



October 9, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

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

Upcoming Events

October	Islamic Heritage Month
Monday, October 12, 2020	Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, October 13, 2020	Rotation 3 begins
Saturday, October 17, 2020	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Islamic Heritage Month Events

The Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students invites students to participate in workshops that center student voice and experience. Spoken word artist Wali Shah will lead a dynamic, [Interactive Spoken Word Workshop for Students](#) from Grades 9-12, and students of all ages are invited to participate in [AEM's Paint Nights](#).

Visitor(s) to AMHS

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, visitor(s) are not permitted into the school without a prearranged 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 and 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.

Health Care

Self-screening tool

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19 the ministry has asked us to share the link with our school community:
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/approved>

Public Health Decision Tree Tools

The following resources from York Region Public Health include important COVID-19 self-screening information:

- [Preventing Covid-19 Exposures in the Schools](#)
- [Should my child attend school?](#)

School Schedule

SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2020- 2021 SEMESTER 1	START	FINISH
BLOCK 1 (in person)	8:30	11:00
EXIT / TRAVEL / LUNCH	11:00	12:30
BLOCK 2 (online)	12:30	1:20
BLOCK 3 (online)	1:20	2:10
BLOCK 4 (online)	2:10	3:00

Rotation 3 Schedule: Week of October 12 to 16

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

Semester 1 Rotation Schedule

	Course Rotation for AMHS							
Rotation	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
	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 Block1 8:30 -11:00	Per. 1	Per. 2	Per. 4	Per. 5	Per. 1	Per. 2	Per. 4	Per. 5
Exit/Travel / Lunch								
Synchronous Block2 12:30 - 1:20	Per.2	Per. 1	Per. 5	Per. 4	Per. 2	Per. 1	Per. 5	Per. 4
Synchronous Block3 1:20 - 2:10	Per. 4	Per. 4	Per. 1	Per. 1	Per. 4	Per. 4	Per. 1	Per. 1
Synchronous Block4 2:10 - 3:00	Per. 5	Per. 5	Per. 2	Per. 2	Per. 5	Per. 5	Per. 2	Per. 2

School Information

Interim Reports

Interim reports will be distributed virtually on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Interim reports provide an opportunity to provide parent(s)/guardian(s) and students with important information about the student's progress.

2019-2020 Yearbook Distribution

Yearbooks will be distributed in the cafeteria on Tuesday, October 13 (Cohort A) and Wednesday October 14 (Cohort B) at 11:00 a.m. for students who purchased yearbooks last year. Students who are attending Virtual School can contact the main office to schedule a pick up.

School Start up Permission Forms

Students and parents who have not submitted the necessary school start up forms that were emailed by the board are asked to do so by Friday, October 16, 2020. Please contact the school if you did not receive the email, or require a new link to the form.

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.

Student Leadership

We are inviting students to apply for AMHS' 2020-2021 Student Council. The application process is in two parts. Students interested in running for President(s), Vice-President(s), and Grade 10, 11 and 12 Representative are invited to submit an application to participate in the elections by October 5. Students interested in interviewing for all additional Student Council positions are asked to apply on October 24th. All information can be found at the Student Council Instagram page (@amac_stuco) or at bit.ly/amhselections2020.

Mathematics

The Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (COMC) 2020, for Grade 11 and 12 students, is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 29, 2020. This is an online math contest. Students will write the contest remotely. Details will follow shortly. Registration for the contest will be available on School Cash Online up to Monday, October 12, 2020. The registration deadline is Monday, October 12, 2020. For more information, please contact Mr. Wong (email: benny.wong@yrdsb.ca).

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.tvos.org/education-tools>

Literacy

Literacy Tip: Give your teen books, newspaper articles, and magazines about things that interest them – music, phones, TV, movies, and computers, etc. Talk with them about what they are reading and their interests.

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.

Guidance

Guidance Updates

Below is the updated counselor list for semester 1:

Guidance Counselor	Student's Last Name Starting with	Extension	Email
A. Gurfinkel	A to G	442	adrienne.gurfinkel@yrdsb.ca
S. Juma	H to Ki	420	shirin.juma@yrdsb.ca
J. Petrone	Kl to R	419	john.petrone@yrdsb.ca
N. Reyhani - Interim Department Head and IB Coordinator	S to T	421	nazila.reyhani@yrdsb.ca
K. Auyeung	U to Z	422	keith.auyeung@yrdsb.ca

Information from Guidance will be posted in the respective Google Classrooms. Please join with the code below.

Grade 9 to 11 Guidance Google Classroom - Class Code lckdws2

Grade 12 Guidance Google Classroom - Class Code zjwvzt3

Students will book a guidance appointment through [TeachAssist](#). Detailed instructions have been posted in the Google Classrooms for Guidance or students can follow instructions through this [Link](#).

Library Learning Commons

While our physical space is not open to students, our virtual library remains open 24/7 and can be accessed from the library home page. Please refer to the attached [Accessing Virtual Resources](#) guide for required username and password information. Last week, the Library Learning Commons emailed a copy of this guide to all AMHS students. We hope that students take full advantage of all the digital resources available to them.

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 this [link](#).

School Council News

School Council Survey

Families are invited to complete the [AMHS School Council Survey 2020-2021](#) to provide input regarding areas of focus for School Council. The survey will accept responses until Wednesday, October 15. Results of the survey will be share at the next school council meeting which is scheduled for Monday, October 19 at 7:15 p.m. More information about the upcoming school council meeting will be shared next week.

MINUTES

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

[School Council Minutes](#)

Community Notifications

Trustee By-Election

The City of Richmond Hill will hold a by-election on **Monday, October 19, 2020** to fill the vacant trustee position for [Richmond Hill, Wards 1, 2 and 4](#). Voting in trustee elections is important. The trustee who is elected on October 19 will help make and influence decisions that affect your child's education.

Internet voting will open on **Wednesday, October 14, 2020** at **10:00 a.m.** for those who would like to vote early and will remain open until **8:00 p.m., October 19**. If you missed the All Candidates Meeting you can visit the YRDSB [website](#) to view a recording of this meeting.

Please remember to vote!

Mackenzie Health

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19 Mackenzie Health is currently only allowing patients and essential visitors to enter the hospital until further notice. This is a reminder that students will not be able to access the food services at Mackenzie Health.

School Notifications

School Cash Online

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

Parking and Ticketing

Students requesting parking must complete a Parking Application form. The form can be picked-up and dropped off in the main office. Limited parking spaces are available. A lottery will take place if more students request parking than there are spaces available. This semester there will be no charge for student parking privilege.

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 Contact / Website Information

Superintendent- Dianne Hawkins

Phone: (905) 884-4477

cec.central@yrdsb.ca

Trustee/Board Chair-

Alexander Mackenzie High School

Principal – Krista Pummell

Vice-Principal – Erika Pridie (A-L)

Vice-Principal – George Ellinas (M-Z)

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