



September 29th, 2023

Greetings AMHS Families,

What an exciting week at AMHS. For our annual club fair day, we had almost 50 clubs present their club at the event. This is apparently the most clubs our school has ever had! If your child wants to get more involved in the AMHS school community, we definitely recommend that they join one of our amazing clubs. Additionally, this upcoming week, this is a reminder that we will have our grade 9 green acres trip! Our students are very excited and we can't wait to run this event for our students. Have a great weekend AMHS!

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### Important Upcoming Dates

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- October 3rd** - Grade 9 Green Acres Trip
- October 12th** - IB Information Night
- October 17-18th** - Interim reports distributed to students
- October 26th** - parent/guardian teacher interviews

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### Parent/guardian teacher interview night

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#### **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 16, 2022	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.
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## Grade 9 Green Acres Day - Oct 3rd

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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.

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## School Cash Online

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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](#).

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## PA Day - Oct 20th

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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

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## Renewed Computer Technology Applications

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

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

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## Guidance Services

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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

### Skilled Trades Career Fair

Students can register to attend the annual Skilled Trades Career Fair. It will take place on November 15, 2023. Participants depart the school at 9.45 and will travel by school bus to the International Centre in

Mississauga. They will return back to school by 1.30 pm. Students will have the opportunity to learn about Ontario's trades through interactive exhibitions and hands-on activities, while hearing directly from tradespeople and local employers about life-changing career opportunities. Parents and guardians can register their child using School Cash Online. There is no fee to attend. Space is limited and is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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## Student Attendance

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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.

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## AMHS Daily Schedule

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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

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## 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](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:

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

**Alexander Mackenzie on Instagram**

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