalsa and the Sikh articles of faith. Sikh Canadians widely celebrate Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, across Ontario. Please see the [Sikh Heritage Month website](#) for upcoming events.

Sankofa Storytelling and Poetry

Virtual meetings every Saturday until June 19. Please see the [poster](#) for more details.

The Sankofa Mentoring Program

The Sankofa Mentoring Program is rooted in African Rites of Passage framework that highlights the principles of Unity, Self Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, Faith, and Self-Respect. Please see the [poster](#) for more details.

April 28 - Reflecting on Racism - Building Your Anti-Racist Vocabulary

This is the third program in the Vaughan Public Library lecture series: Reflecting on Racism & Discrimination. Please see this [link](#) for additional registration 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](#).

Many Faces of Markham

Many Faces of Markham is an annual initiative in support of the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which takes place every year on March 21. Please be advised, the Many Faces of Markham contest deadline has been extended until May 7, 2020. More information can be found on the [City of Markham's website](#).

York Hills – Here to Help Line

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

Womxn Offering Wisdom (WOW) Well-Being Conference

Self-identifying South Asian and Tamil, female, grade 7 to 12 students are invited to attend the 2021 Annual WOW Well-Being Conference. Please see [flyer](#) for further information.

YRDSB Secondary Summer School Programs

Remote learning is being offered this summer in place of traditional face-to-face summer school as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Remote learning classes will occur in a virtual environment using a synchronous model. Registration for Secondary Summer School programs is now open to YRDSB students through MyPathwayPlanner. Please see the [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.

Families Invited to Provide Input into YRDSB Budget

York Region District School Board is inviting all families to participate in the annual budget consultation process. Fill out the online 10 minute survey by Thursday, April 29, 2021 or take part in a virtual consultation on Monday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.. More information on how to join the virtual consultation is available on the YRDSB website.

The results of the consultation will be used to inform the 2021-22 school year budget allocation. Questions regarding the budget process may be directed to Budget20212022@yrdsb.ca. Please see the [letter](#) for additional information.

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.

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.

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

Summer School

Registration for Summer School is open from **April 20th until June 25th, 2021.**

Classes will occur online using a synchronous model with asynchronous blocks. The learning platform is Google. YRDSB students will select courses online using myPathwayPlanner.

Courses that are offered are as follows:

Acceleration Courses Offered (for students who would like to reach ahead)

Dates: July 7 to July 30

Hours: 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m.

Credit Recovery/Reinforcement Courses (for students who need to recover a credit)

Session 1 (S1): July 7 to July 19

Session 2 (S2): July 20 to July 30

Hours: 8:45 am to 3:33 pm

Please ensure that you have reviewed this information prior to your child's registration and submission on MyBlueprint. Upon submission, the Guidance department will receive an automated message that registration has been completed.

Please Note:

Course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and teacher availability.

- CHV2O & GLC2O courses are for both Acceleration and Reinforcement students

If you have any questions regarding summer school registration, please contact your child's Guidance Counselor.

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Thank you

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

2021 AEBS Scholarships for Black Students

AEBS invites Black students who are graduating from a high school in the York Region District School Board to apply for 2021 scholarships. Deadline to apply is May 7, 2021. Please see the information [flyer](#) for further 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.

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

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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