



September 22nd, 2023

Greetings AMHS Families,

We had a great week at AMHS. With our first School Council meeting, the turnout was excellent. Please see the slide deck from the meeting below. In this upcoming week, we will have club fair day on Sept 26th - we encourage all of our students to join a club or team at school to enhance their learning experience. For grade 9 students who have not paid for the grade 9 Green Acres trip yet, just a friendly reminder that payment can be made on School Cash Online. Have a great week AMHS community!

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### Important Upcoming Dates

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**Sept 26th** - Club Fair Day  
**September 28th** - Terry Fox Run  
**October 3rd** - Grade 9 Green Acres Trip  
**October 12th** - IB Information Night  
**October 17-18th** - Interim reports distributed to students

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### School Council Meeting Slide Deck

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Please see the slide deck from Monday's School Council Meeting:  
[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xLv\\_GtRTBGvJuFe\\_ycxqi5BfDDbqWos8v8ro4\\_3pWMz0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1xLv_GtRTBGvJuFe_ycxqi5BfDDbqWos8v8ro4_3pWMz0/edit?usp=sharing)

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### Grade 9 Green Acres Day - Oct 3rd

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This is a friendly reminder that the Grade 9 Green Acres Day will take place on October 3rd. All families of grade 9 students, please ensure you are paying the fee for grade 9 students to attend the day on School Cash Online. There is a tutorial for School Cash Online set-up later on in this issue. Thank you.

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### Student Pick-up and Drop-off Reminder

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Greetings parent/guardian community, as a friendly reminder, please practice safe pick-up and drop-off procedures with your child e.g., avoid having your child jaywalk for pick-up, and explore picking your child up further north on Trench street to avoid causing congestion on Trench. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

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## School Cash Online

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Parents and guardians are encouraged to pay engagement fees to support student programming e.g., teams, clubs and events, at school. If you need guidance in terms of setting up your Schoolcash Online account, please see the tutorial [here](#).

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## Phys-Ed

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Hello Mustang parents! We had a great start last week and most of our kids have purchased their phys. ed uniform. If you have purchased a uniform for your child, please have them come to the phys. ed office and ask for Mrs. Kattis. She will distribute our AMHS athletic wear. We also wanted to inform you that our Yoga Instructor is back for all Phys. Ed classes. Please find our deal on school cash online for those two yoga dates (Oct 18th and 25th). Our yoga poses are based on basic movement skills and we link it to mental health. And last but not least, we have our annual Terry Fox Run/Walk on Sept 28th. Please donate on school cash online. We will be bringing our classes down to participate during the 4th period. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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## OCAS/OUAC Applications

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**Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:**

We hope this correspondence finds you and your family well.

The purpose of this email is to share:

1. semester 1 midterm reporting dates for all students;
2. full disclosure dates for all students in Grade 11 and/or Grade 12 courses; and

3. key dates and information for potential graduates applying to Ontario colleges and/or universities.

### **Semester 1 Midterm Reporting - All students**

York Region District School Board will be issuing electronic copies of the Semester 1 midterm report cards between November 20-22. The electronic copy will be sent to the student's GAPPS email and instructions on how to access the report will be emailed to all families prior to their release.

### **Full Disclosure for Grade 11 and Grade 12 Courses**

For 2023-2024, the course withdrawal date (Full Disclosure) will be 5 instructional days from the last possible date the mid-semester report is issued. The Full Disclosure date for Grade 11 and Grade 12 courses is November 29, 2023. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course on or prior to November 29, 2023, then the course will not be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript. If a student withdraws from a Grade 11 or 12 course after the Full Disclosure date, a withdrawal (W) is entered in the credit column, and the student's mark at the time of withdrawal will be recorded as a percentage in the achievement column of the transcript.

### **OUAC and OCAS Upload for Potential Graduates**

Identifying information will be shared through a secure transmission to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) to support students with their application to post-secondary institutions. Potential graduates who are not planning to apply to an Ontario college or university this school year, and who do not wish to have their data shared must notify their guidance counsellor by Thursday October 5, 2023. Semester 1 midterm marks will be shared with OCAS and OUAC on November 17, 2023. Students in Grade 11 and 12 courses will be notified of their report card mark by their classroom teacher by November 13, 2023. Potential graduates who are applying to an Ontario college and/or university who are planning to drop a course are encouraged to connect with their guidance counsellor in advance of these dates. Guidance appointments can be booked through teachassist.

Please review the timelines below:

**October 5** Deadline for potential graduates who are not planning on applying to an Ontario college or university to notify their Guidance Counsellor if they do not want data shared with OCAS/OUAC this school year.

**October 10-13** Students will receive a secure communication in their GAPPS email which provides information needed for their applications, including their OEN (required for college applications only), school MIDENT# (BSID)

**November 13** Teachers will share mid semester mark updates with students in Grade 11 and 12 courses.

**November 13 - November 16** Potential graduates applying to an Ontario college or university that are planning to drop a course, and do not wish to have the course mark shared with OUAC/OCAS are advised to connect with their Guidance Counsellor by November 17.

**November 17** School will upload all Semester 1 midterm and/or final marks (for quadmester courses) for all grade 11 and 12 courses to OUAC and OCAS

**November 29** This is the full disclosure date which is the final day that a student, in a Grade 11 or 12 course, may drop a course in order that it not be recorded on the Ontario Student Transcript.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact the Guidance Department to discuss your questions.

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### Spec Ed Department

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Students in Ms Romeo's Period 2 community class enjoyed a great morning at the Central Library on Tuesday, September 19, 2023. They took a tour of the library, learned about the wonderful programs available and participated in mindfulness activities. We look forward to other class trips to support social skills development as well as transportation safety skills.

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### Renewed Computer Technology Applications

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For families interested in purchasing renewed computer technology, please see the link here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1oSjcf0ogUQ9OY3heoAHENGU5H-2SFHvd/view?usp=sharing>

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### Guidance Services

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Guidance Counsellor	Alpha last name for students
Ms. Pantusa	A - G
Mr. Petrone	H - M
Mr. Daides	N - V
Ms. Cohen	W - Z

Guidance Secretary: Cathy Zhang

**Guidance Google Classrooms**

Grade 9-11 Guidance Classroom (2023-2024)  
Guidance & Education Services  
Class Code: ugbztay

AMHS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES  
GUIDANCE  
Class Code: orggenu

AMHS Peer Tutoring Program  
Class Code: odyb3b7

SHSM: jde7dmp

### **University of Waterloo**

A representative of the University of Waterloo will be at AMHS on Monday, September 25th at 3:15 p.m. in room 141 to provide program updates and other related information on the admissions process. Students interested in applying to University Waterloo may also have an opportunity to ask their own questions.

### **US Colleges**

We would like to share with you and your child that the public US College Connect & Information Evening will take place on Thursday, September 28. The US College Connect is for students interested in pursuing higher education in the United States. I have attached the flyer to this email. Admission is Free to parents and students. Event: U.S. College Connect Evening Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 Time: 7:00pm – 9:00pm Location: St. Francis Xavier SS, 50 Bristol Rd W, Mississauga, ON Free admission: <https://prepskillsconnect.com/register>

We welcome you to invite interested students to Brown, Dartmouth, Northwestern & Vanderbilt information session happening on Monday, September 25, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Havergal College.

A small group of US Colleges and Universities will be at AMHS on Wednesday, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for students interested in pursuing higher education in the United States. Attached is a flyer. Admission is Free. Registration for this is recommended but not necessary (please see flyer). This is a chance to meet college and university representatives and ask them questions as well. If students are in classes during this time, they can go on School Cash Online to register for this event for one period as an in School Field Trip, available on Tuesday.



**U.S. COLLEGES VISITING OUR SCHOOL  
ON  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023**

**Speak with US College representatives and ask about student life,  
the admissions process, tuition and so much more!**



“ Thank you for hosting the US College Expo. We found it very informative and convenient. Being able to speak with multiple schools all in one place – Awesome!  
VITO & LAURIE B., PARENTS ”

**REFER A FRIEND FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A \$1,000 USD SCHOLARSHIP!**

**FREE ADMISSION | Pre-registration required  
[www.USCollegeExpo.com/Sept27](http://www.USCollegeExpo.com/Sept27)**

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## Student Attendance

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General inquiries and student attendance information can be sent directly to the AMHS attendance email address at [alexandermackenziehs.attendance@yrdsb.ca](mailto: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.

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## AMHS Daily Schedule

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As of September 2022, the schedule for the AMHS school day will be as follows:

TIMES	PERIOD
8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.	HOMEROOM
8:35 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Period 1
9:55 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Period 2
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Period 3
12:35 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Period 4
1:55 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Period 5

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## School Contact / Website Information

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### Alexander Mackenzie High School

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### IB Google Classroom Codes

Grade 9 and 10 Pre-IB: e3szkm3

Grade 11 IB: nn4umuq

Grade 12 IB: rqzmsui

### Grade Google Classroom Codes

Grade 9: hf5itbn

Grade 10: jv4kffq

Grade 11: qlinckg

Grade 12: kwjnulg

**Arts Mackenzie**

[www.artsmackenzie.com](http://www.artsmackenzie.com)

**Music Department**

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

**MAC Health, Physical Education & Athletics**

For information about our programs, please follow us:

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

**Alexander Mackenzie on Instagram**

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