



September 20, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians;

Welcome to this week's parent bulletin full of great information and upcoming events.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 23 rd , 2019	P.A. Day
Tuesday, Sept. 24 th – Friday, Sept. 27 th , 2019	Safety Week
Friday, September 27 th , 2019	Terry Fox Run Orange Shirt Day
Monday, Sept. 30 th - Tuesday, Oct. 1 st , 2019	Rosh Hashanah ◇
Friday, October 4 th , 2019	Green Acres Trip (Grade 9s)

Guidance Services

During the week, Guidance Counsellors connected with Grade 9 students to share the services and supports offered through our Guidance Department. We also wanted to ensure that all Grade 9 students have their compulsory courses either in Semester 1 or Semester 2 on their timetable.

Grade 9 compulsory subjects are: English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, Physical Education, and French or Learning Strategies.

Guidance has created a Google AMHS Volunteer classroom to inform all students of the incredible volunteer prospects that they can access in our community. Please ensure that your child joins the classroom and the opportunities will be directly emailed to them. **The enrollment key is: tdbujo**

For Grade 12 students, we have a few fantastic post-secondary scholarship opportunities and we are asking for students to self-nominate by the end of the month. All scholarship information gets posted to the Grade 12 Graduating Class Google Classroom. Please encourage your child to join the classroom as soon as possible. **The enrollment key is: 57yg7zj**

Grade 12 students are also reminded to sign up for their post-secondary destination trip which will take place on November 6. More information is available on SchoolCash Online and on our Google Classroom.

As we progress into the semester, I encourage you to ask your child about their courses and teachers. Setting goals for their achievement and having conversations about their hopes for this semester can be invaluable. Our board website has great information about staying engaged in your child's learning:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Parents/Pages/Get-Involved.aspx>

Upcoming Events

Ontario University Fair

September 27-29, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Metro Toronto Convention Centre Fair

Study and Go Abroad Fair

Sunday, October 6 – Registration is required.

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Special Education

Our Special Education Resource Teachers are currently meeting with students and distributing Department letters and Parent Consultation Forms. Please review the information and complete forms with your child. Completed forms to be returned to Rm 148. SEA laptops are also being distributed to the appropriate students. IEPs will be distributed on September 15, 2019.

Please contact sarit.abramovich@yrdsb if you have any questions.

Please follow us at: AlexMackSpecEd@SpecMack

From the Literacy Team

Literacy Tip: Give your teenagers books, newspaper articles, and magazines about things that interest THEM – music, phones, TV, movies, and computers. Talk with them about their interests.

From the Eco Team

Eco Tip: Cook with residual heat. Turning off the oven five minutes before the meal is ready will allow the food to continue cooking while also saving some energy.

Students and families are encouraged to back a litterless lunch to help minimize waste. Please consider using reusable containers for food and water bottles and travel mugs for beverages.

Parking and Ticketing

Ticketing at AMHS began on Tuesday, September 4th. All 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, and availability cannot be guaranteed.

School Notifications

Orange Shirt Day takes place each year at the end of September. The event grew out of Phyllis' story of having her shiny new orange shirt taken away on her first day of school at the St. Joseph Mission Residential School. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. **Our school will commemorate Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 27th. We ask that students please consider wearing something orange to school that day, to show support.**



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/>

School Council News

Minutes

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

[School Council Minutes](#)

More Events and Information

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Music Department
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