



October 26, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians;

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

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## Upcoming Events

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Tuesday, November 6, 2018	Diwali
Wednesday, November 7, 2018	Pathways Evening
Friday, November 16, 2018	Report Cards
Monday, November 19, 2018	Grad Photo/School Council Meeting

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## Guidance Services

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This week, Guidance counsellors ran a **Lunch-n-Learn** session for Grade 12 students with a focus on taking initial steps in planning their post-secondary applications. The lunch time session focused on identifying 7 factors that are important for students to consider when choosing their "ideal" school/program. We plan to continue with the Grade 12 lunch-n-learn sessions every third Monday of each month. It is our hope that these sessions will help alleviate concerns, confusions and anxiousness with respect to available post-secondary choices.

Additionally, we will be running two detailed assemblies on October 30, 2018 for all grade 12 students applying to colleges and universities. Our **Post-Secondary Fair** is scheduled for November 13, 2018 during lunch hour and will be open to all students in the school. During period 3, Grade 12 students will be given an opportunity to attend two different presentations of their choice. This year the **Pathway Evening** will take place on November 1, 2018 at 7 pm and is a joint venture between four different high schools in the area. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to gather information directly from college and university representatives. We highly recommend all Grade 11 and 12 parents come to this evening!

### **Specialist High Skills Major Program News:**

The next Reach Ahead event for our Business SHSM program will be hosted at George Brown College on October 26, 2018 with theme of giving high school students taste of "A Day In The Life of Business Students at George Brown College." Our students will be exposed to a number of interesting business mini lectures and other College activities during the course of the day.

Brock University Reach Ahead will be taking place at Brock University on November 1, 2018 in which Business, Arts & Culture and Health & Wellness students will be attending a campus tour and a variety of sector specific activities hosted by the Faculty of Health, Fine Arts and Business. This should be a great day of learning about post-secondary programs at Brock University and what life is like as a student in university.

If you have a son or daughter who is Grade 11 or 12 and is interested in getting more information about the SHSM program, please have them speak to a Guidance Counsellor before October 29, 2018

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Student Life Expo**

Oct. 27-28, 255 Front Street West <http://studentlifeexpo.com>

- Tickets available in guidance for pick up

**College Application Assembly** - October 30<sup>th</sup>, period 1

**University Application Assembly** - October 30<sup>th</sup>, period 2

## Post-Secondary Fair

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 7- 9pm @ Bayview S.S.

## Post-Secondary Fair @AMHS only for students

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:30-1:40 pm

## Take Your Kids to Work Day for Grade 9 students

November 14<sup>th</sup>, all day

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## School Notifications

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**Eco Tip:** Want to go further than simply turning off electronics when not in use? Make sure that the technology you have is as energy-efficient as possible. This way, you're using much less energy for the time that the product is on, saving money, and reducing your energy output.

**Literacy Tip:** Look for reading materials related to your family history or culture. As kids get older and begin to think about their own identities, they often become more interested in their backgrounds. This interest can contribute to a healthy sense of pride in their heritage and culture, and reading is a great way for your teen to explore those interests.

**Take Our Kids to Work Day**, taking place on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, is an annual event where students step into their future for a day and get a glimpse into the working world. The day involves students in Grade 9 spending the day in the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer house, where they experience and learn about the world of work. An information package, including a permission form, was already sent home. If you have not already received it, please speak with your child or contact the school. **The permission form must be completed, signed and returned to school by October 31, 2018.**

**Message from the Equity Team:** The Community Living York South is hosting an [information session](#) for Chinese newcomer parents with children with developmental disabilities. It will take place on November 8, 2018 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Markham Village Library.

The board's Inclusive Schools and Community Services is hosting a number of information sessions in both Tamil and English for Tamil parents and guardians. Sessions take place on October 28, November 4, 11, 25, December 9 from 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm at Milliken Mills High School. To register, please call 905-884-2046, 228 or email [initha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca](mailto:initha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca).

In honour of Islamic Heritage Month, note that the Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEMS) welcomes staff, families and community to their [Literature Café](#) on October 30, 2018. The event will include readings and book-signings from YRDSB authors.

Please click on the links below for information on workshops and community support:

<https://bww.yrdsb.ca/services/commcultural/Documents/Chinese/SC-ChineseParentSupportGroupDevelopmental.pdf>

<https://bww.yrdsb.ca/services/commcultural/Documents/Chinese/SC-PENWorkshop.pdf>

<https://bww.yrdsb.ca/services/commcultural/Documents/Tamil/SC-Career-Guidance-Workshops.pdf>

<https://bww.yrdsb.ca/services/commcultural/Documents/Tamil/SC-Tamil-Parents-Guardians-Network-Information-Sessions.pdf>

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# AMD Engineering Mathletics 2018



## YORK REGION STUDENTS:

**You are invited to exercise your math abilities in a contest and apply your math skills to solve engineering problems for fun & prizes.**

**Saturday, October 27, 2018**

**Sir William Mulock Secondary School**

**705 Columbus Way, Newmarket, Ontario L3X 2M7**

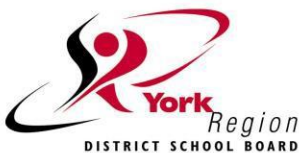
AMD Engineering Mathletics has two levels of competition:

- Junior level (9:30 AM to 1:00 PM) – Open to students that are currently in grades 7 and 8 below (intended for grades 7 and 8 – based on grade 6 curriculum)
- Senior level (2:00 PM to 5:30 PM) – Open to students that are currently in grades 9 or 10 (based on grade 8 curriculum)
- Each level includes an AMD session with an opportunity to win additional prizes

Registration fee is \$15 per entrant. Online registration starts on Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 AM and ends when all seats are sold out.

For additional information and registration link go to the following link:

<http://www.peoyork.com/mathletics>





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/>

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## School Council News

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### Minutes

School Council minutes can be accessed through the school website by clicking the attached link:  
[School Council Minutes](#)

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## More Events and Information

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Instagram: [macpheathletics](#)

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French resources for parents and students  
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