



AMHS Bulletin

November 20, 2020

Reminders

Dates at a Glance

November 24 - Class of 2020
Virtual Graduation Ceremony

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2020. We wish we could be with you to celebrate in person, but we are pleased to be marking this important milestone event with our virtual graduation event.

On Tuesday, November 24 our graduation ceremony will be available for families to view on <https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/secondarygrad2020/central-schools>. No password is required to view, and we encourage you to share with family and friends who may also want to view and mark this important milestone.

To watch our school's graduation, please ensure you are on the page for Central schools and scroll down to our school.

Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are so very proud of each and every one of you and cannot wait to see what you do next. We wish you all the very best in this next phase of your life.



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 23 to 27	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rotation 5 Alternate Face to Face and Online Daily 8:30 – 11:00a.m. ** Rotation 6 begins on Friday, November 27, 2020	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	Period 2 Class Cohort A Face to Face Cohort B Online
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Students Exit				
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Student Transportation / Lunch				
Synchronous Online – Block 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 1 Class Cohort A & B
Synchronous Online – Block 3 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 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

Parents for Children's Mental Health (PMCH)

PMCH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. A virtual meeting about ADHD will be held on Monday, December 14 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Please use this [link](#) for additional information.

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN)

BFCN is offering a virtual Scholarship Application Workshop on Friday, November 20 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. This is a free workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply to scholarships and bursaries. For more information please check this [link](#).

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](#).

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](#).

Special Education

AMHS Special Education Department is pleased to announce that we have launched a Resource Support Website for our students and their families. On the site you can find the following:

- a Google Form to connect with your SERT
- Academic Resources
- Mental Health & Well-Being Supports
- Information for Parents/Guardians
- Technology Tool Help

Please check it out - <https://bit.ly/amhsspecial>

Guidance

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: hlthtp5

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.

International Baccalaureate

IB Information sessions for students

Grade 11 and 12 Students:

Topic: Guest speaker from University of Toronto to speak about IB core and Creativity, Activity, and Service.

Time: Tuesday, November 24th (3:15 pm to 4:15 pm)

Zoom link will be shared from U of T closer to the date

Grade 11 IB Students:

Topic: Mental health and well-being

Time: Wednesday, November 25th (3:15 pm to 4:15 pm)

Link: meet.google.com/wwk-kmhe-utd

School Information

Literacy Graduation Requirement

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

Literacy Strategy of the Month:

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 of the Week:

Discuss the news. Talk to your children about local and national news events that are appropriate for their age. A strong vocabulary is important for oral language, reading and writing skills.

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

Minutes

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

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