



December 1st, 2023

Greetings AMHS Families,

We had an amazing week at AMHS with our school attending the Raptors 905 game on Friday, December 1st. We also hosted our annual grade 8 open house on Wednesday where our full school spirit was truly on display. For this upcoming week, we encourage all of our students and families to come out to see the Freaky Friday Musical playing at the RHCPA on Thursday and Friday! Full details are outlined below. Thank you for your support Mustang community!

Important Upcoming Dates

December 7th and 8th - AMHS Musical - Freaky Friday at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
December 25th - Jan 5th - Winter Break

Message from our Trustee

December 2023

I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and is looking forward to the winter break ahead.

As I have been visiting schools and attending events, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of school staff, the commitment and support of families and the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, this also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported.

I want to thank everyone who attended the school council forum held in our area and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of

courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Students can [search from 16 different sectors](#) that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb to learn more.

We also offer a variety of [programs for Black students](#) through the Board's Centre for Black Student Excellence. These summer and school-year programs are designed to affirm students' identities and support student achievement and well-being. You can learn more about the programs and how to sign up for the centre's mailing list [on the website](#).

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following [network outages](#) as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Crystal Yu

Trustee, Richmond Hill Wards 1, 2 and 4

Freaky Friday Musical

Mackenzie Music is delighted to present Freaky Friday on December 7th and 8th at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. Featuring the students from our musical theatre classes, this year's annual musical theatre performance features a live student orchestra, sets designed by Visual Arts Mackenzie, make-up from our cosmetology department, technical crew from Theatre Arts Mackenzie and choreography from our Dance Arts Mackenzie students.

Based on the novel and movie, Disney's Freaky Friday follows a day in a life of a mother and daughter who live in each other's shoes to learn about themselves and the importance of family. With catchy songs, large scale production numbers, and entertaining scenes, this year's musical will bring joy across the ages. Tickets are on sale at www.rhcentre.ca



Mustang Athletics

On Thursday, Mustang Athletics hosted a Sick Kids fundraiser. The event raised money for Sick Kids - Athletics will host an event in February for another fundraising activity! Here is an image from the event.

ATHCO PRESENTS:

PLAY FOR SICK KIDS HOSPITAL

NOVEMBER 30TH AFTER SCHOOL
\$2 DOLLARS





ONLY

- 12 JR SPOTS FOR BASKETBALL
- 12 SPOTS FOR SR BASKETBALL
- 12 SPOTS FOR JR/SR VOLLEYBALL

SIGNS UPS END **MONDAY NOV 27TH:**
CONSENT FORM + \$2 IS YOUR TICKET




Hello Mustang Families, AthCo will be fundraising for our athletic programs, and we need your help. We have already given back to our teams by buying their entry ticket to some tournaments and have purchased more equipment. Please support us this Winter Season by purchasing a pizza lunch for your child. All

proceeds (\$2 - \$3, depending on your order) will be going back to our athletic programs. Let's make this day our biggest pizza sale ever! We will be a part of our AMHS Winter Market on Wednesday Dec 20th during period 3 (11:20 am). Last day to order is Dec 17th by 8pm.



**ATHLETIC
COUNCIL**



Winter Market

**Pizza Lunch on
School Cash Online**



**Dec 20th 2023
Pick-up during P3**

Our school also attended the Raptors 905 game on Friday, Dec 1st. It was a blast!



Sankofa Mentoring Programs



The poster features a central illustration of a Kwanzaa candle holder (kinara) with seven lit candles in red, black, and green. Below the kinara, several stylized figures in traditional African attire are dancing. The background is a light yellow with a large, faint Sankofa symbol.

YRA
York Region Alliance of
African Canadian Communities

SANKOFA MENTORING PROGRAM - KWANZAA CELEBRATION

**SANKOFA
MENTORING**

*JOIN US FOR AN ILLUMINATING
CELEBRATION FILLED WITH
CRAFTS, MUSIC, AFRICAN
TEACHINGS, FOOD AND
COMMUNITY*

DATE: SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH, 2023

TIME: 10:00AM TO 1:30PM

*LOCATION: BUR OAK
SECONDARY SCHOOL
933 BUR OAK AVENUE,
MARKHAM*

YSSI
York Region Student Support Initiative

 <https://yraacc.ca>  gmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca  647-425-5700 

Guidance Services

Guidance Counsellor	Alpha last name for students
Ms. Pantusa	A - G

Mr. Petrone	H - M
Mr. Daides	N - V
Ms. Cohen	W - Z

Guidance Secretary: Cathy Zhang

Guidance Google Classrooms

Grade 9-11 Guidance Classroom (2023-2024)

Guidance & Education Services

Class Code: ugbztay

AMHS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GUIDANCE

Class Code: orggenu

AMHS Peer Tutoring Program

Class Code: odyb3b7

SHSM: jde7dmp

Student Attendance

General inquiries and student attendance information can be sent directly to the AMHS attendance email address at 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.

AMHS Daily Schedule

As of September 2023, the schedule for the AMHS school day will be as follows:

TIMES	PERIOD
8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	HOMEROOM
8:35 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Period 1

9:55 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Period 2
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Period 3
12:35 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Period 4
1:55 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Period 5

School Contact / Website Information

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IB Google Classroom Codes

Grade 11 IB: **hmfxept**

Grade 12 IB: **nn4umuq**

Grade Google Classroom Codes

Grade 9: **hf5itbn**

Grade 10: **jv4kffq**

Grade 11: **qlinckg**

Grade 12: **kwjnulg**

Arts Mackenzie

www.artsmackenzie.com

Music Department

www.amhsmusic.ca

MAC Health, Physical Education & Athletics

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Alexander Mackenzie on Instagram

[@alexmackhs](#)

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