



# AMHS Bulletin

May 21, 2021

## Reminders

### Dates at a Glance

**May 2021 - Asian South-Asian  
Heritage Month**

**May 2021 - Jewish Heritage Month**

### **Our Actions Online Have Impact: Student Lesson Series**

During March and April, all staff and students are engaging in learning in support of our collective responsibility to dismantle hate and racism online. Students are participating in learning specific to Digital Citizenship and the use of images online. This learning opportunity is facilitated by their classroom teacher(s) and is required of all students in our Board.

Students who were absent for this learning, or who have a spare, can access the [Our Actions Online Have Impact lessons through this Google Site](#). At the end of each lesson is a [Google Form](#) students can use to show their completion of the learning.

Students that require technical support can [fill out this form](#).

### **Daily COVID-19 School and Child Care Screening Reminders**

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19 we are sharing the following letter from York Region Public Health. Please view the YRPH letter [here](#).

### **Student Attendance**

General inquiries and student attendance information can be sent directly to the AMHS attendance email address at [alexandermackenziehs.attendance@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alexandermackenziehs.attendance@yrdsb.ca) or please call the school directly at 905-884-0554.

### **Visitors to AMHS**

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, visitor(s) are not permitted into the school without a pre-arranged appointment. Please contact the school by telephone or email and we will be happy to assist you.

Prior to entering the school, review/complete the self-assessment as per the posted self-screening poster ([COVID-19 School and Child-Care Screening Tool](#)). Come directly to the main office to complete the visitor sign-in process with the main office staff member, which will include responding to the question "Have you completed the self-screening assessment?", and sign out when leaving.

Any visitor(s) experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must remain home. All visitors must sanitize their hands, wear a face covering at all times, and maintain a two-metre physical distance as they enter, move through and exit the building.

### **School Schedule During Remote Learning**

	Block/Period 1	Block/Period 2	Lunch	Block/Period 3	Block/Period 4
Time	8:30 - 9:45 a.m.	9:50 - 11:05 a.m.	11:05 a.m.-12:25 p.m.	12:25 - 1:40p.m.	1:45 - 3:00 p.m.
	Online	Online		Online	Online
	Cohorts A & B	Cohorts A & B		Cohorts A & B	Cohorts A & B

### **School Information**

#### **A message from Relay for Life**

Relay For Life is a club in association with the Canadian Cancer Society, which aims to raise money and awareness for those in need. Please review this [flyer](#) for additional information.

#### **Parking & Ticketing**

Students and visitors will be 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 report to the Main Office.)

**Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis; availability cannot be guaranteed**

### **Guidance**

*Summer School registration continues until June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Summer school course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment, classroom and teacher availability.*

*Students who have selected a course for the 2021-2022 school year and have registered for the same course at summer school will have the course removed from their AMHS course selection.*

*Should a student drop a summer school course and need to take this course at AMHS it is the student's responsibility to contact the Guidance Department. Any courses that are selected after the creation of timetables are subject to sufficient course availability.*

## Summer School

Registration for Summer School is open from **April 20th until June 25th, 2021**.

Classes will occur online using a synchronous model with asynchronous blocks. The learning platform is Google. YRDSB students will select courses online using myPathwayPlanner.

### Courses that are offered are as follows:

Acceleration Courses Offered (for students who would like to reach ahead)

Dates: July 7 to July 30

Hours: 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m.

Credit Recovery/Reinforcement Courses (for students who need to recover a credit)

Session 1 (S1): July 7 to July 19

Session 2 (S2): July 20 to July 30

Hours: 8:45 am to 3:33 pm

Please ensure that you have reviewed this information prior to your child's registration and submission on MyBlueprint. Upon submission, the Guidance department will receive an automated message that registration has been completed.

### Please Note:

Course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and teacher availability.

- CHV2O & GLC2O courses are for both Acceleration and Reinforcement students

If you have any questions regarding summer school registration, please contact your child's Guidance Counselor.

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## The Black Education Fund (Application deadline: June 18, 2021)

(BEF) was founded in August of 2020 by a group of friends and like-minded community members who wanted to do more than just talk about making change, we wanted to take action. What started out as an initiative to raise \$5000 to support one Black student in Canada, has grown rapidly with donations to date topping \$25,000. We believe breaking down barriers Black students face in accessing education is fundamentally important to overcome anti-Black racism in Canada. Our goal is now to provide some financial support to multiple Black students. The BEF is a 100% volunteer organization registered as a Canadian Non-Profit foundation. Please see the [flyer](#) for additional information.

## BFCN Scholarship Application & Educational Pathways Planning Workshop

Eventbrite - BFCN - Black Foundation of Community Networks presents BFCN Scholarship Application & Educational Pathways Planning Workshop - Friday, May 28, 2021. Please check the [link](#) for additional information.

## AEBS Annual Student Achievement Awards

Annual Student Achievement Awards Nominate a student in Grades 4-12 for demonstrating success in one of the following areas:

- Citizenship: Involvement in Classroom, School and/or Community
- Academics: Achievement, Growth and Development

Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

### **Jean Lumb Foundation – Jean Lumb Awards**

The Jean Lumb Foundation presents the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Jean Lumb Awards for high school students of Chinese Heritage. Deadline for application: May 24, 2021. Please view the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

### **Central East PPAN Scholarship**

The Public Property Assessment Network Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is being awarded through the Ontario Public School Boards' Association (OPSBA) to one recipient in the OPSBA Central East Region for three school years – 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22. Scholarship recipients are students of strong character, who care deeply about their communities and furthering their own learning. Deadline for application: May 21, 2021. Please refer to the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

### **Peer Tutoring**

The Guidance department is running a Peer Tutoring Program for semester 2.

Students in Grades 11 and 12 can express interest in becoming peer tutors.

Students in Grades 9 to 12 can request for peer tutors

There will be two forms for students to consider:

Peer Tutoring Form to become a peer tutor – for senior students in Grades 11 and 12 would like to be peer tutors

Peer Tutoring Form to request a peer tutor – for all students in Grades 9-12 requesting a peer tutor

*The Google forms are posted on the following Guidance Google Classrooms:*

Grade 9-11 Guidance Classroom (Class code: lckdws2)

Graduating Class June 2021 Guidance Google Classroom (Class code: zjwvzt3)

Thank you,  
The Guidance Team

### **Volunteer Opportunity**

[Sending Sunshine](#) is a not-for-profit corporation run out of Mississauga, Ontario. Sending Sunshine aims to help reduce the negative effects of social isolation and loneliness among senior citizens in our community by providing them with handwritten cards. It is with the help of people like YOU that Sending Sunshine can help provide a ray of sunshine in the lives of Ontario seniors!

Please speak with a guidance counsellor for more information about this volunteer opportunity.

### **Please see the following updated Guidance Google classrooms**

#### **Grade 12:**

Graduating Class June 2021; Password: zjwvzt3

Grade 12 Scholarships for Graduating Students only; Password: hltthp5

Note to Grade 11 Students: If you would like to learn more about Grade 12 in order to prepare for next year, please join the Grade 12 Google classrooms. However, please be mindful that only Grade 12 students may participate in the nomination for any awards and scholarships that are shared by the Guidance department.

## **Community Information**

### **York Hills – Here to Help Line**

Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information regarding dates, services, and contact information.

### **Jewish Heritage Month – May 2021**

Scrolling Spadina – A Virtual Tour of Toronto’s Jewish Market. Please see the [flyer](#) for additional information.

### **Vaughan Public Libraries Virtual Science Fair 2021**

Join in on the challenge to engage in a scientific research project. Submit your project to be reviewed by a panel of judges for a chance to win awesome prizes. The prizes will be revealed on May 31st. Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

### **Vaughan Public Libraries - Reflecting On Racism & Discrimination**

Vaughan Public Libraries is offering a monthly lecture series. Please see the information [flyer](#) for registration information.

### **Education Interrupted: Parent Engagement for Liberations - Webinar Series**

This webinar series will engage parents & caregivers, scholars and community leaders in dialogue to imagine what a meaningful anti-racist model of parent/caregiver engagement could look like. Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

### **York Region National Public Works Week: Design A Plow Contest**

National Public Works Week is observed across North America to increase awareness of the importance of public works in our communities. Please see [flyer](#) for further information.

### **Town of Aurora Inclusion Services**

A new weekly virtual social club for teens and young adults in the community looking to connect with peers in an adapted and supported space! Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

### **Sankofa Storytelling and Poetry**

Virtual meetings every Saturday until June 19. Please see the [poster](#) for more details.

### **The Sankofa Mentoring Program**

The Sankofa Mentoring Program is rooted in African Rites of Passage framework that highlights the principles of Unity, Self Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, Faith, and Self-Respect. Please see the [poster](#) for more details.

### **Government of Ontario Student Jobs**

Each year the Ontario Public Service targets up to 5,000 summer students to work in locations across Ontario in areas such as:

- Ontario Parks
- Environment-Science
- Administration-Business and Finance
- Research and Laboratories
- Communications Customer Service

Earn while you learn! All jobs were posted on February 25. Closing dates will be between March 10 and June 1. Apply early to have a chance to apply to the job types that interest you. You can learn more at: [ontario.ca/summerstudents](https://ontario.ca/summerstudents)

## **York Region District School Board Information**

### **Womxn Offering Wisdom (WOW) Well-Being Conference**

Self-identifying South Asian and Tamil, female, grade 7 to 12 students are invited to attend the 2021 Annual WOW Well-Being Conference. Please see the [flyer](#) for further information.

### **Addressing Anti-East Asian Racism: Virtual Learning Series**

New information - Join SEAS and NEKS for a series on Addressing Anti-East Asian Racism through conversations and learning. Deadline to register is May 24, 2021. Please see the [flyer](#) for additional information.

### **York Region District School Board Seeks Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee Members**

York Region District School Board is accepting applications for membership on the Board's Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC). Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an electronic application by June 15, 2021. Please see [letter](#) for additional information.

### **Finding Adler: Jewish Musicians and China's Classical Music**

This presentation highlights connections and bonds between different peoples in times of suffering through acceptance, tolerance, compassion, understanding and giving back. Presented in English and Mandarin. Please see the [flyer](#) for additional information.

### **Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) Student & Family Event**

AEBS is hosting an event that supports Black-Identifying students and their families from YRDSB and the community on May 27th from 6:30-8:00pm. Deadline to register is May 25, 2021. See [flyer](#) for further information.

### **York Region Tamil Students' Association (YRTSA)**

YRTSA is looking for students that are interested in planning and connecting their schools to our events as we move forward. If you are interested, please complete the Google Form found in the [poster](#).

### **2021 Summer Learning Programs Available**

During the month of July, YRDSB continues to offer credit and non-credit summer school program opportunities for elementary, secondary and adult students. Traditional in-class face-to-face summer programs will move to a remote learning delivery model. Registration is now open for the following programs:

#### **Elementary Credit and Non-Credit Programs:**

- Elementary Summer School (Grades 6 - 8 non credit reinforcement)
- Grade 8 Reach Ahead

#### **Secondary Credit Programs:**

- Online-Learning
- Remote Learning

#### **Adult Learning Programs:**

- Adult Literacy and Basic Skills
- English as a Second Language
- Citizenship Classes

For more information about summer learning programs and registration please visit [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) and follow us on Twitter @YRDSB.

### YRDSB Secondary Summer School Programs

Remote learning is being offered this summer in place of traditional face-to-face summer school as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Remote learning classes will occur in a virtual environment using a synchronous model. Registration for Secondary Summer School programs is now open to YRDSB students through MyPathwayPlanner. Please see the [flyer](#) for additional information.

### 211 – Services for Families

Do you need help finding food, housing, financial assistance, mental health support, employment support, support for seniors, winter clothing and/or shelter? For information and referral to government, health, community and social services, call 2-1-1, search 211Central.ca, text 21166, live-chat at 211Ontario.ca/chat or email [gethelp@211Ontario.ca](mailto:gethelp@211Ontario.ca). 211 is free, confidential and available 24/7 in 150+ languages to connect you to local community supports. Learn more about the services they offer in this one-page fact sheet. Please use this [link](#) for more information.

## School Council News

### Minutes

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

## School Contact / Website Information

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### Arts Mackenzie

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### Music Department

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### AMHS Literacy & OSSLT

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### MAC Health, Physical Education & Athletics

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