



October 18, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 21 st , 2019	P.A. Day (no school)
Wednesday, October 23 rd , 2019	Parents' Night – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 29 th , 2019	Grade 8 Open House – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 5 th , 2019	Pathway Evening – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 6 th , 2019	Take Our Kids to Work Day (*All Grade 9 Students – see item on Page 2)
Wednesday, November 6 th , 2019	Post-Secondary Trips (all day, for Grade 12 students only)
Thursday, November 14 th , 2019	Mid-Term Report Card Distribution

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. By now, you would have received an email from Edsby on behalf of the York Region District School Board, with instructions on how to create a new (or confirm an existing) Edsby account. As of **Tuesday, October 15**, the scheduler opened in Edsby to 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

Tuesday, October 15 Interim Reports were sent home with students

Parents' Night scheduling opened at 9:00 a.m. in Edsby, on October 15. An invitation to book appointments would have been sent to your Edsby inbox with a notification to your email.

Wednesday, 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 – Last Call!

Thank you to all those families that completed the ***Take Our Kids to Work*** permission form. The event takes place on Wednesday, November 6, 2019. **If you have not received the form from your child, please download and complete the permission form and ask your child to hand it in to their homeroom teacher as soon as possible. All forms are due by October 25.** Students can also pick up additional copies from the main office.

Students will attend the workplace of any family member, friend or neighbour for the day. As such, there will be no Grade 9 classes held that day – all Grade 9 students are expected to participate.

If a student does not have a workplace they can attend, the school remains available to students. They will use the time to complete school work in the library. If this is the case with your child, please indicate this on the form.

If you are aware of an anticipated absence (eg. medical appointment), please indicate this on the form and hand it in.

The school must receive the form back from all Grade 9 students, by October 25, 2019. If you have questions, please email Ms Romeo at susan.romeo@yrdsb.ca.

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.

Guidance Services

During our **Parents' Night** on Wednesday, October 23, do not hesitate to connect with any of our counsellors in the Guidance Department to make an appointment, or to just stop by if you have any questions regarding mental health concerns, social/emotional questions, your child's courses and available pathway opportunities.

Our first **Lunch-n-Learn** session for Grade 12 students is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, with a focus on taking initial steps in planning their post-secondary applications. The lunch-time meeting will focus on helping students identify seven (7) factors that are important to consider when choosing their "ideal" school/program. We plan to continue with the Grade 12 Lunch-n-Learn sessions every third Monday of each month. It is my hope that these sessions will help alleviate concerns, confusions and anxiousness

with respect to available post-secondary choices. Additionally, we will be running two detailed assemblies on October 29th for Grade 12 students.

This year we will have two **Pathway Events available to our community**. Our **Pathway Evening** event is scheduled for November 5th at 7:00 p.m. We are sharing this event with four other high schools in the area. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to gather information directly from college and university representatives. I highly recommend that all Grade 11 and 12 students attend this fantastic event. In addition, all Grade 12 students are reminded to sign up through School Cash Online for their post-secondary destination trip on November 6. Spaces are filling up fast, so please encourage your children to sign up.

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

AMHS - College Application Assembly - October 29, in Period 2

AMHS - University Application Assembly – October 29, in Period 1

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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

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 & Culture:

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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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