



# AMHS Bulletin

**Alexander Mackenzie High School**  
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## Important Upcoming Dates

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- April 28 - Jr Badminton @ Pan Am Centre
- April 29 - Fire Drill
- May 2 - Table Tennis Team @ Bayview
- May 5 - PA Day
- May 6 - SIN Clinic at AMHS 11am - 3pm
- May 7 - PISA international assessment 8:30 am (library)
- May 8 - Dance Expressions
- May 13-15 - Theatre Showcase @ Theatre Aurora
- May 19 - Victoria Day (No School)
- May 21 - Gallery Show @ Richmond Hill Public Library
- May 22 - Grade 11 IB Science Zoo Trip
- May 23 - Ultimate Frisbee Tournament @ AMHS

### School Cash Online

- Graduation Ceremony / Cap & Gown included: (Deadline extended to today: April 28th)
- School Dance
- Prom
- Spring Market
- Theatre Showcase
- To celebrate Pride YRDSB has T-Shirts available for purchase on school cash online for \$20. Check out the link below.

<https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/384094/72/False/True>

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## School News

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### Full Disclosure for Grade 12 Students

This is a reminder that graduating Grade 12 students who have applied to post-secondary institutions have until May 1st to request a course drop without it appearing on their transcript. To initiate a course drop, students must meet with their Guidance Counsellor.

Please note the following important details:

- All course drops require approval from a Vice-Principal, so please allow 1-3 days for processing.
- If a student drops a course and ends up with fewer than 3 courses, they will be considered part-time. There are additional criteria that must be met before the drop can be processed in this case.
- Before dropping any course, students should confirm they still meet graduation requirements and are not dropping a prerequisite needed for post-secondary admission or for their OSSD.

If your child has any questions or concerns, they should reach out to their Guidance Counsellor

### Secondary School Vaping Update

The Ontario Ministry of Education released [Policy/Program Memorandum 128](#) in the fall of 2024, which included a directive to school boards to set out enforcement mechanisms to address the possession, use and provision of tobacco, electronic cigarettes, nicotine products, recreational cannabis, alcohol and illegal drugs. We are pleased to announce that vape-detecting devices have been activated at AMHS. Administrators will be responding to alerts and progressive discipline will be applied to students.

All students have been given our Caring and Safe Schools Presentation which outlines the expectations for students, including not vaping or smoking on school premises or lottering in the washrooms. There are several safety concerns associated with vaping, both for the individuals involved and the rest of the school community.

Please remind your child of the seriousness of being in a space where other students are vaping or smoking as any vape detection will be addressed accordingly.

Thank you for your continued support to ensure a caring and safe school.

## **Student Access to School Building**

Student safety is important to us, and students must have appropriate supervision when in the building. Unless directly supervised by a staff member for an extracurricular activity, students should not be entering the school before 7:30 am. Beginning at 7:30 am, there will be four doors opened for students to enter the building. These doors include the main office doors, the south doors adjacent to Trench Street (by the student parking lot), the centre doors at the north end of the building close to the field and the doors at the north-east end of the parking lot. All other entry doors will remain locked during the school day and are only to be used as exit doors.

Additionally, students should not be in the school after school hours unless directly supervised by a staff member. Students are asked to leave the building upon the completion of the school day.

## **Summer School 2025**

YRDSB Summer School information has been updated on their website. Sign-ups occur on myblueprint and will start on April 15th. Online courses go quick so be sure to set a reminder to register. Attached is the [site information](#) and the [registration instructions](#).

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## **Board News**

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### **Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) Scholarships and 2025 Scholarship Directory**

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) 14th Annual Scholarships Application: This year, BFCN will be awarding four \$1000 scholarships to qualifying students pursuing education at an accredited Canadian University or College in September 2025. Two scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students and two scholarships will be awarded to graduate students. **Learn more and register by July 31, 2025.**

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) 11th Annual Aim 2 Achieve Awards Application

The Aim 2 Achieve Award will recognize Black students who are celebrating achievement after facing adversity. This year BFCN will be awarding two Aim 2 Achieve awards. The recipients of the \$1000 award will be students graduating from a Canadian secondary school or CEGEP and who will be attending an accredited Canadian University or College in September 2025 to pursue undergraduate education. Perseverance and dedication are two qualities that the Aim 2 Achieve winners must

embody and believe in. Achievement exists in many different forms and we want to hear about yours! [Learn more and register](#) by July 31, 2025.

## Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) Scholarship Directory 2025

The [BFCN Scholarship Directory](#) is a free, detailed, and up-to-date compilation of 50+ available scholarships, awards, and bursaries for youth pursuing post-secondary education primarily at the undergraduate level. This directory was created to support Black students and their families, educators, guidance counselors, and coaches search, find, and apply for funding opportunities.

# York Regional Police Community Services



**Event:** Open Mic Night with YRP to highlight youth musical talents

**Dates:** Friday, April 18 - Friday, May 16 - Saturday, May 31

**Location:** Community Safety Village, 3291 Stouffville Rd., Whitchurch-Stouffville

**Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.

**How to sign up:** [yrp.ca/calendar](http://yrp.ca/calendar) then select one or all of above dates

**Contact for session:** Sergeant Shawna Leitch, [1069@yrp.ca](mailto:1069@yrp.ca)

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## Student Attendance

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General inquiries and student attendance information can be sent directly to the AMHS attendance email address at [alexandermackenziehs.attendance@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alexandermackenziehs.attendance@yrdsb.ca).

You may also call the school Main Office directly at 905-884-0554.

If your child is arriving late to school due to an appointment or another reason, please ensure that you confirm their late arrival with a call or email to our attendance office. Thank you.