



September 13, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians;

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

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### Upcoming Events

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Monday, September 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	School Council Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
Monday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2019	P.A. Day
Tuesday, Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Safety Week
Friday, September 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Terry Fox Run
Monday, Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> - Tuesday, Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	Rosh Hashanah ◇
Friday, October 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Green Acres Trip (Grade 9s)

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### A Message from YRDSB's International Languages Services

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#### Re: International Languages (IL) Program- Credit Courses

Students can earn credits while learning a language. International Languages offers over 15 languages for students in Grades 9 to 12. Level 3 language credit courses can even be counted towards college and university acceptance. Please see our credit course offerings on our website: [IIL Credit Program](#)

#### Registration for YRDSB Students

The course offerings and sites are available on [My Pathway Planner](#) login page. Students can register through My Pathway Planner up until September 11<sup>th</sup>. For assistance, view the [My Pathway Planner Tip Sheet](#). Print a copy of the sign-off sheet and obtain parent/guardian signature before submitting the registration form on the first day of classes at the selected language site.

If you do not have the opportunity to register through 'My Pathway Planner' before September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, please download a registration form from this website: (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Documents/FOR-nonYRRegistration.pdf>). Please complete the registration form and submit it to the selected language site on the day of registration. Dates are available in the Credit Program Flyer: [IIL Credit Program](#)

**Interested in getting volunteer hours?** Students can earn up to 40 hours of community service in our program towards graduation requirements. Please send us an e-mail to request information about student volunteer opportunities: [international.languages@yrdsb.ca](mailto:international.languages@yrdsb.ca)

Thank you again for your interest in our programs. Please do not hesitate to e-mail us if you have any questions: [international.languages@yrdsb.ca](mailto:international.languages@yrdsb.ca).

Sincerely,  
The International and Indigenous Languages Team

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### Parking and Ticketing

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Ticketing at AMHS began on Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 main office.

**Parking is on a first come first served basis, availability can not be guaranteed.**

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## Guidance Services

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In true high school fashion, your child been busy getting into the swing of school life.

- If your child is in Grade 9, then this is the year for your child to focus on developing the skills that will set him/her up for academic success, including time management and organization.
- Grade 10 is the year for your child to focus on course pathways, course selection, time management and leadership opportunities. It is an exciting year of exploration and developing self-awareness.
- Grade 11 is the year for your child to continue their focus on course pathways, community service, and to further develop their leadership opportunities. As the year progresses, we hope your child continues to explore his/her interests and skills as part of his/her post-secondary preparation.
- Grade 12 is an important and sometimes stressful time, as your child manages the demands of his/her final year at Alexander Mackenzie High School, while preparing for the transition to post-secondary destination of their choice. Please note, that in our assembly on Friday, Sept. 7, we have asked all our Grade 12 students to join "Graduating Gr. 12 Google Classroom". Connect with your child to ensure that they have joined, as all the information from guidance will be communicated with them through this venue. **The enrollment key is: 57yg7zj**

This year the Guidance Department will be hosting our **Canadian Post-Secondary Information Evening**, on Monday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m., in the AMHS Cafeteria. The focus of this evening is primarily for parents/guardians of students exploring information about post-secondary options. (For students, there will be opportunities to access such information through assemblies, along with Lunch-n-Learn sessions, during the regular school day throughout the next few months.)

Lastly, I encourage you to use the *AMHS Parent Bulletin* and our [Guidance website](#) as informational resources to help you stay in touch with daily and weekly happenings at the school.

### Upcoming Events

#### **Canadian Post-Secondary Information Evening**

Guidance Parent Series

September 16, 2019 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Ontario University Fair**

September 27, 28 and 29, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Metro Toronto Convention Fair

<http://www.ouf.ca/passport/>

#### **Go Global Expo**

September 21, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

<http://www.letsagoglobal.ca/toronto/date-and-location.html>

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## Special Education Department

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Welcome Back! Our SERTs will be meeting with students in the next few weeks. Department letters and newly revised Parent Consultation Forms will be distributed. Please review information and complete forms with your child. Completed forms to be returned to Room 148.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Subject Head, Sarit Abramovich, at [sarit.abramovich@yrdsb.ca](mailto:sarit.abramovich@yrdsb.ca).

**Please follow us at:** [AlexMackSpecEd@SpecMack](mailto:AlexMackSpecEd@SpecMack)

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## A Message From Eco Team

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A great way to engage in sound ecological practices at home is to pack a litterless lunch to school and work. Consider using reusable containers for food items, and water bottles or travel mugs for beverages.

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## From the Literacy Desk

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Parents and caregivers play an important role in their child's education. By providing learning opportunities and support at home, you can help build skills. One great tip to support literacy skills is to have a range of reading materials, including books, available to read at any time. Also, sitting in the same room together and reading independently can send strong messages about the enjoyment of books, and model effective reading practices.

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## School Council News

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### JOIN SCHOOL COUNCIL

Parental 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 and the school's administration, teaching staff and support staff. The meetings provide an opportunity for parents 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 are often asked for their input into issues regarding student learning. Our meetings are open to all parents and are a useful forum for information sharing.

Positions are now open for the 2019-2020 School Council and we invite you to consider being a part of this year's Council. Some of the positions include Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Parent Members. Print the [nomination form](#) and bring it to the next meeting as the council will be formed at this meeting.

This year's first School Council Meeting will take place Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the AMHS Library.

(\*The School Council meeting will begin immediately following the Guidance Department's **Canadian Post-Secondary Information** presentation, from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., in the AMHS Cafeteria.)

### Minutes

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

[School Council Minutes](#)

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## Community Partnerships – Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts

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Another season of shows is upon us in the Richmond Hill community, thanks to the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. The facility is wonderful, and the shows are terrific. A yearly favourite, being put on by our very own Arts Mackenzie (Alexander Mackenzie High School Arts program) is **The Wizard of Oz**, featured on December 12 and 13. Please go to [rhcentre.ca](http://rhcentre.ca) for more information about upcoming productions for all ages.

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## School Notifications

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### 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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## More Events and Information

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### Special Education

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### Arts Mackenzie

<http://bit.ly/ARTSMackenzie>

### Music Department

[www.amhsmusic.ca](http://www.amhsmusic.ca)

### MAC Health, Physical Education & Athletics

For information about our programs, please follow us:

Twitter: [@Mustangsmove](https://twitter.com/Mustangsmove)

Instagram: [macpheathletics](https://www.instagram.com/macpheathletics)

### Alexander Mackenzie H.S. On Twitter

Follow us on twitter [@AlexMackHS](https://twitter.com/AlexMackHS)

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