



AMHS Bulletin

November 13, 2020

Reminders

Dates at a Glance

November 14 - Diwali

November 15 - 21 - Bullying
Awareness & Prevention Week

SAVE THE DATE

Alexander Mackenzie High School

Class of 2020 Virtual Graduation Ceremony

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

Details to Follow



School Model Change Request Form

Earlier this week Parents/Guardians of secondary school students received the School Model Change Request Form. The form will need to be completed through your child's Gapps account. Parents/guardians will work with their child to complete the Google form and once submitted, a copy of the response will be available in the student's Gapps email account.

Only families of secondary students requesting a school model change will need to complete this form. The form must be completed by Monday, November 16, 2020 at 8 a.m. to be considered. If you do not wish to change models, there is no action needed on your part.

Please use the this [link](#) to access the survey:

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 and we will be happy to assist you.

Before coming to an appointment, please review and adhere to the instructions on the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment poster from York Region Public Health](#) posted at all exterior doors. Come directly to the main office to sign in and obtain a parking pass prior to your scheduled meeting time, 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.

Parents/guardians if you need to meet with a staff member please call ahead to book an appointment.

Revised School Screening Checklist

Each day, parents/guardians and students over 18 are responsible for reviewing and adhering to the [checklist from York Region Public Health](#). This checklist has been recently updated to reflect the Ontario government's revised COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in Schools and Child Care. Please note that the new screening guide applies to children only and the adult screening has not changed. Thank you for working with us to protect the health and safety of students, staff and families and to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Self-screening tool

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19 the ministry has asked us to share this [link](#) with our school community.

York Region Public Health Decision Tree Tools

- [Preventing Covid-19 Exposures in the Schools](#)
- [COVID-19 Screening Tool for students and children in school and child care](#)

School Schedules

November 16 to 20	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rotation 5 Alternate Face to Face and Online Daily 8:30 – 11:00a.m.	Period 1 Class Cohort B Face to Face Cohort A Online	Period 1 Class Cohort A Face to Face Cohort B Online	Period 1 Class Cohort B Face to Face Cohort A Online	Period 1 Class Cohort A Face to Face Cohort B Online	Period 1 Class Cohort B Face to Face Cohort A Online
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Students Exit				
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Student Transportation / Lunch				
Synchronous Online – Block 2 (period 2) 12:30 – 1:20 p.m.	Period 2 Class Cohort A & B	Period 2 Class Cohort A & B	Period 2 Class Cohort A & B	Period 2 Class Cohort A & B	Period 2 Class Cohort A & B
Synchronous Online – Block 3 (period 4) 1:20 – 2:10 p.m.	Period 4 Class Cohort A & B	Period 4 Class Cohort A & B	Period 4 Class Cohort A & B	Period 4 Class Cohort A & B	Period 4 Class Cohort A & B
Synchronous Online – Block 4 (period 5) 2:10 – 3:00 p.m.	Period 5 Class Cohort A & B	Period 5 Class Cohort A & B	Period 5 Class Cohort A & B	Period 5 Class Cohort A & B	Period 5 Class Cohort A & B

	Course Rotation for AMHS							
Rotation	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Sept 14 Sept 25	Sept 28 Oct 9	Oct 13 Octo 26	Oct 27 Nov 9	Nov 10 Nov 26	Nov 27 Dec 14	Dec 15 Jan 13	Jan 14 Jan 29
In Person Block 1 8:30 -11:00	Per. 1	Per. 2	Per. 4	Per. 5	Per. 1	Per. 2	Per. 4	Per. 5
Exit/Travel / Lunch								
Synchronous Block 2 12:30 - 1:20	Per.2	Per. 1	Per. 5	Per. 4	Per. 2	Per. 1	Per. 5	Per. 4
Synchronous Block 3 1:20 - 2:10	Per. 4	Per. 4	Per. 1	Per. 1	Per. 4	Per. 4	Per. 1	Per. 1
Synchronous Block 4 2:10 - 3:00	Per. 5	Per. 5	Per. 2	Per. 2	Per. 5	Per. 5	Per. 2	Per. 2

York Region District School Board Information

K.A.L.V.I. - Student Leadership Training Series

Are you a high school student who wants to enhance and learn new skills to become a future leader? Review the flyer for information on K.A.L.V.I. - Student Leadership Training Series beginning November 13. For additional information, please check [here](#).

Tamil Leadership in Education Initiative

Are you passionate about making a change in the education system? The Tamil Leadership in Education Initiative is recruiting:

- parents and guardians
- 10 Tamil students

Please see the flyers for more information. The deadline to apply is November 16.

- [Tamil Leadership in Education Initiative - Parent and Guardian Recruitment](#)
- [Tamil Leadership in Education Initiative - Parent and Guardian Recruitment \(Tamil translation\)](#)
- [Tamil Leadership in Education Initiative - Student Recruitment](#)
- [Tamil Leadership in Education Initiative - Student Recruitment \(Tamil translation\)](#)

Mathletics

York Region students are invited to exercise their math abilities in a contest and apply their math skills to solve engineering problems for fun & prizes. The competition is for grades 7-10. The competition will be held virtually on Nov 14, 2020. For additional information, please check [here](#).

Annual Holocaust Art & Writing Contest

Sarah and Chaim Neuberger Holocaust Education Centre in Toronto annually partners with Chapman University's Roger Center for Holocaust Education on a Holocaust Art & Writing Competition for students grades 6 to 12. Students create an artwork or piece of writing inspired by their testimonies of Holocaust survivors and rescuers.

Participating schools may submit a total of three entries (one entry per student) in any combination of the following categories: art, film, poetry, or prose. Registration details and further information can be found [here](#).

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN) Friday Focus Parent Forum Workshop #1: I Am Focused

The Friday Focus Parent Forum is returning with a new workshop series! The workshop series is open to all Black parents. Please use this [link](#) for additional information.

Parents for Children's Mental Health (PCMH)

Virtual meeting being held November 16, 2020 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Topic: Anxiety in COVID times. Please use this [link](#) for additional information.

Interpreters and Translators Training Session - December 10, 2020

Inclusive School and Community Services will be hosting a virtual information and training session for potential interpreter and translator candidates on December 10, 2020 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm.

If you or someone you know are interested in this opportunity, please [register](#) by December 3, 2020.

Renewed Computer Technology

The York Region District School Board is once again working with Renewed Computer Technology (RCT). RTC is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with access to affordable, renewed computers to help meet education and career goals.

Please refer to the attached [Renewed Computer Technology flyer](#) to review the available packages.

Online Program Opportunities

As many of our YRDSB community partner organizations continue to offer on-line opportunities for your children and youth, we are happy to provide you with a comprehensive list of these opportunities, including those that are continuing and also new programs and services.

Please visit [2020-2021 Online Program Opportunities for Children, Youth and Families](#) to find a list of programs organized by category and age group. We encourage you to check the link regularly as the Community and Partnership Developer Team will be making regular updates to available programs and resources.

For more information, please contact iscs@yrdsb.ca

Night School

The Fall Night School program (remote learning) registration is now open. The virtual class registration information and course offerings can be found [here](#).

Adult ESL, LINC & LBS Programs

YRDSB offers Adult English as a Second Language (ESL) programs for those who want to develop effective language skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing for daily life in Canada. We also offer specialized classes in Citizenship and Conversation.

For more information and registration details, please check these links: [English](#), [Farsi](#), [Russian](#), [Tamil](#), [Simplified Chinese](#).

Guidance

Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) & Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) Update

Marks will be uploaded to OUAC/OCAS on November 20, 2020. November 18, 2020 is the final day for students to drop a course and to not have it show on their transcript. Please speak with a guidance counselor if you have any questions or concerns.

Grade 12 Students:

Students are encouraged to keep a copy of the OUAC PIN and password in a safe place for future reference. Should your child not have received an email containing this information, please contact the AMHS Guidance Department at your earliest convenience.

Students are invited to review the slide show information linked in the email concerning how to use the PIN in the OUAC Website and how to set up a student profile, and add University Programs among other things.

Please note: 'While creating your OUAC account, it might ask for a 12-digit student number: add '000' (3 zeros) in front of your 9-digit student number.'

Please feel free to contact your child's counselor for more information regarding the OUAC Application process or any other questions you may have over the next several weeks.

Please see the following updated Guidance Google classrooms:

Grade 12:

Graduating Class June 2021; Password: zjwvzt3

Grade 12 Scholarships for Graduating Students only; Password: hlthp5

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 Information

AMHS Proposed Boundary Change

YRDSB Planning Department has proposed a school boundary change which (if approved) will affect incoming grade 9 students for September 2022. As part of the consultation process, a presentation will be shared with AMHS parents/guardians at our November School Council Meeting. This meeting will take place virtually on Monday, November 16 at 7:15 p.m. Parents/guardians who are interested in hearing about the proposed boundary change are encouraged to attend the School Council Meeting. Please see below for the School Council agenda and link to the meeting.

Literacy Graduation Requirement

The following [letter](#) regarding the literacy graduation requirement for 2020-2021 graduates was sent to all graduating students/parents/guardians.

Attention 2021 Graduates: [Pop-up Grad Photo Studio](#)

Edge Imaging is hosting a pop-up photo studio in Richmond Hill to allow the Class of 2021 the opportunity to commemorate their graduating year! Limited grad photography appointments are available beginning November 2nd. More details can be found [here](#). To book your appointment, visit edgeimaging.ca/popup or to find out more about Edge's safety protocols around COVID-19, visit edgeimaging.ca/faq.

Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week

From November 15-21 we recognize Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week. At our school, it is important that we provide a caring, safe and inclusive environment that supports the academic achievement and well-being of all students. This week serves as a reminder to our school community about bullying and how to respond. During this week students will engage in learning activities that reinforce positive behaviours that respond to and prevent bullying.

Bullying is a form of repeated, persistent and aggressive behaviour directed at an individual or individuals that is intended to cause (or should be known to cause) fear and distress and/or harm to another person's body, feelings, self-esteem or reputation. Bullying occurs in a context where there is a real or perceived power imbalance.

Bullying can take many forms. Some include:

Physical – hitting, shoving, stealing or damaging property

Verbal – name calling, mocking, or making sexist, racist or homophobic comments

Social – excluding others from a group or spreading gossip or rumours about them

Electronic (commonly known as cyberbullying) – spreading rumours and hurtful comments through the use of cellphones, e-mail, text messaging and through social media.

Bullying is never acceptable at our school. All members of our school community are encouraged to stand up and support each other. Should there be concerns about bullying or if you have any questions please contact us.

You can also report events that happen at school, at school-related activities, online or off school property if they negatively affect a student or the school climate through [YRDSB's Report It tool](#). This tool is available on our school's website or on www.yrdsb.ca. You may also choose to make a report anonymously.

For more information and resources on bullying and cyberbullying, please follow @YRDSB or us visit www.yrdsb.ca.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, respectful and inclusive school community.

Literacy

To support student success with the OSSLT, grade 9 and 10 teachers use a suggested strategy-of-the-month". Teachers are asked to consider suitable times throughout the month to use it. Parents and guardians are asked to engage in dialogue with their child around how the strategy was used in class. The strategy for November is the use of Anticipation Guides.

Literacy Tip:

Make books important! Talk about what you are reading and/or read with your child. Sitting in the same room and reading independently can send a strong message about enjoying books.

TVO Mathify

TVO Mathify is a free Ontario math support for Grades 6 to 10 students. It offers live 1:1 confidential tutoring in a log-in secured environment, as well as 24/7 resources that can be accessed at any time. Some brand new features include:

- The interactive whiteboard will be available 24/7.
- Students and tutors will have full audio available to facilitate communication.
- Fully mobile-enabled, including the whiteboard, and the audio.
- Allows for uploading of images from either the camera roll on a mobile device, or the hard drive from a computer.
- Lessons are scaffolded with printable presentation notes, and conclude with a quiz to assess for understanding.
- A handy math glossary with 500+ math definitions, concepts and diagrams TVO resources can be accessed at: <https://www.tvo.org/education-tools>

Study Hall

Students who require study hall are to sign up through TeachAssist (<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb/>). Sign-up for study hall is done on a weekly basis.

The purpose of lunch and study hall is to provide a space for students who do not have consistent access to broadband Wi-Fi at home, and who are in school for their face-to-face morning class. During lunch and study hall, students will not have face-to-face access to their classroom teachers.

To ensure safety, students who attend study hall for their afternoon online courses will be supervised by a staff member. Supervision will focus on participants' adherence to Public Health requirements, including sitting 2-meters apart with only those students in their morning face-to-face class.

During study hall, students will need to provide their own technology, including earphones (preferably microphone-enabled earphones) to reduce noise during interactive activities with the online class. Students will also be required to remain at school to eat lunch. Unfortunately, no cafeteria or food delivery services are available at this time.

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**

School Council News

School Council Meeting – Monday, November 16

Parents/guardians are invited to attend the AMHS School Council meeting on Monday, November 16 at 7:15 p.m. Due to Public Health guidelines, the meeting will take place virtually. Please refer to the [link](#) for the agenda and virtual access information. All are welcome to attend!

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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