



October 13th, 2023

Greetings AMHS Families,

Greetings AMHS! Our IB Night was a huge success with over 600 individuals attending the night. We held our information sessions in the cafeteria and the library to accommodate the large interest from the community. Furthermore, as a reminder, please see the information regarding teacher interview nights below. Finally, families of grade 9 students, please ensure you fill out the Take Your Kids to Work Day form that was sent out earlier on in the week. Thank you.

---

### Important Upcoming Dates

---

**October 17-18th** - Interim reports distributed to students

**October 26th** - parent/guardian teacher interviews

**Nov 1st** - Take your kids to work day (grade 9s)

**November 23rd and 24th** - OSSLT

**December 1st** - Raptors 905 game @ 11 AM, Scotiabank Arena - open to grade 10, 11, 12

---

### Parent/guardian teacher interview night

---

#### **INTERVIEW NIGHT - BOOKING INFORMATION - TEACHASSIST**

We are pleased to announce that Interview Night will be taking place at Alexander Mackenzie on **October 26, 2023**. AMHS will be using teachassist to manage our Interview Night scheduling. Families will be able to make appointments beginning on October 16, 2023.

<b>INTERVIEW NIGHT 2022 - IMPORTANT TIMELINES</b>	
October 2022	16, TeachAssist Interview Night scheduler opens to families at 8:30 a.m.:

October 18 - 26	Families make Interview Night appointments on TeachAssist
October 27	Interview Night, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

---

## OSSLT

---

For those students that are writing the literacy test this year, the test dates are November 23 and 24, 2023. More details will be shared with students at a later date. For the time being, students and families are encouraged to access the school's OSSLT site at [rebrand.ly/osslt](https://rebrand.ly/osslt) and visit the Student page. The site can only be accessed using GAPPS. Students writing the test are strongly encouraged to begin practising using the resources posted on the site. Don't know if your child is writing the test? If a student successfully completed any grade 9 English course and has not yet written the test previously or if the student did write it once and was not successful, then he/she/they are eligible to write it this year.

---

## Take Your Kids to Work Day (Nov 1)

---

This is a reminder to all families to fill out the Take your Kids to Work Day form that was sent to family emails. This is a reminder that there will not be regular classes for grade 9s on this day for any grade 9s who choose to come to school. Thank you.

---

## Raptors 905 Game

---

On Friday, December 1st, our school will be attending a Raptors 905 game at Scotiabank arena - the game is scheduled for an 11 AM tip-off. This field trip will be open to grade 10, 11 and 12 students. The cost for the event will be \$35 for students who have paid their student engagement fee and \$40 for students who have not paid their engagement fee (families may pay the student engagement fee on School Cash Online). Tickets will go on sale on October 23rd, 2023.



---

### Athletic Council

---

Hello Mustangs, we are getting ready for our annual Halloween pizza lunch fundraiser for our athletes during the 3rd period. We fundraise for our athletes to go on tournaments and help purchase quality equipment. Our aim is to allocate \$100 per team so that we can reduce their cost. Please help by purchasing your child's pizza lunch on school cash online. Last day to purchase is Oct 27th. Thank you.



We are pre-ordering Custom Mustang Clothing before Oct 31st. What a great way to show your Mustang Spirit at our home games. Anyone and Everyone is welcome to purchase your Mustang Gear. All fundraising proceeds will go towards our athletic program. Please order your custom hoodie/sweater on school cash online. We will receive our clothing before the winter break.



---

OYAP

---



## Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night



Join us on a night to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways and our Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information night if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the Skilled Trades;
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information on this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;
- you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades.

**Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship  
in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!**

Automotive Service Technician	Baker	Child and Youth Worker
Auto Body Technician	Plumber	Carpenter
Cook	Hairstylist	Electrician
Floor Covering Installer	Drywall Finisher and Plasterer	Construction Craft Worker
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic	Truck and Coach Technician	Heavy Duty Equipment Technician

**Join us on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

REGISTER AT: <https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse>



7:00 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB and MLITSD

7:30 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs with the Training Delivery Agent (TDA)

8:15 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB

**Seneca**



[www.yrdsb.ca/ACCELOYAP](http://www.yrdsb.ca/ACCELOYAP)



@yrdsbPathways



@yrdsb.pathways

**PA Day - Oct 20th**

Please see the agenda for the Oct 20th PA Day for our staff

Length: Half Day - AM

Topic: Curriculum Implementation Learning

Entity Hosting: All Regular Start and Early Start Secondary Schools (regular SYC)

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

Description: Equitable Assessment Practices Professional Learning Series #1

Details: School teams will engage in professional learning facilitated by school administrators focusing on:  
• identifying the tenets of equitable assessment; and • exploring concrete shifts and changes to classroom assessment, evaluation and communication practices.

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 equitable assessment practices into subject evaluations; • subject specific integration of high-impact instructional practices to support student improvement in alignment with the curriculum; • developing resources and learning plans to consolidate foundational knowledge and skills in de-streamed grade 9 courses including English, Mathematics and Science and across the curriculum; • data analysis for school improvement; and • curriculum implementation of new curriculum YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Length: Half Day - PM

Topic: Literacy/Mathematics Instructional Strategies

Entity Hosting: All Regular Start and Early Start Secondary Schools (regular SYC)

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

Description: Planning with Multilingual Language Learners at the Forefront

Details: The purpose and goals of the STEP Framework are introduced, followed by time to explore both the structure and components within the Oral, Reading and Writing ESL Continua. This module focuses on:  
• Foundational principles in teaching multilingual language learners • Introduction to STEP framework

OCT Professionalism Module Details: Staff will engage in learning regarding professionalism through the OCT Professionalism Module.

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

Additional professional activities for EAs and Library Technicians

---

## Renewed Computer Technology Applications

---

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

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

---

## Guidance Services

---

Guidance Counsellor	Alpha last name for students
---------------------	------------------------------

<b>Ms. Pantusa</b>	<b>A - G</b>
<b>Mr. Petrone</b>	<b>H - M</b>
<b>Mr. Daides</b>	<b>N - V</b>
<b>Ms. Cohen</b>	<b>W - Z</b>

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

**Update #1: An Associate Student Recruiter-Advisor at the University of British Columbia (UBC) will be visiting today, on October 16th, 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm in room 141, for a presentation about UBC. A particular invite goes to any Black-identifying students as we will walk through resources and scholarships dedicated to Black students.**

**Update #2: Hey grade 11 and 12 Students and families, if you are interested in applying Ontario Universities this school year for September 2024 admission, you are invited to attend a short presentation on University OUAC Applications on October 18th in room 141 at 3:20 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Guidance Services.**

---

## Student Attendance

---

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.

---

## 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

---

### Alexander Mackenzie High School

#### Principal – Krista Luks

Telephone: 905-884-0554 ext 407

krista.luks@yrdsb.ca

#### Vice Principal - Themistocles Drekolias

Telephone: 905-884-0554 ext 405

themistocles.drekolias@yrdsb.ca

#### Vice Principal - Seiji Ishiguro

Telephone: 905-884-0554 ext 406

seiji.ishiguro@yrdsb.ca

### 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

**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:

Twitter: [@Mustangsmove](https://twitter.com/Mustangsmove)

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

**Alexander Mackenzie on Instagram**

@alexmackhs

[YRDSB Parent, Family and Community Engagement \(PEAC\) Newsletter](#)