



AMHS Bulletin

January 19th, 2024

Greetings AMHS Families,

This week, our exams will be starting on January 25th. At this point, if you have any remaining questions regarding your child's progress in a course, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Additionally, we have a school council meeting scheduled for this Monday @ 7:15 PM in the library at AMHS. All are welcome to attend! The School Council Agenda is shared below. Have a great week Mustang community!

Important Upcoming Dates

Jan 22nd - School Council Meeting @ 7:15 PM in the library at AMHS

Jan 25th - Jan 31st - Exam period

Feb 1st - exam review day

Feb 2nd - PA Day

Feb 5th - First day of semester 2

School Council Agenda

Please find the link shared to the School Council agenda shared here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tpJzBJOIsY-DH5dt-uqdthiqf2GLx9Fk/view?usp=sharing>

The meeting takes place this upcoming Monday at 7:15 PM in the library at AMHS. All are welcome!

OSSLT Update

For any student who wrote the OSSLT this past fall, results will be shared during this upcoming week. Successful results will be emailed to students' gapps accounts. Students with unsuccessful results will have a quick meeting with a member from our teaching steps to discuss next step options.

1:1 Technology School Survey

A survey will be sent to all students in grades 9-11 this upcoming week regarding their access to technology (laptop or tablet), for the upcoming school year (2024-2025). From the survey, we hope to get an understanding of student tech needs for the upcoming year. Thank you.

Upcoming PA Day Agenda - Feb 2nd, 2024

Length: Half Day - AM

Topic: Violence Prevention Training on Student Safety and Violent Incident Prevention

Entity Hosting: All Secondary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Online module developed by Board staff, facilitated by Administration.

Description: Staff will be engaging in learning related to:

- developing relationships and identity-affirming working and learning environments;
- identifying warning signs that a person's behaviour may be escalating;
- responding to escalations using specific strategies;
- exploring case studies;
- following reporting procedures; and
- accessing support and resources.

Topic: School teams will engage in School Improvement planning facilitated by school leaders.

Topics will vary by subject and may include:

- preparation for Semester 2
- high yield instructional strategies in the de-streamed math, science, or English classroom
- data analysis for school improvement.

Length: Half Day - PM

Topic: Curriculum Implementation

Entity Hosting: All Secondary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School Administration and Board based personnel

Description: Equitable assessment practices and MLL learning

SIP/Department Meetings

Details: School teams will engage in School Improvement planning facilitated by school leaders.

Topics will vary by subject and may include:

- embedding strategies to support teaching multilingual language learners into the curriculum
- embedding subject specific high yield strategies into instruction and assessment
- data analysis for school improvement.

School Teams will continue to engage in School Improvement Planning that supports the implementation of equitable assessment practices, curriculum changes and instructional strategies to support students in the de-streamed classroom.

E-waste collection

Starting from Monday the 22nd, we will be hosting an e-waste collection initiative for all students. Stop by the outside of the office at any time next week and drop off any old and unused technology that you have. This includes phones, old batteries, iPods, laptops, computer parts, tablets and more! Your donations will go towards those in need, so let's get our mustang spirit and help out!

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

Dear parents/guardians,

Students were provided with their semester 2 timetable the first week of January as well as a link to a Google form for any course change requests. The form is now closed and we are working diligently to try and accommodate the requests.

While we understand that this is a stressful time for you and the students, we are asking parents and guardians to refrain from booking appointments or coming in to guidance to check on the progress of the change or to just make a change on the spot. Please keep in mind that this is not an instant change and that we may not be able to fulfill certain requests since the availability of courses depends on the number of sections provided, class limits and where they are placed. Students will either be emailed or called to guidance to discuss whether the request is possible.

We will only make **necessary changes and cannot**

- change periods for lunch
- change to be in a specific teacher's class
- change to be in a friend's class

Thank you for understanding,
The guidance team

Black York Region Youth

The [Black York Region Youth](#) is a youth organization founded with the purpose of combating anti-Black racism, systemic racism, anti-Indigenous hate, and discrimination in all of its forms within York Region and the Greater Toronto Area. They are pleased to host a gala event on February 17. The Black Youth Gala is an event to celebrate their accomplishments. Youth will have the opportunity to receive scholarships for post-secondary. In addition, Black Youth artists and fashion designers will also have the chance to showcase their work in the gallery and the opening performance portion of the event. For full details and to purchase tickets, please visit their [site](#).

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: [hmfxept](#)

Grade 12 IB: [nn4umuq](#)

Grade Google Classroom Codes

Grade 9: [hf5itbn](#)

Grade 10: [jv4kffq](#)

Grade 11: [qlinckg](#)

Grade 12: [kwjnulg](#)

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Music Department

www.amhsmusic.ca

MAC Health, Physical Education & Athletics

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