



December 13, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Welcome to this week's Parent Bulletin, full of useful information and upcoming events.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, December 17 th , 2019	Grad Photo AMHS Foyer, during Period 2
Friday, December 20 th , 2019	Winter Assembly *And - Last school day before the Holiday Break
Monday, January 6 th , 2020	Return to School (after Holiday Break)
Wednesday, January 15 th , 2020	Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment – Day 1
Thursday, January 16 th , 2020	Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment – Day 2
Monday, January 20 th , 2020	Guidance Presentation for Parents (see below) AMHS Cafeteria - 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., January 23 rd – Wed., January 29, 2020	Examination Week (*Students must attend all exams, as scheduled)

Final Examinations – January 2020

Exam Week is fast approaching! Please be aware of these important dates, indicated below. Parents and students are reminded to **not schedule appointments, trips, interviews, etc. that would conflict with scheduled examination dates.**

Thursday January 23	Friday January 24	Monday January 27	Tuesday January 28	Wednesday January 29	Thursday January 30	Friday January 31
Period 1 Course	Period 2 Course	Period 3 Course	Period 4 Course	Severe Weather Day	Exam Review Day	P.A. Day

Students received the Examination Schedule, as indicated above, this past week in their Homeroom class. Expectations / procedures outlined on this communication include:

- **Examinations and/or other final evaluations will start each day at 9:00 a.m.**
- An official Severe Weather Day will be declared if the school buses for **our** school have been cancelled; if an official Severe Weather Day is declared during the Exam Week, the missed exam / final evaluation will occur on Wednesday, January 29, 2020.
- Students must be present to complete each exam / final evaluation, on its scheduled day and time.

Eco Team Tip

Being careful with what you're consuming is at the heart of being more eco-friendly, and cutting down on the amount of meat you eat can have a large impact. Not having red meat - even if it's just for two or three days a week - can have quite a significant impact on reducing your carbon footprint.

Guidance Services

On Monday, December 9, Grade 12 students participated in an informative session on completing supplementary applications associated with several different university programs. A supplementary application can consist of a questionnaire similar to a resume (Queen's University Concurrent Education, <https://educ.queensu.ca/pse>) or specifically designated questions related to a discipline of a student's choice. Here is an example of a supplementary question being asked this year by the University of Toronto, Commerce program, "What accomplishments or endeavours outside of the classroom are you most proud of?" (<https://rotmancommerce.utoronto.ca/future-students/our-supplemental-application/>). Another example of a supplementary can be a writing exercise or a timed-video submission (York University, Schulich Bachelor of Business Administration program (<https://forms.schulich.yorku.ca/myfilestart>)).

The supplementary application deadlines vary from school to school. This year, most of them are due on February 1, March 15 or March 31. We encourage students to set-up and check the university portals of their choice for more up-to-date information, once they apply through the Ontario Application Centre (OUAC).

Upcoming Events

Equal consideration University Application deadline (OUAC) – January, 15th, 2020

Equal consideration College Application deadline (OCAS) – February 1st, 2020

- ***Book an appointment with a Guidance Counsellor if you require assistance with your application***

A Presentation for all Parents "Course Selection - Questions and Answers"

Monday, January 20, 6:30 p.m. – AMHS Cafeteria

Have a great weekend!

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From The Literacy Desk

Literacy Tip - Here are suggested strategies that can help your child increase his/her vocabulary:

- Encourage them to ask about new words they hear or read.
- Students learn new words through verbal interactions with others. Find ways to increase conversation time at home. Adults should make a conscious effort to use more complex language in their conversations with their students.
- Play word games.
- Visit museums, zoos, historical sites and plays. Through these experiences, students will gain exposure to new vocabulary.
- Provide books and magazines at home.
- Visit the library.

Reminder: OSSLT Lesson 3 will take place on Monday, December 16, during all Grade 10 Period 1 classes. Please ask your child to share their new learning with you at home following the lesson.

You are always welcome to email our Literacy Resource Teacher at susan.romeo@yrdsb.ca. Please also follow us on Instagram @AMHSLiteracy.

Upcoming EQAO Math Assessments

In January 2020, Grade 9 students across Ontario will write the provincial Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics. This assessment is conducted by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario. It will be administered to all students enrolled in a Grade 9 Applied or Academic Mathematics course in Semester One, and the results of this assessment will comprise 5% of each student's final mark in their Math course.

At Alexander Mackenzie High School, this assessment will be written by students on Wednesday, January 15 and Thursday, January 16, 2020. The assessment will consist of two test booklets, and students will be given 60 minutes to complete each booklet over the course of two days, during regularly scheduled Math periods.

In September 2020, EQAO will send our school a report on your child's achievement on the assessment, and we will send it home at that time.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample of its assessments, you are encouraged to visit www.eqao.com.

School Council News

Minutes

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

Parking and Ticketing

Ticketing at AMHS began on Tuesday, September 3rd. All students and visitors are 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 begin their visit there.

Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis, and availability cannot be guaranteed.

Dropping-Off and Picking-Up Students

If you are in the habit of dropping-off or picking-up your child at school, you have probably noticed the high volume of traffic that builds up in the parking lot / driveway loop at the front of the school, facing Major Mackenzie Drive.

In an effort to alleviate the traffic congestion and keep traffic flowing smoothly, we ask that drivers **only turn right** when exiting from the school driveway onto Major Mackenzie Drive, both in the mornings and the afternoons. Thank you.

School Notifications



School Cash Online

Since September 2015, our school has been accepting online payments through School Cash Online. Payments for school-related expenses such as the Student Activity Fee, field trips, fundraisers, sports teams, yearbook, Graduation, Prom, etc. can be made online with a credit or debit card. Please use the following link to register for this convenient payment method: <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

More Events and Information

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Twitter: [@amhsvisa](https://twitter.com/amhsvisa)
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Music Department

www.amhsmusic.ca

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French resources for parents and students
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