



Greetings AMHS Families,

Week 2 of the 2nd semester is complete! Wishing all of our community a happy Family Day long weekend!

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb 15th - Course Selection Opens on MyBlueprint

Feb 19th - Family Day

Feb 22nd - Grad photo retakes and semester 2 student photos

Feb 23rd - Course selection CLOSES at 4:00pm

Feb 23rd - Black History Month Assemblies, grades 10 and 11

Feb 27th - Black History Month Assemblies grades 9 and 12

Student Timetables

Students may check their updated timetable via Teach Assist at this time for semester 2 courses.

Athletics



This week our winter sports season came to an end. We would like to take a moment to highlight our successes and gratitude to our coaches and student-athletes. Our Girls Varsity Volleyball Team had a lot of heart and dedication, especially when they had those 7 am morning practices. The team made it to the playoffs but was eliminated by Holy Cross. Even though they may have lost in the playoffs, it's important to recognize the achievements of the team throughout the season. Volleyball is a challenging and competitive sport, and simply reaching the playoffs is an indication of the team's skill and determination. We would like to thank Mr. Aversa, Ms. Sadikhov and Ms. Tierney for coaching the girls and always coaching the girls. They fostered a sense of camaraderie and unity among the players and emphasized the importance of communication, trust and mutual support on and off the court. We thank you for your passion and dedication.

To our Sr. Hockey Team... they too had a successful season but unfortunately lost in the playoffs to a #1 team, St. Augustine. They had a close game and lost by one point. Despite the loss, they had a great record overall, which speaks to the hardwork and dedication of the coaches and to the players throughout the season. Overall, we can say high school hockey playoffs can be intense, because of all the different skill levels put on one team. However, our coaches created a positive team environment which enabled our players to learn from each other's different strengths and effectively work together to overcome tough challenges during their season. We are very proud of our hockey team and our coaches speak highly about our kids dedication to the program. Once again, great job to all and thank you to Mr. Pech and Mr. Ariganello for your commitment to our Mustangs Hockey Team.

And last but not least, our Sr. Boys Basketball Team was exciting to watch and brought forth a unified team to each and every game. With a strong work ethic and a deep sense of pride in representing their school on the court, they were a team that everyone was watching. Through effective leadership and structured programming by our friendly neighbourhood teacher and coach Mr. Nixon, players developed the skills, resilience and teamwork needed to compete at their best and made it to the second round of playoffs. I know these kids played hard for their school and made us proud.

Athletics Reminders:

Hello Parents, if your child has purchased their phys. ed uniform for second semester, they come to the phys. ed office and pick up their uniform or they can receive their clothing on the first day of their phys. ed class. If you have not purchased your phys.ed packages, please go onto school cash online to purchase your gym uniform. Students must change into phys. ed attire and we recommend that they wear our school gear. Thank you for your support.



We have ordered extra Mustang Spirit Clothing. If your child is interested in our gear, please have them come by the phys. ed office to inquire about our Mustang clothing. We have lots in stock. They are super comfortable and all proceeds go to help the Athletic Program purchase equipment or help send teams to tournaments. Thank you for always supporting our Mustangs.



We are happy to announce that our Phys. Ed Department has two new courses for next year. We will be offering Large Group Activities - Gr 12 Basketball Course (PAL401) and our very first Gr 11 Girls Fitness (PAF308) class. We hope that you have course selection conversations with your child and highlight these two new course codes this February. If you have any questions, please email Tiffany.kattis@yrdsb.ca.

School Board Announcements

Dear families,

Earlier this week, York Region District School Board announced that to ensure student safety due to the solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, all schools will be dismissing students early.

As such, Alexander Mackenzie High School will dismiss at 11:30 a.m. On April 8, 2024, all students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. The morning bell, drop off and transportation will remain unchanged. For those eligible for school transportation, such as busing and taxis, service will be adjusted for the early afternoon departure.

The safe arrival program will remain in place. If your child is not attending school on April 8, please record their absence. Student after school activities, including extra-curricular activities will be cancelled on April 8, 2024.

Yearbooks

The payment submission is now open on School Cash online for ALL students. This year, the yearbook cost is \$55.00.

Please note that payment closes on School Cash Online on Monday, February 26th. There will be no later time to order a yearbook, so please ensure to place your order on time if your student would like a yearbook at the end of the year.

Guidance Services

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

Guidance News

Check out this Wellness Workshop for parents!

See Information [HERE](#)

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.

AMHS Daily Schedule

As of September 2023, 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

School Contact / Website Information

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IB Google Classroom Codes

Grade 11 IB: [hmfxfpt](#)

Grade 12 IB: [nn4umuq](#)

Grade Google Classroom Codes

Grade 9: [hf5itbn](#)

Grade 10: [jv4kffq](#)

Grade 11: [qlinckg](#)

Grade 12: [kwjnujg](#)

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