



AMHS Bulletin

Alexander Mackenzie High School
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Important Upcoming Dates

- January 27-28 Graduation Photos (Extended)
- Jan 27-28- Exams (Student cannot be away during exams)
- January 29 - Instructional Day
- January 30 - Exam Review Day * School has a different schedule that day
- January 31- PA Day
- February 3 - Semester 2 start
- February 17 - Family Day

School Cash Online

- School Yearbook 2024-2025
- Graduation Ceremony

School News

Exam Review Schedule for January 30

Homeroom	8:30 AM - 8:35 AM
Period 1 classes (sem 1 exam review)	8:35 AM - 9:12 AM
Break	9:12 AM - 9:17 AM
Period 2 classes (sem 1 exam review)	9:17 AM - 9:55 AM
Break	9:55 AM - 10:00 AM
Period 3 classes (sem 1 exam review)	10:00 AM - 10:37 AM
Break	10:37 AM - 10:42 AM
Period 4 classes (sem 1 exam review)	10:42 AM - 11:20 AM

Break	11:20 AM - 11:25 AM
Period 5 classes (sem 1 exam review)	11:25 AM - 12:02 PM

[OSSLT Fall Results](#)

Students who wrote the OSSLT can pick up results in the main office.

[Additional Graduation Photo Dates](#)

Additional graduation photo dates have been added for Jan 27 and 28

[Please sign up on line at BOOK A PHOTO SESSION » Edge Imaging Our school code is: WAM](#)

[Graduation Ceremony - School Cash Online](#)

Graduation from High School is a significant milestone for those who have met the criteria.

Students are eligible to participate in this year's ceremony and commence with your classmates, if they have successfully achieved the following three criteria below:

1. **Completed 30 credits** including all compulsory credits. See <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/experience-secondary-school/graduation-requirements>
2. You must have **completed (40) hours** of community involvement hours. All community involvement hours must be recorded and handed into guidance by May 2, 2025.
3. You must have completed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy (OSSL) requirement. (either successfully passed the test or OLC course).

It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to report any credits earned through night school, summer school, and/or private school to the guidance office by May 2, 2025. Failure to meet all three criteria may result in ineligibility to participate in this year's ceremony and could consider you for next year's graduating class.

This year our Graduation ceremony will be held at Borgata Event Center. 8400 Jane Street, Vaughan Ontario, L4K 4L8.

The graduation package, which includes a graduation gown, cap, stole, tassel, and two guest tickets, is priced at \$85. Please submit your payment by May 2, 2025 to ensure your participation through school cash online.

Exam/Summative

Semester 1 will be ending January 30, 2025. Students will be beginning Summative coursework in January.

Exam Schedule

All exams begin at 8:30 am

January 22, 2025	Period 1 Exams
January 23, 2025	Period 2 Exams
January 24, 2025	Period 5 Exams
January 27, 2025	Period 4 Exams
January 28, 2025	Period 3 Exams
January 29, 2025	Instructional Day
January 30, 2025	Exam Review Day (Alternative Schedule)

Board News

Black History Month Celebration

Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner.

Dates: Monday, February 3, 2025, at Dr. J.M. Denison H.S.
Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Bill Hogarth S.S.
Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at Alexander Mackenzie H.S.
Thursday, February 27, 2025, at Tommy Douglas S.S.

Time: 6:00–8:00 p.m.

This event will feature:

- Interactive Performances
- Student Showcases
- Dinner will be provided

Please join us to celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Black Community while creating meaningful connections and memories together. Looking forward to celebrating together!

To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **January 31, 2025**.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to blackstudentexcellence@ydsb.ca



FEBRUARY

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Supporting East Asian Students
Family Engagement Evening Series

Understanding High School Pathways and Course Selection

Families, parents, caregivers please join us for this SEAS Family Engagement Evening to help you gain a deeper understanding of the high school pathways and course selection process in the Ontario Education System.

YRDSB teachers and Guidance Counsellors will be delivering information focused on:

- Understanding the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) requirements
- Exploring pathways and planning for post-secondary options
- Navigating high school course selection process in YRDSB

Presentations will be available in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Cafeteria, 3rd Floor

Bill Crothers Secondary School

44 Main St Unionville, Unionville, ON L3R 2E4

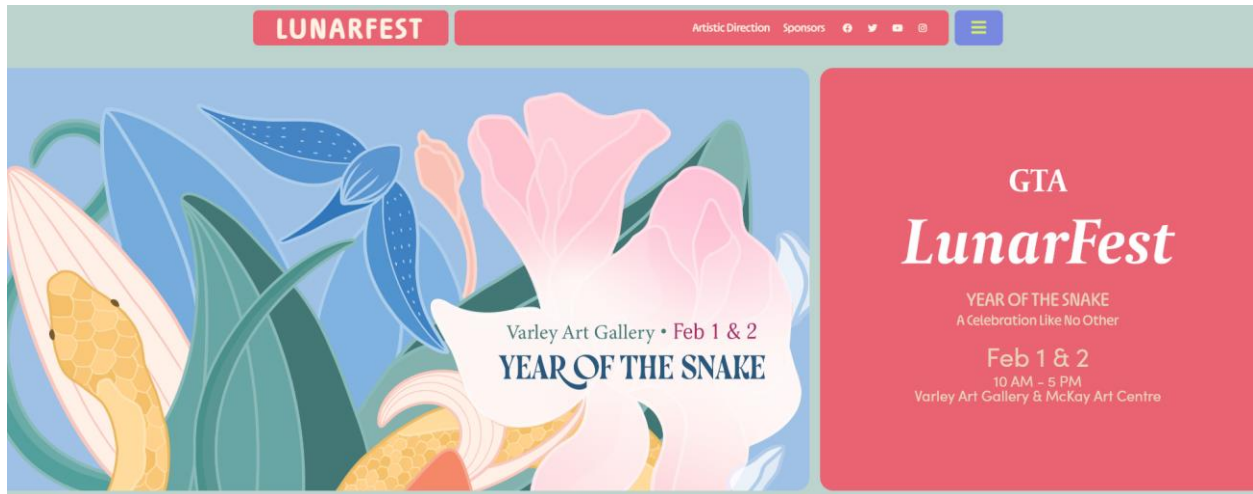
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or click <https://bit.ly/4flwbhs> to register



LunarFest at Varley Art Gallery & McKay Art Centre

The Varley Art Gallery in Markham will be hosting a Lunar New Year Celebration. Please use the following link for more information. <https://lunarfestgta.ca>





G.I.V.E!

Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

2025 Winter Session

Join our workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. Empower yourself to support our school community and enrich your child's learning experience!

You will learn more about:

- The role of a volunteer
- Transferable skills
- Equity and Inclusive education
- Self care and well-being
- Human Rights
- Employment readiness
- School information and community resources

We will help you:

- Expand your network
- Effectively communicate with school staff
- Contribute to student learning and parent engagement
- Gain volunteer experience in schools
- Build healthy communities
- Boost Professionalism

Location: Ellen Fairclough Public School, 33 Brando Ave, Markham, ON L3S 4K9

Dates: February 24 to 28, 2025 (Monday to Friday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All parents, guardians, caregivers are welcome to join this free training program!

Space is limited, please scan the QR code or visit the [Registration Link](#) to sign up.



This free information session is organized by York Region District School Board in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region. For more information, please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at iscs@yrdsb.ca or Victoria Chung vchung@ccsyrr.org 416-568-2252 or Eman Hasan ehasan@ccsyrr.org 905-884-3434 #322.



**Calling youth
16-30 years old
in York Region**

JOIN THE York Region Youth Food Committee

Are you between the ages of 16-30?

- Do you work, study or have roots in York Region?
- Are you interested in food issues, social justice and/or environmental justice?
- Are you keen to share your experience and ideas while contributing to advocacy, education and policy processes to address local food and justice issues?

As a member of the Youth Food Committee, you will have the opportunity to:

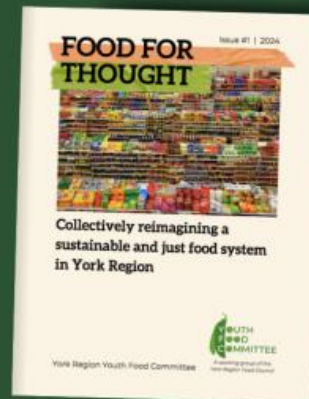
- Learn about food issues in York Region and develop leadership skills,
- Network and connect with other engaged youth and food system leaders in York Region,
- Pitch, contribute and lead food policy, advocacy and education initiatives,
- Be part of something that positively impacts the community.

Applications due January 27 2025

➡ Apply here: tinyurl.com/yfcapply

➡ See what we're up to!

 @yrfn_youthfoodcommittee



Writing in Colour: English Grade 11 Essay Colloquium Award 2024

The Department of English at the University of Waterloo invites grade 11 students in Ontario who are Black, Indigenous, or students of colour to submit an essay to the 2024 Writing in Colour: English Grade 11 Essay Colloquium Award. <https://uwaterloo.ca/english/awards/writing-colour>



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ART CONTEST

Young artists, show us your creativity and help us mark the Supreme Court of Canada's 150th anniversary! We're looking for drawings, paintings or other graphic artwork illustrating the history and future of the Court as we commemorate its 150th year.

The contest is open to all young artists residing in Canada who will be between the age of 5 and 17 at the time of the artwork submission.

DEADLINE

Your artwork has to be received no later than January 31, 2025.

For more information and contest rules, visit:

scc-csc.ca/150

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.