



AMHS Bulletin

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Important Upcoming Dates

- Thursday September 19 - Terry Fox Day
- Monday September 23 - School Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tuesday September 24- Club/Council Fair
- Wednesday September 25 - Grade 9 Camp Day
- Friday September 27 - PA Day

Cash Online Items

- Grade 9 Camp Day
- School Activity Fee
- School Council Donation

School News

Grade 9 Camp Day - (Register by September 18)

We are looking forward to all Grade 9 students joining us at this year's Camp day on Wednesday, September 25 at Camp Robin Hood. This is a special grade 9 field trip and we hope all students can participate in this day as it is a great way to meet new friends and connect with senior student mentors while enjoying a day at camp. Bussing and pizza lunch (Gluten and Dairy Free Options) are included in the cost. ***There will not be any regular grade 9 classes running on camp day.***

School Activity Fee is now on Cash Online. Students are encouraged to pay this fee as the funds are used to support all school clubs and teams that they are involved in as well as other school wide events. Discounts to school events will be provided to students who pay the Student Activity Fee. Students who participate in clubs or athletics are expected to pay the school activity fee.

Safety Week

The York Region School Board is committed to ensuring the safety of students, staff, building occupants and visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As such, during Safety Week (September 23 to 27, 2024) and throughout the school year, schools in our Board practise various safety drills including Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and Bomb Threat Drill. It is critical that all members of our school community become familiar with emergency protocols as they are designed to keep all of us safe at school. Please refer to Board Policy #669.0 for more information about Emergency Preparedness and

Crisis Management. Practising drills may create some anxiety for some students. If you are concerned about how these situations might impact the mental health and well-being of your child, please contact school administrators, as we have school mental health professionals available to support your child.



The poster is orange-themed. At the top left is a small orange t-shirt icon. To its right, the text 'ORANGE SHIRT DAY' is in dark brown. Below this, 'NEW TOY AND CLOTHING DRIVE' is written in large, bold, orange letters. In the center, a brown cardboard box labeled 'TOYS' in white letters is shown. On top of the box are a brown teddy bear, a soccer ball, and a white rabbit. In front of the box are a pair of pink sneakers, a yellow t-shirt with a white flower, and a red and white rocket. To the right of the box, an orange circle contains the text 'Ends Sept 30th'. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text, a line about donation recipients, and a bold statement about the donation box location.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

NEW TOY AND CLOTHING DRIVE

Ends Sept 30th

TOYS

We need your help and support to collect new child clothes and toys to donate to our partners in education, the Chippewas of Georgina Island.

We will be donating to their Child and Family Services:
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Donation box is located in room 283

PA DAY September 27, 2024

For your information, here is information about learning that school staff will be participating in on the upcoming PA Day September 27, 2024. As usual, students do not attend school on PA Days. This information is also available on our [Board website](#).

Start Up Forms

Dear parents/guardians,

Each year, we ask all parents/guardians to complete important forms. These forms are available online. [Please complete and submit these online School Start-Up Forms](#) through your child's YRDSB Google account.

Translations are available in:

- [Arabic - العربية](#)
- [Farsi - فارسی](#)
- [Gujarati - ગુજરાતી](#)
- [Hebrew - עברית](#)
- [Korean - 한국어](#)
- [Punjabi - ਪੰਜਾਬੀ](#)
- [Russian - Русский](#)
- [Simplified Chinese - 简体中文](#)
- [Tamil - தமிழ்](#)
- [Traditional Chinese - 繁體中文](#)
- [Turkish - Türk](#)
- [Urdu - اردو](#)
- [Vietnamese - Tiếng Việt](#)

Please note:

- You can access your child's YRDSB Google account via a web browser. For best results, use a computer rather than a mobile phone.
- The username is your child's YRDSB Student Number. Your child will receive their login information from the school at the start of the year. If you or your child do not know the password to log in to their Google account, please contact your child's teacher or the school office.
- Frequently asked questions and additional information on [how to complete the forms](#) are available on the Board website under [Family Resources](#) (click on the "Need Help" link for Family Start-Up Forms).

It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year. There are both mandatory and optional forms. The forms are to be completed for all students. Your child's school will access the information.

Please complete a separate form for each child attending our schools. Secondary school students will also be asked to review important school and Board policies and to indicate that they have reviewed this information on forms sent to their student GAPPs account.

If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact your school office.

School Year Information

At the start of the year, schools share with families a package of information about the school. Please ensure you review this important information. Families are also encouraged to review the online [Guide to the School Year](#).

The AMHS school council invites all parents/guardians to our first school council meeting of the year. The meeting will take place on Monday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. in our library. All are welcome to attend and learn more about our school community. If you are interested in submitting your name for nomination for the school council executive, please complete the following nomination form by Monday, September 23: [School Council Nomination Form](#)

Board News

Level Up! Skilled Trade Career Fair: Grades 7-12: <https://levelupontario.ca/>

Ministry Survey: Launch of Life Skills Consultation

On May 30, 2024, the Ministry of Education announced that it would be launching consultations in fall 2024 with students, parents, job creators, educators and other stakeholders on the practical life skills students need to build a strong foundation for future success through modernized home economics education. To learn more visit [Province Introduces New High School Graduation Requirements for a Stronger Ontario Diploma](#).

The Ministry has asked school boards to assist in the promotion and collection of feedback on the practical life skills that parents, students and educators think could be included or strengthened.

The anonymous [Ministry Survey: Launch of Life Skills Consultation](#), designed by the Ministry, will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and will remain open until September 24, 2024.



SEAS Family Engagement Evening

Family Ties: Building Stronger Bonds with Your Child

Welcome to our first SEAS "Family Engagement Evening" workshop, designed in collaboration with Family Services York Region, aimed at supporting East Asian families in understanding the importance of establishing and using effective communication with your child. In this session, we will explore:

- Building stronger parent-child connections through intercultural and intracultural lens
- Strategies for effective communication
- Encouraging open dialogue within the family
- Resources for developing a positive and supportive home environment

Presentations will be available in English and Mandarin, with support available in Cantonese.

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Bill Crothers Secondary School,

44 Main St Unionville, Unionville, ON L3R 2E4

Please scan the QR code or click bit.ly/3Zdrkjr to register



Childminding services will be provided for children ages 5 to 13.
For additional inquiries, please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca

This event is co-hosted by YRDSB Inclusive Schools & Community Services (ISCS), Community and Partnership Developers and Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) in collaboration with the community partner Family Services York Region (FSYR)





SEAS Family Engagement Evening

家庭纽带：如何与孩子建立更有效的沟通桥梁

欢迎参加这个由约克区家庭服务中心与约克区教育局合作举办，旨在帮助东亚家庭更好地理解如何与孩子建立有效的沟通的讲座。在此次讲座中，我们将探讨以下内容：

- 通过跨文化与本土文化视角来加深亲子关系
- 有效沟通的策略
- 鼓励家庭成员之间的开放对话
- 构建积极支持型家庭环境的社区资源

讲座有英文和普通话选择，并提供粤语支持

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晚上6:30 - 8:00pm

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请扫二维码或点击 bit.ly/3Zdrkjr 报名



我们将为5至13岁的儿童提供看护服务

如需其他咨询，请联系: iscs@yrdsb.ca

本次活动由YRDSB /SCS 约克区教育局共融校园及社区服务部及支持东亚学生项目 (SEAS) 与社区合作伙伴约克地区家庭服务 (FSYR) 共同举办



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.
