



September 15th, 2023

Greetings AMHS Families,

It was another great week at AMHS. This week, our cafeteria opened up and students were able to indulge in the new food selection this year. Additionally, on Tuesday, students had their photos taken for picture day. In the upcoming week on Monday, we invite all of our families to our School Council meeting in the library at 7:15 PM. Just as a friendly reminder, for all grade 9 students, please be reminded to pay for the grade 9 Green Acres trip that will take place on October 3rd. All grade 9s will be spending the day at Green Acres for a fun-filled day. Have a great weekend AMHS!

Important Upcoming Dates

September 18th - School Council Meeting @ 7:15 PM in the library @ AMHS
September 22nd - PA Day
September 28th - Terry Fox Run
October 3rd - Grade 9 Green Acres Trip

Safety Week

The York Region School Board is committed to ensuring the safety of students, staff, building occupants and visitors in the event of an emergency situation. As such, during Safety Week (September 25 to 29, 2023) and throughout the school year, schools in our Board practise various safety drills including Fire Drills, Lockdown Drills, Hold and Secure Drills and the newly established Bomb Threat Drill. It is critical that all members of our school community become familiar with emergency protocols as they are designed to keep all of us safe at school. Please refer to Board Policy #669.0 for more information about Emergency Preparedness and Crisis Management. Practising drills may create some anxiety for some students. If you are concerned about how these situations might impact the mental health and well-being of your child, please contact school administrators, as we have school mental health professionals available to support your child.

Grade 9 Green Acres Day - Oct 3rd

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.

AMHS School Council

The AMHS school council invites all parents/guardians to our first school council meeting of the year. The meeting will take place on Monday, September 18 at 7:15 p.m. in our library. All are welcome to attend and learn more about our school community. The agenda for the meeting is attached. We hope to see you there!

Please see the link to the agenda here:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nCNLHm1WQRNikVS2yRXTy1rOWeyHcq8c/view?usp=sharing>

School Cash Online

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](#).

Phys-Ed

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.



Library Learning Commons

Over the next two weeks, the Library Learning Commons Team will be providing orientation sessions to all grade 9 homeroom classes. The goal of our orientation session is to familiarize students with the physical and virtual libraries available at AMHS and to provide an overview of how library staff can support students. We would like to remind students the LLC is open during regular school hours. Our virtual library; however, is open 24/7 and can be accessed from the school website. Some of our digital resources are password protected and require login information. During the first week of school, a flyer with usernames & passwords was emailed to AMHS students, giving them access to all of our digital resources. Students who prefer a print copy of this flyer can pick one up in the LLC.

Students are also encouraged to join the LLC Google Classroom:

Grade 9: qozo3ta

Grades 10-11: p3g4p62

Students will find helpful videos, tips sheets and tutorials related to the research process.

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 (2022-2023)
Guidance & Education Services
Class Code: ugbztay

AMHS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GUIDANCE
Class Code: orggenu

AMHS Peer Tutoring Program

Class Code: odyb3b7

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 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

School Contact / Website Information

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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

Music Department

www.amhsmusic.ca

MAC Health, Physical Education & Athletics

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

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