



October 11, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to this week's Parent Bulletin, full of useful information and upcoming events.

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 14 th , 2019	Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday, October 15 th , 2019	Interim Report Distribution Photo Re-take Day
Wednesday, October 16 th , 2019	Arts Information Night - 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Richmond Hill Centre For The Performing Arts
Thursday, October 17 th , 2019	(Revised) IB Information Night – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, October 23 rd , 2019	Parents' Night – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 6 th , 2019	Take Our Kids to Work Day (*All Grade 9 Students – see item on Page 2)

Parents' Night

Parents' Night is on October 23, 2019, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Alexander Mackenzie High School will again be using an online process, through Edsby, to facilitate our Parents' Night scheduling of appointments with teachers.

Edsby is a cloud-based platform that will allow families to reserve times to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers. YRDSB, in partnership with Edsby, has created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

Families will need to create an Edsby account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. You would have received an email from Edsby on behalf of the York Region District School Board this past week, with instructions on how to create a new (or confirm an existing) Edsby account. As of **Tuesday, October 15**, the scheduler will open in Edsby and allow parents/guardians to begin booking appointments.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our Main Office. Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact the subject teacher directly.

Important Timelines

October 7 – 11	Parents/guardians will have created/confirmed Edsby accounts
October 15	Interim Reports to be sent home with students Parents' Night scheduling opens at 9:00 a.m. in Edsby. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby inbox with a notification to your email.
October 23	Interview Scheduler closes at 3:00 p.m. Parents' Night, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Take Our Kids To Work Day – November 6, 2019

The annual “**Take Our Kids to Work**” Day is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, November 6**. On this day, all Grade 9 students across Canada will attend the workplace of a family member, neighbor or family friend at their workplace, for that day. It is a meaningful opportunity for our students to learn about the world of work.

Participation is expected by all Grade 9 students. All students received a "Family Guide" which includes a permission form. **Parents are asked to complete the form, and return it with your child to their Homeroom Teacher (Period 1) by October 25, 2019.**

In the meantime, if you have questions, please email Ms. Romeo at susan.romeo@yrdsb.ca.

Guidance Services

We want to bring to your attention [Shad Canada](#) Summer Program. Shad is a STEAM and entrepreneurship program available to students in Grade 10 and 11. It is a great program for students who are risk-takers, curious and resilient. The month-long program includes a real-world design challenge that asks students to work on issues in the areas such as food security, water management, water and recycling. Applications are now open for the summer of 2020.

If you are looking for ways to assist your child in finding suitable volunteer opportunities, we recommend attending the **igniteFAIR 2019** event, taking place November 9 at the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre. The event is free and sponsored by the Town of Richmond Hill. The volunteers at [Pledges for Change](#), a youth-run, non-profit organization sponsoring igniteFAIR, will bring together over 35 participating charitable and volunteer organizations. For additional volunteer opportunities in the Greater Toronto area, please check out [Change the World](#), and [Volunteer Centre](#) York Region for links to organizations offering volunteer activities or community information. In addition, the volunteer board outside of the guidance office always displays a number of opportunities that might be available in a given month.

Upcoming Events

Lunch-n-Learn Session for all Grade 12 Students

Tuesday, October 22

Creating Your Initial List – *7 Points To Consider When Choosing a Post-Secondary School*
(*sign up in Guidance)

College Fair

October 23 - 24, Exhibition Place

Student Life Expo

October 27, 255 Front Street West

Lana Fisher, Head of Guidance and Career Education

Alexander Mackenzie H.S.

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Final Examinations – January 2020

Please be aware of these important dates, indicated below. Parents and students are reminded to not schedule appointments, trips, interviews, etc. that would conflict with scheduled examination dates.

Thursday, January 23

Friday, January 24

Monday, January 27

Tuesday, January 28

Wednesday, January 29

Math Contests

The Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (COMC) 2019, for Grade 11 and 12, is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 7, 2019.

The University of Waterloo Canadian Intermediate Math Contest (for Grade 9 and 10) and Canadian Senior Math Contest (for Grade 11 and 12) are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, November 20, 2019.

Registration for the contests will be available on School Cash Online from Monday, October 7 to Friday, October 18, 2019. **The registration deadline is Friday, October 18, 2019.** For more information, please contact Mr. Wong or email benny.wong@yrdsb.ca.

From the Literacy Team

Literacy Tip: Look for reading materials related to your family history or culture. As our children get older and begin to think about their own identities, they often become more interested in their ethnic and cultural backgrounds. This interest can contribute to a healthy sense of pride in their heritage, and reading is a great way for your teen to explore those interests.

YRDSB Accelerated Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) Information Sessions

Please see the Regional Information Sessions regarding Accelerated OYAP Information Sessions, outlined below, to find out more information about the exciting apprenticeship opportunities available through YRDSB, and our college and training centre partners. The skilled trades offer excellent employment opportunities, training in state-of-the-art facilities and higher than average career satisfaction. We hope to see you there.



Accelerated OYAP Programs Open House Information Session Dates: October 2019 York Region District School Board



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Program	Open House Date	Time	Open House Location
Automotive Service Technician Level 1 App: Automotive Service Technician 310S	Wednesday October 16 th , 2019	6:30 – 9:00pm	Centennial College- Ashtonbee Campus 75 Ashtonbee Road, Scarborough, M1L 4N4 Room: Ashtonbee Auditorium
Truck and Coach Technician Level 1 App: Truck and Coach Technician 310T	Monday November 11 th , 2019	7:00 – 8:30pm	Centennial College at Bramalea Secondary School 510 Balmoral Dr, Brampton, L6T 1W4 Room: Truck & Coach Facility - Behind the school
Cook / Baker Level 1 App: Cook 415A Level 1 App: Baker 423A/C	Tuesday October 22 nd , 2019	6:30 – 8:30pm	Humber College - North Campus 205 Humber College Blvd., Toronto, M9W 5L7 Room: Humber Room Restaurant
Child Development Practitioner Apprenticeship Program 620C (Early Childhood Education)	Tuesday October 22 nd Thursday October 24 th	10am – 12pm 6:30 – 8:30pm	Seneca College – Newnham Campus 1750 Finch Ave E. Toronto, M2J 2X5 Room: T.B.D.
Electrical Level 1 App: Electrician: Construction & Maintenance 309A	Thursday October 17 th , 2019	6:00 – 8:00pm	Humber College Centre for Trades and Technology 110 Carrier Drive, Toronto, M9V 5R1 Room: Student Common Area
General Carpenter 403A Drywall/Acoustic 451A Floor Covering 448A Level 1 App:	Thursday October 24 th , 2019	6:30 – 8:30pm	Interior Finishing Systems Training Centre 60 Sharer Road, Woodbridge, L4L 8P4 Room: Main Lobby
Plumbing Level 1 App: Plumber 306A	Thursday October 17 th , 2019	6:00 – 8:00pm	Humber College Centre for Trades and Technology 110 Carrier Drive, Toronto, M9V 5R1 Room: Student Common Area
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic Level 1 App: Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems Mechanics 313A	Wednesday October 23 rd , 2019	6:30pm – 8:30pm	George Brown College-Casa Loma Campus 146 Kendal Avenue, Toronto, M5T 2T9 Room: E218

Important: Students must attend on time. Parents/Guardians are highly encouraged to attend. Information is subject to change.

Teachers: Refer to the specific program information sheets for details and student application requirements. Teachers, please send **FULLY COMPLETED** student application packages to **David Lovisa, Richmond Green Secondary School**, by **Friday November 8th, 2019** deadline.

Questions?: Please contact David Lovisa at david.lovisa@yrdsb.ca

From the ECO Team

A great way to practice sound ecological practices at home is to pack a litterless lunch to school and work. Consider using reusable containers for food items and water bottles or travel mugs for beverages.

School Council News

Minutes

School Council minutes can be accessed through the school website by clicking the attached link:

[School Council Minutes](#)

Parking and Ticketing

Ticketing at AMHS began on Tuesday, September 3rd. All students and visitors are 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 begin their visit there.

Parking is on a first-come, first-served basis, and availability cannot be guaranteed.

Dropping-Off and Picking-Up Students

If you are in the habit of dropping-off or picking-up your child at school, you have probably noticed the high volume of traffic that builds up in the parking lot / driveway loop at the front of the school, facing Major Mackenzie Drive.

In an effort to alleviate the traffic congestion and keep traffic flowing smoothly, we ask that drivers **only turn right** when exiting from the school driveway onto Major Mackenzie Drive, both in the mornings and the afternoons. Thank you.

School Notifications



School Cash Online

Since September 2015, our school has been accepting online payments through School Cash Online. Payments for school-related expenses such as the Student Activity Fee, field trips, fundraisers, sports teams, yearbook, Graduation, Prom, etc. can be made online with a credit or debit card. Please use the following link to register for this convenient payment method: <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>

More Events and Information

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Arts Mackenzie

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Arts & Culture:

Instagram: [#amhsartscouncil](https://www.instagram.com/amhsartscouncil)

Visual Arts Department

Twitter: [@amhsvisa](https://twitter.com/amhsvisa)

Instagram: [#amhs.studio](https://www.instagram.com/amhs.studio)

Music Department

www.amhsmusic.ca

MAC Health, Physical Education & Athletics

For information about our programs, please follow us:

Twitter: [@Mustangsmove](https://twitter.com/Mustangsmove)

Instagram: [macpheathletics](https://www.instagram.com/macpheathletics)

Moderns Department

French resources for parents and students

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