



September 11, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

It has been a great first week of the 2020-2021 school year at AMHS! The weekly bulletin is full of useful information, reminders and upcoming events.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 14 th , 2020	Rotation 1 starts for all students. Refer to schedule below
Friday September 18 th –Sunday September 20 th , 2020	Rosh Hashanah ◇

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 Forms

Fillable Health Care forms are now available for families who have children with asthma, seizure disorders, anaphylaxis, diabetes, and/or other prevalent medical conditions. This also applies to children who require the administration of medication at school. These forms can be accessed through the links below, and/or a paper copy can also be requested by contacting the school.

[Anaphylactic Health Care Plan.pdf](#)
[Asthma Health Care Plan.pdf](#)
[Diabetes Health Care Plan.pdf](#)
[Epilepsy - Seizure Health Care Plan.pdf](#)
[Self Administration of Medication.pdf](#)
[Staff Administration of Medication.pdf](#)

Once you've completed the appropriate Health Care Plan, please return it WITH the appropriate medication to the main office with your child. The form and medication can be placed in a sealable bag, with the child's name marked on the bag and left at the office. There will be a 'drop box' to receive Health Care Plans.

Families can also return the form using a secure file transfer system as sensitive, private data needs to be protected. Please contact the main office for further information and directions regarding this system.

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 1 Schedule: Week of September 14-18

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

Study Hall

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 are in school that day for their in-person morning class. During lunch and study hall, students will not have in-person access to their own classroom teachers.

Students who need to stay must be working on afternoon online courses while being supervised by a staff member. Students will be supervised to ensure safety. Supervision will focus on participants' adherence to all Public Health requirements including sitting 2-meters apart only with students in their morning class.

During study hall, students must be respectful of the learning needs of all participants engaging in online classes. Students should use earphones and an appropriate volume while focusing on their learning.

While in study hall, students will:

- wear masks at all times (except when eating lunch; practice hand hygiene before/after eating)
- maintain a 2-meter distance
- sit with those students from their morning class (if any) for lunch and study hall
- sign in for attendance purposes
- provide their own technology including earphones (preferably microphone-enabled earphones to reduce noise during interactive activities with the online class)
- bring their lunches and maintain a clean and healthy environment; there will be no food service in the cafeteria
- recycle and clean their work space; food delivery services are not permitted
- follow all expectations for study hall to ensure that health and safety (COVID-19) guidelines are adhered to (use the appropriate doors, sit in their designated seat)

Course Changes

Course changes are very challenging at this time. The Guidance Department is working through course changes as quickly as possible. **Regarding necessary course changes:** The Guidance Department will contact students for course changes in the following priority:

1. Students in Grade 9 missing a compulsory course, or with a blank period on their timetable.
2. Students in Grade 12 with a blank period on their timetable, or missing a necessary prerequisite for their post secondary destination.
3. Students who have completed a course in Summer School that necessitates a course change.
4. Students missing a compulsory course or with an incomplete timetable (e.g. a blank period for any student in Grade 10, 11, or a student with fewer than 24 credits).

A link will be sent next week regarding collecting information for course requests/changes.

We thank you for your patience.

Parking and Ticketing

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 Council News

JOIN SCHOOL COUNCIL

Parent/guardian involvement in a child's education has long proved to have positive results. Being involved at the school level ensures that you have accurate and timely information about the issues affecting your child.

At Alexander Mackenzie High School, the School Council promotes good communication between parents/guardians and the school's administration, teaching staff and support staff. The meetings provide an opportunity for parents/guardians to contribute their ideas and concerns regarding a variety of issues. It is also a place to receive information on happenings at the school. Information from the School Board and Ministry of Education are also presented here. Parents/guardians are often asked for their input into issues regarding student learning. Our meetings are open to all parents/guardians and are a useful forum for information sharing.

Our first school council meeting of the year will take place virtually at 7:15 pm on September 21, 2020. More information to follow.

MINUTES

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

[School Council Minutes](#)

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.schoolcashonline.com/>

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