



December 6, 2019

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 9 th , 2019	Lunch and Learn – for Grade 12 Students
Thursday, December 12 th , 2019	"The Wizard of Oz" Musical
Friday, December 13 th , 2019	Showtime at 7:30 p.m., at the RHCPA
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

Final Examinations – January 2020

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

Mackenzie Music: The Wizard of Oz

The AMHS Community is invited to join Mackenzie Music for the musical performance of "The Wizard of Oz", December 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m., at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts.

Tickets can be purchased through the Richmond Hill Centre website: www.rhcentre.ca

Arts Mackenzie Performance at Quest Conference 2019

Arts Mackenzie students in the Dance and Strings programs opened this year's Quest Conference – this past November - with an inspirational performance that YRDSB continues to feature on Instagram. We wanted to share this with you. Please check out the performance using the following link:

https://www.instagram.com/tv/B5tIWqOH_bK/?igshid=uokhzs5esgz6

Math Contests

The American Mathematics Contests (AMC-10B and AMC12-B) for Grade 9 to Grade 12 students are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

The University of Waterloo Mathematics Contests (Pascal – Grade 9, Cayley – Grade 10 and Fermat – Grade 11) are scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 25, 2020.

Registration for the contests will be available on School Cash Online from Monday, December 2 to Wednesday December 18, 2019. The registration deadline is Wednesday, December 18, 2019. For more information, please contact Mr. Wong by emailing benny.wong@yrdsb.ca.

Guidance Services

A significant number of college and university admission teams are using supplementary applications as a tool to give them a more holistic view of an applicant. While academic performance is important, post-secondary institutions are looking for well-rounded students who can also demonstrate leadership potential, teamwork experience, resilience, and empathy towards others. The Guidance Department at AMHS is committed in supporting students in their supplementary application writing process. Thus, our Lunch-n-Learn session on Monday, December 9 will focus specifically on helping students with creating a successful supplementary application. In addition, we also urge students to seek support from their parents and/or caring adults who can help them navigate application considerations.

The supplementary application deadlines vary from school to school, and 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).

Summer Programs:



YSP programs are two programs hosted by the University of Toronto over the summer months; it brings together curious, motivated, well-rounded teens who want to have a great summer learning about health/science related subjects. If you are either interested in going to Med School after an undergraduate degree or Law School then this program is for you. For more complete information please visit, <http://ysp.utoronto.ca/med/> or <http://ysp.utoronto.ca/law/>

Registration for these programs opens January 15, 2020.

Upcoming Events

Lunch-n-Learn for Grade 12 students

Monday December 9 – Library Learning Commons

- Supplementary applications (sign up in Guidance Office)

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. - Cafeteria

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From The Literacy Desk

Our After School Literacy Program started on December 2. It will run for one more week. Lessons begin after school at 3:10 p.m. in Room 163. If you registered your child, please remind them that we have class each day.

Please continue to use our website, rebrand.ly/ossIt, to check the schedule for our in-class OSSLT lessons and for practice tests. You are asked to remind your child of each lesson. Lesson 3 will take place on Monday, December 16 during Period 1.

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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Arts Mackenzie

<http://bit.ly/ARTSMackenzie>

Arts & Culture:

Instagram: [#amhsartscouncil](https://www.instagram.com/amhsartscouncil)

Visual Arts Department

Twitter: [@amhsvisa](https://twitter.com/amhsvisa)
Instagram: [#amhs.studio](https://www.instagram.com/amhs.studio)

Music Department

www.amhsmusic.ca

MAC Health, Physical Education & Athletics

For information about our programs, please follow us:

Twitter: [@Mustangsmove](https://twitter.com/Mustangsmove)
Instagram: [macpheathletics](https://www.instagram.com/macpheathletics)

Moderns Department

French resources for parents and students
Twitter: [@AlexModerns](https://twitter.com/AlexModerns)

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