



September 25, 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

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

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

Self-screening tool

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19 the ministry has asked us to share the link with our school community:
<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/approved>

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 this [link](#), and/or a paper copy can also be requested by contacting the school.

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 2 Schedule: Week of September 28 to October 2

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

Semester 1 Rotation Schedule

	Course Rotation for AMHS							
Rotation	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
	Sept 14 Sept 25	Sept 28 Oct 9	Oct 13 Octo 26	Oct 27 Nov 9	Nov 10 Nov 26	Nov 27 Dec 14	Dec 15 Jan 13	Jan 14 Jan 29
In Person Block1 8:30 -11:00	Per. 1	Per. 2	Per. 4	Per. 5	Per. 1	Per. 2	Per. 4	Per. 5
Exit/Travel / Lunch								
Synchronous Block2 12:30 - 1:20	Per.2	Per. 1	Per. 5	Per. 4	Per. 2	Per. 1	Per. 5	Per. 4
Synchronous Block3 1:20 - 2:10	Per. 4	Per. 4	Per. 1	Per. 1	Per. 4	Per. 4	Per. 1	Per. 1
Synchronous Block4 2:10 - 3:00	Per. 5	Per. 5	Per. 2	Per. 2	Per. 5	Per. 5	Per. 2	Per. 2

School Information

Student Attendance

General inquiries and student attendance information can be sent directly to the general AMHS email address at alexander.mackenzie.hs@yrdsb.ca or please call the school directly at 905-884-0554.

Grade 9 Parent/Guardian Virtual Information Session

AMHS will be hosting a virtual grade 9 parent/guardian information session on Thursday, October 1 at 10:00 am. This will be an opportunity to welcome families of our grade 9 students, to answer questions, and to introduce you to key staff at AMHS. A link to the virtual session will be provided soon.

Period 2 Cohorts

It is important that your child check TeachAssist prior to coming to school on Monday, September 28 to ensure that they have the most up-to-date timetable information reflected in TeachAssist.

Study Hall

Students who require study hall are to sign up through **TeachAssist** (<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb/>). Sign-up for study hall is done on a weekly basis. **Study hall will begin on Monday, September 28 for Cohort A and Tuesday, September 29 for Cohort B.**

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 who are in school for their face-to-face morning class. During lunch and study hall, students will not have face-to-face access to their classroom teachers.

To ensure safety, students who attend study hall for their afternoon online courses will be supervised by a staff member. Supervision will focus on participants' adherence to Public Health requirements, including sitting 2-meters apart with only those students in their morning face-to-face class.

During study hall, students will need to provide their own technology, including earphones (preferably microphone-enabled earphones) to reduce noise during interactive activities with the online class. Students will also be required to remain at school to eat lunch. Unfortunately, no cafeteria or food delivery services are available at this time.

Mathematics

The Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge (COMC) 2020, for Grade 11 and 12 students, is scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 29, 2020. This is an online math contest. Students will write the contest remotely. Details will follow shortly. Registration for the contest will be available on School Cash Online from Monday, September 28 to Monday, October 12, 2020. The registration deadline is Monday, October 12, 2020. For more information, please contact Mr. Wong (email: benny.wong@yrdsb.ca).

Mathletes is a group of young mathematicians that encourages mathematical thinking and problem solving inside and outside of the classroom. We hope to prepare students to compete in national math competitions. Please encourage your child to join our Math Club Google Classroom with the code **ox5apzu** to stay connected to our weekly contest lessons and interactive activities. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Wong (email: benny.wong@yrdsb.ca).

Literacy

To support student success with the **OSSLT**, grade 9 and 10 teachers use a suggested literacy "strategy-of-the-month". Teachers consider suitable times throughout the month when the strategy can be embedded in daily lessons. Parents and guardians are encouraged to engage in dialogue with their children) around how the strategy was used in class. The strategy for September is the use of **Power Notes**.

School Start-Up Forms – Update

Online start-up forms have been emailed to elementary and secondary school families and secondary students. Families will receive an email from their home school. This includes students participating in virtual schools.

Families have received a unique email and link for each child to complete the four forms:

- The Start-Up Permission Form (mandatory)
- Student Information Consent Form (mandatory)
- Request for Faith Accommodations Form
- School Council Nomination Form

Secondary school students will receive an email to their GAPPS account to complete the form for students.

If you have not received an email, please contact AMHS and we will provide a generic link that families can use to complete the form.

Guidance

Guidance

Starting on Monday, September 28 students will be able to book guidance appointments using TeachAssist. Guidance counselor's support students by alpha last name. Please refer to the list below to determine your child's guidance counselor:

Ms. Gurfinkel: A - G

Ms. Juma: H – Ki

Mr. Petrone: Kl – R

Ms. Reyhani: S – T

Mr. Auyeung: U – Z

Special Education

Welcome back to all our parents and guardians of students in Special Education! On behalf of the Alexander Mackenzie High School Special Education department, we would like to welcome you to the 2020-21 school year. We know that this has been a summer like no other. We know that this is a fall and school start-up like no other. Nevertheless, we are very excited to work with you and your child this year to support their learning experiences in both face-to-face and online settings. This week, our SERTs (Special Education Resource Teachers) will be reaching out to our families of students with exceptionalities to introduce themselves and ensure parents/guardians are familiar with the services and supports provided by the Special Education department. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to John Shep (john.shep@yrdsb.ca), our Special Education Head at AMHS.

Night School

The Fall Night School program (remote learning) registration is now open. The virtual class start date is October 6, 2020. Registration information and course offerings can be found [here](#).

Credit International and Indigenous Languages (IIL) Classes

Registration Open until September 26

The International and Indigenous Languages (IIL) program provides elementary and secondary students with the opportunity to speak, read and write a new language or maintain heritage language and culture. Due to the pandemic, International and Indigenous Language classes for grades 9 to 12 students will take place **online**, not in the school

buildings. Teachers will teach live language lessons in real time using Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled language class.

Lots of information is also available on our [International and Indigenous webpages](#). To learn more about secondary credit programs, click on [credit programs](#). Below you will find information on how to register for secondary credit (grades 9 to 12) language classes.

Secondary Program Registration:

- Credit classes begin September 26, 2020. Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) IIL registration will not be accepted after the third class. Refer to our revised [brochure](#) for the most up-to-date information about class start dates and times.

YRDSB Students

- Please register on [myPathway Planner](#) before September 26.
- For assistance, view the myPathway Planner [tip sheet](#).
- After September 26, please download the [Registration Form](#) and send it by email to international.languages@yrdsb.ca.

NON-YRDSB Students

- Please download the [Registration Form](#). Email the completed registration form to international.languages@yrdsb.ca.
- We will contact you for additional documentation if required.
- No consumable fees will be collected at this time.

More information on the [elementary](#) program and [secondary credit](#) program is available on our webpages. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (905) 884-2046 ext. 242 or email us at international.languages@yrdsb.ca. Thank you for your interest in our programs.

Parking and Ticketing

Students requesting parking must complete a Parking Application form. The form can be picked-up and dropped off in the main office. Limited parking spaces are available. A lottery will take place if more students request parking than there are spaces available. This semester there will be no charge for student parking privilege.

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

The next school council meeting will take place virtually on October 19, 2020 at 7:15 pm.

MINUTES

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

[School Council Minutes](#)

Community Notifications

Mackenzie Health

To help reduce the spread of COVID-19 Mackenzie Health is currently only allowing patients and essential visitors to enter the hospital until further notice. This is a reminder that students will not be able to access the food services at Mackenzie Health.

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/>

School Contact / Website Information

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