



AMHS Bulletin

May 7, 2021

Reminders

Dates at a Glance

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

May 2021 - Jewish Heritage Month

May 3 - 9 - Mental Health Week

May 13 - Eid-ul-Fitr

May 20 - Feedback Day

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 general AMHS email address at alexander.mackenzie.hs@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

Community Information

Jewish Heritage Month – May 2021

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

Liberation75 Global Gathering May 4-9

Global gathering of Holocaust survivors, descendants, educators & friends. Virtual, worldwide and free. Visit [Liberation75](#) to register.

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](#).

PCMH Support Group

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. Please check the information [flyer](#).

Career Discovery Expo: Dream Big York

Students in grades 7 - 12 and their parents/guardians are invited to attend the *Career Discovery Expo: Dream Big York* on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. ET. This FREE event provides students and their families the opportunity to explore a wide range of career paths.

The Career Discovery Expo: Dream Big York will feature:

- **Dream Maker Panel:** Women from various industries share their stories and inspire young women.
- **Employer Spotlight:** Employers share their “look fors” when hiring new employees and ways to gain experience early.
- **Pathway Spotlight:** College, University and OYAP representatives share the different pathway programs available, scholarships, courses etc.

- **Games, Prizes**

To register, please visit: dreambigyork.eventbrite.ca

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.

Many Faces of Markham

Many Faces of Markham is an annual initiative in support of the United Nation's International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, which takes place every year on March 21. Please be advised, the Many Faces of Markham contest deadline has been extended until May 7, 2020. More information can be found on the [City of Markham's website](#).

York Hills – Here to Help Line

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

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

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.

Official renaming of Hodan Nalayeh Secondary School

You can join this virtual event by registering using the link found in the [virtual invitation](#).

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 Through Conversations & Learning

A three-part virtual learning series hosted by NEKS (Network of Educators for Korean Students) and SEAS (Supporting East Asian Students), in collaboration with the York Region District School Board. Please see the information [flyer](#) for additional information.

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.

2021 Summer Institute Program Cancelled

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, York Region District School Board is cancelling Summer Institute programming this summer. This is in line with public health guidelines. Summer Institute was scheduled to run July 6 - August 14.

This applies to Summer Institute only. Other summer programs, such as summer school, will be proceeding where possible within an online environment. More information will be provided in the coming weeks about these programs.

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 Information

Student Council Elections 2021 - 2022

Students interested in serving on AMHS 2021-2022 Student Council are invited to participate in the Student Council election and interview process.

Elections will be held in May for the following positions: President(s), Vice President(s), Grade 12, 11 and 10 Representatives. Interviews for the remaining Student Council positions will be held in June. All interested students are invited to view the guidelines and application requirements at <http://bit.ly/stucoelections21>. Please e-mail Ms. Catherine Clarke at Catherine.clarke@yrdsb.ca if there are any questions.

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 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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Peer Tutoring

The Guidance department will be running a Peer Tutoring Program for semester 2 starting March 1st, 2021.

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

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.

2021 AEBS Scholarships for Black Students

AEBS invites Black students who are graduating from a high school in the York Region District School Board to apply for 2021 scholarships. Deadline to apply is May 7, 2021. Please see the information [flyer](#) for further information.

Jean Lumb Foundation – Jean Lumb Awards

The Jean Lumb Foundation presents the 24th 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.

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.

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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