



AMHS Bulletin

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Important Upcoming Dates

- Monday October 21 - PA DAY
- Thursday October 24 -Interview Night
- Tuesday Oct 29 - Arts Mackenzie Information Night (Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts)
- Wednesday Nov 6 - Take our Kids to Work Day/Take Our Grade 8's to High School Day
- Thursday Nov 7 - Term 2 of Semester 1 Begins
- Thursday Nov 14 - Semi Formal
- Friday Nov 15 - PA DAY
- Nov 20-23 - OSSLT

School Cash Online

- School Yearbook 2024-2025
- Semi Formal
- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser
- Athletic council fundraiser Fall Fest
- SPC Card

School News

Interview Night

Parents and guardians can book interviews through the TeachAssist parent portal. If you do not see any bookings for your child's teacher, please contact the teacher directly by email as they may be fully booked and will need to arrange an alternative time.

Fall Fest

Hey Mustang Families,

AMHS will be hosting the annual Fall Fest event on Thursday, October 31, 2024. As part of the event, the Athletic Council will be running a Pizza Fundraiser.

Families are invited to pre order your choice of pizza. An order consists of 2 or 3 slices of cheese OR Pepperoni and a bottle of water. Upgrade to a bottle of Gatorade for only \$1 more. Students will pick up their pre ordered slices in the Health Room (124) during 3rd on Halloween (Oct 31st).

We will not be holding orders until 4th and 5th period lunches. In order to pick up their food, students MUST bring their student card with photo ID before their order will be given to them. Students with period 2 or 4 lunch, are asked to make arrangements with their period 3 teachers to come down to pick their food up.

Orders must be placed by Sunday October 28, 2024 at midnight. Orders will not be accepted after this time.

If there are any questions, please feel reach out to Ms. Hotrum in the Health & Physical Education department: jesse.hotrum@yrdsb.ca

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.



SHSM is up and running once again at AMHS! So far this year, SHSM has been able to support the SHSM Arts & Culture trip to The Creative School at the beginning of October, an upcoming SHSM Business Trip to Niagara Falls, Seneca Discovery Day, and the Level Up Skilled Trades Conference. Along with this, the SHSM Team is planning multiple sessions throughout the year to help students earn their required Standard First Aid and CPR-C with AED certification. We look forward to continuing to share upcoming events and details of how SHSM is happening at AMHS throughout the school year.

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Fundraiser - School Council - 2024-2025

Krispy Kreme fundraiser in support of the AMHA school council . Funds raised will go towards supporting items in the student success room to support students with their mental health.

1 box of original Glazed Doughnuts (1 Dozen) \$16

Guidance

Upcoming Post Secondary Pathway Events

Event	Date	Location
IB CAS Information Session	October 22	AMHS
US College & University Tour	October 29 th , 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.	AMHS
AMHS University Campus Visits	November 13 th	AMHS
Ontario University Information Sessions	November 21st; 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m	https://www.ouevents.ca/
Experience Seneca Days	December 2024 (full day)	Register on SCO

Board News



G.I.V.E!

Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

2024 Fall Session Cohort 2

Join our workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. Empower yourself to support our school community and enrich your child's learning experience!

You will learn more about:

- The role of a volunteer
- Transferable skills
- Equity and inclusive education
- Human rights
- Employment readiness
- School information and community resources

We will help you:

- Expand your network
- Effectively communicate with school staff
- Contribute to student learning and parent engagement
- Gain volunteer experience in schools
- Build healthy communities
- Boost professionalism

Location: Main Floor, 50 High Tech Road, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 4N7

Dates: November 11 to 15, 2024 (Monday to Friday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All parents/guardians/caregivers are welcome to join this free training program!
Space is limited, please scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3WWRsxz to register now!



This free information session is organized by York Region District School Board in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region. For more information, please contact:

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Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by
**THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

**Monday, October 28, 2024
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Highlights from our Graduation Coaches
- Information session by YRDSB Social Workers
- Upcoming school programs and events
- Question and answer session

**Please register no later than October 23, 2024.
A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.**

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.



We look forward to seeing you there.

[Register now.](#)

If you require further information, please contact
BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca

Important Back-to-School Reminders



All mobile devices, including cellphones, smart watches, and tablets, must be **stored out of view and powered off** or set to **silent mode** during class/instructional time.

Secondary Schools



Family Dashboard

We are pleased to introduce the YRDSB family portal called the **Family Dashboard**. The dashboard will give you secure one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. It is designed to make it easier for families to engage with their child's education.

In this first phase, the dashboard will include secure access to report cards and links to useful information for parents/guardians.

By the end of October, you will receive an email from YRDSB Update inviting you to register for the dashboard. Please ensure your school office has your up-to-date email address to ensure you receive the invitation. We also encourage parents/guardians to have individual email addresses to access the Family Dashboard, rather than one shared email address.

Please note, you can still request a printed copy of your child's report card if you prefer by contacting your child's school.

For additional support and frequently asked questions, please [visit the Board website](#). We will continue to update information on this page.

A temporary call centre will be available to support families in setting up their accounts.

Student Attendance

General inquiries and student attendance information can be sent directly to the AMHS attendance email address at 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.
