



# AMHS Bulletin

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## Important Upcoming Dates

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- Monday October 14 - No School (Thanksgiving)
- Wednesday October 16 - Interim Report Card e-distribution
- Monday October 21 - PA DAY
- Thursday October 24 - Interview Night
- Tuesday Oct 29 - Arts Mackenzie Information Night

### School Cash Online Items

- School Activity Fee
- School Council Donation
- Fresh From The Farm School Council Fundraiser
- Terry Fox Run/Walk

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## School News

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### Interview Night

Interview Night is on **Thursday October 24, 2024** from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) in person, and learn more about their course(s). Families can use **TeachAssist**, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their children's teacher(s) on Interview Night. All students in our school currently have a TeachAssist account to access information associated with their class assessments.

Families may access appointment bookings on **Wednesday October 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.** through the TeachAssist Parent Portal available at <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents>. From there, enter in your email address and leave the password blank, to set up a one time access link, or to reset a password that you've created. An email will be sent with a time limited link that will look similar to this:

teachassist@yrdsb.ca  
To: parent\_email

Click here for your one time access to teachassist  
<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/parents/listReports.php?email=parent&token=serdftyugio678>

Once logged in, families will have the option to set up a password. For instructions on how to book an interview through TeachAssist, please click [here](#). If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

If you cannot attend interview night on Thursday October 24, 2024, please contact your child's teacher to make alternative arrangements for another day. Please note some staff may not be available on interview night as it is a faith day, if you would like to meet with a staff member that is not available please email the staff and they will make alternative arrangements.

### **Important Timelines**

October 16, 2024	The TeachAssist Schedule opens at (8:30 a.m.) for booking. Families will go to the TeachAssist portal <a href="https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents">https://ta.yrdsb.ca/parents</a> to book their appointment(s).
October 15/16, 2024	Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to families / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.
October 23, 2024	Interview Scheduler closes at 3:10 p.m.
<b>October 24, 2024</b>	<b>Interview Night (6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)</b>

## Take Our Kids to Work - November 6, 2024

"Take Our Kids to Work" (TOKW) is an initiative that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to OBSERVE a work environment for one day. This program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

On Wednesday November 6, 2024, Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative or family friend. There will be no formal instruction/lessons for Grade 9 students on November 6th.

Parents/guardians are asked to check-off the option below that reflects the plans for their Grade 9 child/ward on "Take Our Kids to Work Day"

- For students engaging in an in-person/virtual (live) job shadow placement, we ask parents/guardians to review the portion below the dotted line that follows.
- For students who cannot find a job shadow placement there is an asynchronous career exploration activity to be completed at home. Students/families must register for these online activities at <https://studentscommission.ca/events/tokw2024/>. All grade 9 students will receive an email in their GAPPS account with the required work to complete for November 6.

Parents/guardians are asked to complete this [form](#) by Friday October 25, 2024.

## Professional Activity (PA) Day – October 21, 2024

Dear families,

For your information, here is information about learning that school staff will be participating in on the upcoming PA Day October 21, 2024. As usual, students do not attend school on PA Days. This information is also available on our [Board website](#).

### Secondary

#### All Secondary Schools

**Length:** Half Day - AM

**Topic:** Student Mental Health and Well Being

**Entity Hosting:** All Elementary Schools

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** Online modules developed by Board staff, facilitated by school administration, and self-directed

#### Description:

School teams will engage in learning focused on:

- an overview of important mental health literacy resources and practices to support student mental health through identity affirming approaches;
- available resources and supportive classroom and school-wide strategies for appropriate technology use at school;
- available resources to prevent and mitigate vaping in schools;
- available supportive classroom and school-wide strategies to prevent bullying in schools; and
- key messages related to professionalism from the Ontario College of Teachers.

**Length:** Half Day - PM

**Topic:** Curriculum Implementation and Achievement of Learning Outcomes

**Entity Hosting:** All Elementary Schools

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** School Administration

**Description:**

School teams will engage in school improvement planning led by school administrators focusing on:

- Multilingual Language Learners and language acquisition;
- high-impact instructional practices to support student improvement in alignment with the curriculum; and
- curriculum implementation as it connects to instruction, assessment and experiential learning opportunities in culturally responsive ways

## **Terry Fox Update**

Hello AMHS Community!

This past Thursday, the Athletic Council hosted the annual Terry Fox run/walk event. Several of the staff brought their classes to the event and showed their support for Terry Fox. We are proud to see the AMHS community come together to support the Terry Fox Foundation. So far, we have raised \$750 towards our goal of \$1000.

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## **Guidance**

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### **Upcoming Post Secondary Pathway Events**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
OCAS College Information Session	October 15 <sup>th</sup> , Library Commons 3:20 p.m.	AMHS
Ignite Volunteer Fair	October 19 <sup>th</sup> ; 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
US University Fair	October 17 <sup>th</sup> 2024, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Sheraton Parkway, 600 Hwy7
IB CAS Information Session	October 22	AMHS
US College & University Tour	October 29 <sup>th</sup> , 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	AMHS
AMHS University Campus Visits	November 13 <sup>th</sup>	AMHS

Ontario University Information Sessions	November 21st; 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m	<a href="https://www.ouevents.ca/">https://www.ouevents.ca/</a>
Experience Seneca Days	December 2024 (full day)	Register SCO

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## Board News

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**Dual Credit Accelerated OYAP Program:** Virtual Open House - Tuesday, October 15, 2024

See more information about the [Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night](#).

**Volunteer Fair:** Ignite Fair will be hosted at **Bayview Community Center (Mul Raj Sethi Room) in Richmond Hill this October**. This year's annual fair will connect hundreds of youth to learn about a variety of volunteer opportunities, programs, and non-profit organizations. The fair focuses on providing impactful opportunities and experiences based on various career pathways for high school students looking to go into different fields. Ignite Fair is a one day-long fair featuring various non-profit organizations with an expected high turnout from 1 - 4pm on Saturday, October 19th  
<https://www.ignitefair.com/>

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## Important Back-to-School Reminders

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As we finish the first few weeks of school, we want to share a few important reminders and updates.  
**Contact Information** We ask families to ensure the school office has the most up-to-date contact information. This is important in case of emergencies and to ensure you receive important school communications. If your contact information has changed, please contact the school office. This includes phone numbers, addresses and email addresses. Family Portal York Region District School Board is looking forward to launching a family portal later this year. The portal will make it easier for you to access information about your child's education in a secure and accessible way. To access the portal, it will be essential that the school has an updated email address for you. Please contact the school office if you need to update your email address. We look forward to sharing more information about this initiative with you soon.

**School Start-Up Forms** Parents/guardians received an email from YRDSB Update with a link to school start-up forms. These forms must be completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain information and permissions. The forms can be found at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>. Translated versions are also available. Tips are available on the Board website if you need additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPS account to complete the forms. Please note: • You must sign in to your child's student GAPPS account to complete the form. • You must complete a separate form for each child attending school. Please ensure you log out of one student account before logging into another. You will not be able to submit the form twice logged into the same student account. • If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact the school office. • Secondary school students can complete the secondary school student form at <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students>. They will also receive the link in their student GAPPS account. Elementary school students do not need to complete these student forms. Board Website Helpful information can be found on the YRDSB website at [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). A translation tool at the top of each page can translate content into over 80 languages. On the website, you can find information about board

programs and student supports, as well as online tools for students, community supports and family resources such as translation information and the Guide to the School Year



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# SUMMER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The Summer Mentorship Program (SMP) gives high school students of Indigenous or African ancestry a chance to explore health sciences at the University of Toronto over four weeks in July



## WHAT YOU WILL DO:

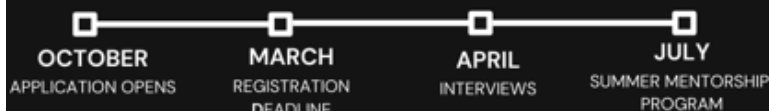
- THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES, LIVELY DISCUSSIONS, GROUP RESEARCH PROJECTS, AND JOB SHADOWING IN HOSPITALS & CLINICAL SETTINGS, STUDENTS EXPLORE CAREERS IN THE VARIOUS HEALTH PROFESSIONS INCLUDING:
  - MEDICINE
  - DENTISTRY
  - KINESIOLOGY
  - MEDICAL RADIATION SCIENCES
  - NURSING
  - PHARMACY
  - PUBLIC HEALTH
  - SOCIAL WORK
  - MUCH MORE
- MENTORSHIP: STUDENTS ARE ALSO CONNECTED TO A MENTOR WHO IS STUDYING IN A HEALTH SCIENCE FIELD OF INTEREST

## WHAT YOU EARN:

- STUDENTS ATTENDING A PROVINCIALLY FUNDED ONTARIO SCHOOL CAN EARN A **GRADE 12 SCIENCE CREDIT (SNC 4M)**
- UPON COMPLETION OF THE SMP PROGRAM STUDENTS ALSO RECEIVE A **\$1600 STIPEND**

## ELIGIBILITY:

- BE 16 YEARS OF AGE BY JUNE 30
- HAVE COMPLETED A **GRADE 10 SCIENCE (ACADEMIC) OR GRADE 11 SCIENCE COURSE**



Questions? Email us at [smp.outreach@utoronto.ca](mailto:smp.outreach@utoronto.ca)

Find more details at [uoft.me/smp](http://uoft.me/smp)





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# STEAM DESIGN PROGRAM



The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) Design Program is an experiential learning program with an equity focus, as it is designed for grades 10-11 students identifying with groups that are underrepresented in health sciences (i.e. Black, Indigenous, Filipino, Latin American, racialized, and/or from any background experiencing socio-economic barriers). Priority is given to students from underserved schools and neighbourhoods.

## WHAT WILL YOU DO?

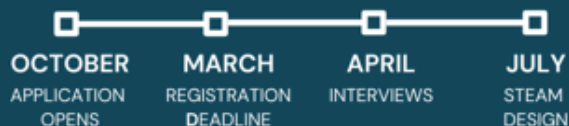
- Partake in a variety of **interactive workshops** that center the **theory of learning-by-doing**.
- Gain a **broad exposure** to organizations, professionals and student-led groups that are **leading the charge in healthcare systems initiatives**.
- **Collaboratively work** on a research and design project with their peers.

## WHAT WILL YOU EARN?

- Students attending a provincially funded Ontario school can **earn a Grade 12 Science credit (SNC 4M)**
- Upon completion, STEAM-D participants also receive a **\$1600 stipend**

## ELIGIBILITY

- be 16 years of age by June 30
- have completed a Grade 10 Science (Academic) or Grade 11 Science Course



QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT [STEAMDESIGN.OAO@UTORONTO.CA](mailto:STEAMDESIGN.OAO@UTORONTO.CA)

FIND MORE DETAILS AT [TEMERTYMEDICINE.UTORONTO.CA/STEAM-DESIGN-PROGRAM](https://TEMERTYMEDICINE.UTORONTO.CA/STEAM-DESIGN-PROGRAM)



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## Student Attendance

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General inquiries and student attendance information can be sent directly to the AMHS attendance email address at [alexandermackenziehs.attendance@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alexandermackenziehs.attendance@yrdsb.ca).

You may also call the school Main Office directly at 905-884-0554.

If your child is arriving late to school due to an appointment or another reason, please ensure that you confirm their late arrival with a call or email to our attendance office. Thank you.

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