



February 21, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, February 24, 2020	Black History Month - Celebration Assemblies
Monday, February 24, 2020	Course Selections Due (2020-2021)
Tuesday, February 25, 2020	Waterloo Math Contests (see item below)
Thursday, March 12, 2020	Interim Report Card Distribution
Monday, March 16 – Friday March 20, 2020	March Break
Thursday, April 2, 2020	Parent Teacher Interview Evening

Guidance Services

All course selection submissions are open until Monday, February 24. At this point, we are pleased that so many of our students were able to complete their selections early; additionally, our Course Selection Working Sessions (in-class) allowed all our students to connect with us in person to discuss future career aspirations and available post-secondary opportunities.

As a reminder, if your child has not already done so, please have them print off a paper copy of their 2020-2021 course selections. You must sign this paper copy and have your child submit it to the Guidance Office as soon as possible. Students will have an opportunity to revise their Course Selections after the March Break. If they are unhappy with their selections, or would like to pursue other options, they can amend any part of their course selection at that time.

Many Colleges and Universities offer open house opportunities during the March Break. These are great opportunities for families to visit campuses, ask questions, and research future opportunities. Please connect to ontariocolleges.ca or e-info.ca

Upcoming Events:

Guidance Parent Series: *Careers of the Future*

Tuesday, April 21 @6:30 pm Cafeteria

Lana Fisher, Head of Guidance and Career Education

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"Girl Up" - Fundraising Initiatives

On Valentine's Day, the UN Foundation Girl Up Initiative raised \$48 for Girl Up. All proceeds are donated to UN Foundation Girl Up Initiatives.

Upcoming - Waterloo Math Contests

The Waterloo Mathematics Contests (Pascal - Grade 9, Cayley - Grade 10 and Fermat - Grade 11) will take place on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 in AMHS Cafeteria from 8:40 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

From The Literacy Desk

Literacy Tip: Parents and caregivers play an important role in their child's education. By providing learning opportunities and support at home you can help build skills. One great tip to support literacy skills is to have a range of books available to read at any time. Sitting in the same room and reading independently can send strong messages about enjoying books.

OSSLT Lesson 7 took place this past week on Wednesday, February 19. Please take some time to review the lesson at home with your child using their OSSLT workbook. Students who missed the lesson can attend the make-up class on Monday, February 24, during the lunch period in Room 163.

Students and families can continue using our OSSLT site: rebrand.ly/OSSLT. It includes online practice tests and videos to help your child prepare for the test.

You can email any questions you may have to our Literacy Resource Teacher: susan.romeo@yrdsb.ca. Please also follow us on Instagram @AMHSLiteracy.

School Council News

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 in Room 122

Guidance Parent Series Presentation from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

School Council Meeting (to follow) from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

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



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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Visual Arts Department

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

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

Music Department

www.amhsmusic.ca

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For information about our programs, please follow us:

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French resources for parents and students

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