



AMHS Bulletin

May 28, 2021

Reminders

Dates at a Glance

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

May 2021 - Jewish Heritage Month

**June 2 by 4:00 p.m. - Valedictorian
Self-Nomination Process**

**June 9 by 4:00 p.m. -
AMHS-Graduation Self-Nomination
Awards**

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 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

AMHS-Graduation Self-Nomination Awards 2021

Dear Students and Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Please see below the link for the AMHS Self-Nomination Awards form for the Graduating Class of 2021:

<http://bit.ly/AMHS-Self-Nomination-Awards-2021>

The deadline for the awards submission is Wednesday, June 9th at 4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding any of the awards, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Guidance counselor with Alpha.

Valedictorian Self-Nomination Process:

Please see below the form for the Valedictorian self-nomination process:

www.bit.ly/amhsvaldictorian2021

The self-nomination application for Valedictorian is due on Wednesday, June 2nd at 4:00 p.m. Any application received after that time will not be considered. Voting for the Valedictorian for the Class of 2021 will take place the week of June 7th, 2021. The Valedictorian will be announced on Friday, June 11th, 2021.

Please connect with John Petrone (John.Petrone@yrdsb.ca) if you have any questions about the Valedictorian process.

Summer School registration continues until June 25th, 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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Registration for Day School e-Learning, for semester 2, 2021-2022 is OPEN.

Included below is the course list and documentation support links to register students into a day school e-Learning section. (YRDSB GAPPS login required to access the documentation). Registration will remain open until February 17, 2022.

Course List:

Course Offering	School(s)	Semester
BBB4M	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Richmond Green SSHodan Nalayah SS	21-22 Semester 2
BOH4M	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr. G.W. Williams SSStephen Lewis SS	21-22 Semester 2
CGW4U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Newmarket HS	21-22 Semester 2
CHY4U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sutton DHS	21-22 Semester 2
CIA4U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Woodbridge College	21-22 Semester 2
CLU3M	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Langstaff SS	21-22 Semester 2
ENG4U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sir William Mulock SS	21-22 Semester 2
ETS4U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alexander Mackenzie HS	21-22 Semester 2
HHS4U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">King City SS	21-22 Semester 2
HSB4U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Keswick HSWestmount CI	21-22 Semester 2
HSC4M	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Woodbridge College	21-22 Semester 2
MDM4U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Middlefield CI	21-22 Semester 2
PPZ3C	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Maple HS	21-22 Semester 2

Links:

- 1) [Day School e-Learning Registration 2021-22](#): for registration queries and process information
- 2) [Student Course Request Form](#): for internal use at schools
- 3) [Course List](#) available on the board website

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

An interactive workshop to show Black students and their families how to plan their educational pathway and search for scholarships. Black students and their families are invited to join BFCN for another online edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application & Educational Pathways Planning Workshop on Friday, May 28, 2021 from 7 PM - 9 PM. Please use 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.

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

Parent Engagement Event (Mandarin Session)

Parent Engagement Event (Mandarin Session): How to use your child's report card as a tool to encourage and affirm their learning and achievements. June 7th from 7 -9pm. See [flyer](#) for further information.

Bike Month 2021 (May 31 - June 30).pdf

Bike Month is organized by Smart Commute Central York and Newmarket Chamber of Commerce. There are two ways to participate and win! Please see the [flyer](#) for additional 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

York Region District School Board Information

Message from Our Trustee

Dear families,

It is hard to sum up this past school year; it truly has been a year like no other. Many of our students have been transitioning between virtual and in-person learning. Others have spent the full year learning virtually as part of our Elementary and Secondary Virtual Schools. Whatever option you have chosen, this year has been challenging and has asked a lot of all of us - students, families, staff members and community partners. We have had to be flexible and adaptable in how we learn, teach and work. We have had to be diligent in learning new routines and adhering to public health measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. And, we have had to pay more attention than ever to supporting mental health and well-being during this challenging time.

This pandemic has affected different families in different ways, and I want to thank you for your patience, support and resiliency throughout this challenging year. I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that resources are available on the Board website, including [community resources](#), [mental health supports](#), [tips](#) and [resources](#) to support online learning, and [tips for speaking with your child about COVID-19](#). These resources will continue to be available throughout the summer.

Despite the challenges this year, we have seen incredible examples of student learning and achievement. I am incredibly proud of the determination, resilience, creativity and perseverance demonstrated by our students. I want to wish a very special congratulations to the graduating class of 2021. This is an important milestone and while we are all disappointed that we are unable to celebrate in person as we would have hoped, we look forward to honouring our graduates virtually. Schools are working hard to make their virtual graduation celebrations a very special occasion. We are very proud of our graduates and wish you all the very best in the next chapter of your journey.

I also want to acknowledge the hard work of our educators and staff members who have maintained a focus on supporting students while navigating the challenges of the past year. Our staff members have shown a true commitment to their own learning in the service of our students, and have been participating in webinars, online training modules and other professional learning opportunities throughout the school year to enhance their own practices.

Earlier this spring, we launched the [Board's Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy](#), with the goal to "achieve racial equity in YRDSB schools for Black students and staff." The strategy was co-developed by York Region Black community leaders, YRDSB staff and in consultation with students. Thank you to everyone who supported this work and participated in the launch. We look forward to continuing this essential work.

The Board is also preparing for the 2022 Municipal Election by undertaking a review of school board trustee electoral areas. The boundaries of the areas the trustees represent change over time due to population growth and changes in student numbers. We are committed to ensuring that, as the region's population changes, electoral areas continue to reflect the communities we serve. Public input is important to the Board of Trustees during the electoral area review. Throughout the process there will be a number of ways for you to learn more about the review and to provide input. Information about the [Trustee Determination and Distribution](#) is available on the Board website.

As was communicated to families in May, we are looking ahead to the 2021-2022 school year. Our goal is to create a learning model within the provincial funding allocation that meets public health requirements and is centred on the safety and well-being of our students and staff members. To help meet this goal, we are planning to implement a hybrid model of learning for elementary and secondary schools, a model several other school boards have been using during this current school year. Through this model, families will continue to have the ability to opt for in-person or remote learning, and placement for all students will be in their home school. I know there are many questions about what this will look like and what to expect in September. The Board continues to provide as much information as possible and has shared some [frequently asked questions on the Board website](#) about the model change for 2021-2022, this page will continue to be updated. As planning continues and information becomes available, we will provide regular updates to families. Please know that health and safety of our students, staff and families remains our top priority. You can also continue to find information on the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca and on Twitter [@YRDSB](#).

As we go into the summer months, I want to thank you once again for your support over the past year, and to wish you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer.

As the school year comes to a close, I want to wish you and your families a safe, healthy and happy summer. I look forward to a time when we can welcome your children back into our schools again. We know that families have questions about what the return to school will look like. We will continue to share information with you as it becomes available. In the meantime, we encourage you to continue following public health guidelines and to stay connected.

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YRDSB Student and Family Surveys - Now Available

The 2020-21 YRDSB Student and Family Surveys are now available online between May 26 and June 18.

These surveys will provide the Board and our schools with valuable information about the experiences of students and families. Results will be used to guide Board and school planning to support student achievement and well-being.

Students and families have received a link to their respective surveys by email. If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in this survey, but missed the deadline on May 24, 2021 to opt your child(ren) out of receiving the link to the surveys, please advise your child(ren) to not participate. Families who do not want to participate in the Family Survey may disregard the email invitation.

The Family Survey is available online in:

Arabic	Farsi	Hebrew	Russian	Urdu
Chinese (simplified)	English	Korean	Tamil	Vietnamese
Chinese (traditional)	Gujarati	Punjabi	Turkish	

As our first partners in education, we value parent/guardian input and encourage parents/guardians to complete the survey. The information provided will be anonymous, considered confidential and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Please contact research.services@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions or visit the [Board website](#) to learn more.

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.

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 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. 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](#)

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