



Alexander Mackenzie High School

School Council

Monday, September 27th, 2021

7:15 – 8:15 pm via ZOOM

MINUTES

Attendees

Present: Loren Thorburn, Karl Brumund, Kelly Levson, Ruby Thind, Christine LaForge, Krista Pummell, Cathy Clarke, Nazila Reyhani, Erika Pridie, Justin T, Vaea Nouragas, Linda, Priti, Alex L., Devika, James Yang, Minam, Rosalba, Roula, Fahrad

Student Reps: Mira del Prado, Bogdana Borysova, Mehka Gnanendran

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome Message - Krista Pummel

Student Report - Mira del Prado

- Introduction to Student Council
 - Co-Presidents: Mira del Prado & Bogdanna Borysova, Vice-President: Mehka Gnanendran
- Outline activities being run by Student Council
 - National Truth and Reconciliation Day
 - Virtual Club Day
 - Mentorship Program
- Details can be found in the presentation below.

School Council Report - Loren Thorburn

- Introductions to current members
- PEAC (Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee) has launched a quarterly newsletter
 - [September Newsletter](#) - Engagement Matters
 - View more information about PEAC on the [PEAC web page](#).
- Treasurer's Report
 - School Council Account Current Balance: \$1978.96
 - Board account & School Board Account: nothing to report

- Full report is attached below
- Accomplishments
 - Parent Survey to engage and understand parent needs
 - School council page on AMHS website - reorganized content, posted new information, posted important presentations
 - Principal Profile - reviewed and signed off
 - Pro Grant workshop event with Dr. Brooks Gibb, well attended by over 100 parents
 - Graduation awards - two gifts of \$250 each distributed to two graduating students

School Council Elections - *Loren Thorburn & Karl Brumund*

- Review of school council purpose & roles
 - Executive roles include Chair/Co-chairs, Treasurer & Secretary
 - Last year members included Loren Thorburn & Karl Brumund (co-chairs), Xun Wang (treasurer) and Ruby Thind (secretary). We are looking for new members this year to fill positions. Voting members should include parents, non-staff, of which we need at least 7 members, but not more than 16.

Dates for 2021/2022 meetings:

- Monday, October 18th 2021
- Monday, November 15th 2021
- Monday, January 17th 2022
- Tuesday, April 19th 2022
- Monday, May 16th 2022

Parents that expressed interest to be on school council (through chat to Krista):

- Christine
- Roselba
- Devika
- Ruby - will stay on as secretary
- Farhad - will take on an Executive role
- Roula

Open Positions: Chair and Treasurer

Krista will monitor if any parents have expressed an interest in the open positions as part of the startup package submission.

Teacher Report - *Cathy Clarke*

- See attached for full update

Guidance Report - *Nazila Reyhani*

- Five guidance counselors
 - Adrienne Gurfinkel A-Chan
 - Adele Pantusa Chang-G
 - John Petrone H-Mog
 - Nazila Reyhani Moh-Wal
 - Keith Auyeung Wan-Z

- Following Google classrooms setup and codes shared with students
 - Grades 9-11
 - Grade 12
 - AMHS Volunteer opportunities (20 hours required for 2022 graduating class)
 - AMHS Peer Tutoring Program
 - IB Classrooms (3)
- Timetables have been completed
 - Any changes will require sign off from school administration

Admin report - Krista Pummell, Erika Pridie, Yula Nouragas

- School enrollment 1423 total (135 online students)
- School staff (96 teaching staff, 8 support staff, 9 access note takers, 1 program assistant and 3 sign language interpreters)
- COVID protocols being followed (screening, cleaning, masks, social distancing, contact tracing)
- School hours - 8.30am (doors open at 8.15am) to 2.35pm
- Lunch hours - 11.10am - 12.00pm
 - Multiple areas for students to eat lunch (cafeteria split into 4 quadrants, hallways, designated classrooms). Library is available but lunch should not be eaten there.
 - Servery is closed and no microwave usage, no food deliveries being accepted
- Upcoming dates
 - Interim reports - October 22nd
 - Parent/Guardian night - October 28th

2021/2022 School Council

2021-2022 Council Members

Chair:
 Secretary: Ruby Thind
 Treasurer:
 Parent Reps: Farhad, Christine Laforge, Roselba,
 Devika, Roula

2021-2022 Meeting Dates (@ 7:15 p.m.)

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Alexandar MacKenzie High School
School Council Treasurer's Report
As of September 21, 2021

School Council School Account

Beginning Balance as of May 10, 2020		\$	2,478.96
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Add Source of Income:

Donations	\$	-	
Total Revenue			-

Less Expenditures:	two Grad awards	\$	500.00
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Total Expenditures			<u>500.00</u>
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Current School Council Account balance as of September 21, 2021		\$	<u><u>1,978.96</u></u>
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Board Account

Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2021		\$	-
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Add Source of Income:

Board Funds	\$	-	
Total Revenue			-

Less Expenditures:		\$	-
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Total Expenditures			<u>-</u>
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Current Board Account balance as of September 21, 2021		\$	<u><u>-</u></u>
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School Board Account

Beginning Balance as of September 1, 2020		\$	-
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Add Source of Income:

PRO Grant	\$	-	
Total Revenue			-

Less Expenditures:		\$	-
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Total Expenditures			<u>-</u>
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Current PRO Grant Account balance as of September 21, 2021		\$	<u><u>-</u></u>
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AMHS School Council

September 27, 2021

Land Acknowledgement

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

Welcome and Introductions

2020-2021 School Council Executive

Loren Thorburn Karl Brummond - co chairs

AMHS Administration Team

Our Principal & Vice-Principals

Ms. Pummell



Ms. Pridie
(A-L)



Ms. Nouragas
(M-Z)



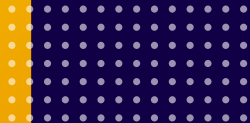
Student Report

Student Council Executive Team

Who Are We?



- StuCo executives for 2021-2022 school year
- All have previous experience on Student Council
- Volunteer/Leadership experience outside of AMHS

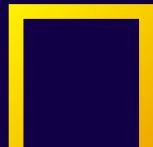


National Truth and Reconciliation Day

- Series of Instagram posts
- Playing songs of Indigenous artists
- Orange shirt art

Spotify playlist:

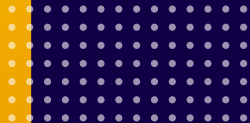
https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7liUxi1tf2NKh7VUgyYcW3?si=9Qg0tNOwS-mS4doLCRIDkg&dl_branch=1



Virtual Club Day

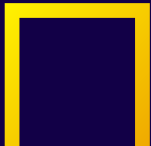


- Online Club day
 - Posts on the Student Life classroom
- Have a live video of the in-person club day
 - Archived for online students
 - Clubs will introduce themselves and what their club does



Mustang Mentorship Program

- Match older/younger students together
 - Gr. 9-10: mentees
 - Gr. 11-12: mentors
- Help to mix grades
- Give students opportunities to network



Questions?

2020–2021 School Council Report

- i. Introductions - *Karl Brumund*
- ii. PEAC Newsletter highlights - *Karl Brumund*
- iii. Treasurer's Report - *Loren Thorburn*
- iv. Accomplishments - *Loren Thorburn*
 - 1. Parent Survey
 - 2. School Council page on AMHS website
 - a. reorganized
 - b. added relevant information
 - c. added presentations (ongoing)
 - 3. Principal Profile
 - 4. Pro Grant Workshop - Dr. Brooks Gibbs
 - 5. Graduation Gifts (new name needed?)

School Council: Purpose and Responsibilities

Act as an advisory body that can make recommendations to the Principal or the Board

- maintain a school wide perspective
- regularly attend school council meetings
- encourage engagement of all parents within the school community
- participate in the development and implementation of the school improvement plan;

Purpose and Responsibilities of School Council continued:

- follow election procedures and the filling of vacancies between elections
- hold elections for members of school councils during the first 30 calendar days of each school year;
- meet at least four times during the school year;
- record and maintain minutes of all meetings;

School Council Executive

1. Chair or Co-chair

a. organizing meetings and consulting with P b. meeting agenda and minutes are accessible c. parents are consulted on school issues

2. Secretary

a. summarize each discussion and record decisions or recommendations made by Council

3. Treasurer

1. Community Members -

Other - Staff representatives (teaching and support staff), Student representative

Teacher Report

Guidance Report



Guidance

School Council-September 2021



Guidance Alpha Distribution

School Year 2021-2022



Guidance Counselors

Adrienne Gurfinkel A-Chan

Adele Pantusa Chang-G

John Petrone H-Mog

Nazila Reyhani Moh-Wal

Keith Auyeung Wan-Z

**Booking Appointments
with alpha Guidance
Counselor → Through
Teachassist**

Guidance

Google Classrooms





Grades 9-11

Grade 9-11 Guidance Classroom (2021-2022)

- Password: **6ymj3es**



Grade 12

Graduating Class of 2022

- For Students in Grade 12 graduating in June of 2022:
- Google Classroom: Graduating Class of 2022
- Password: mqjj3pp



Grades 9-12

AMHS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Password: orggenu

- For all students in Grades 9 to 12
- Graduating Class → 20 hours of volunteer service
- Information session will be provided



Grades 9-12

AMHS Peer Tutoring Program

Password: odyb3b7

- For all students in Grades 9 to 12
- Students will be matched through Guidance department
- Peer Tutors:
 - Senior students (11-12)
 - Teacher reference will be provided
 - Community service

International Baccalaureate Google Classrooms

Grade 9 and 10 IB Class 2021-2022

Password: **hngt4hs**

Grade 11 IB Class 2021-2022

Password: **fu4feng**

Grade 12 IB Class 2021-2022

Password: **5zwjdfg**



Timetables

Grades 9 & 10

- Full Timetables
- Any changes through Administration



Timetables

Grades 11 & 12

- Timetables
 - Day school (hybrid)
 - Night School (remote & e-learning)
 - Dual Credit
- Any changes through Administration

Indigenous Languages & International Languages (ILIL)

- Secondary Program
- Student sign up on myblueprint
- Courses run from October to June

International Languages Secondary Courses

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|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| ● Arabic | ● Japanese | ● Russian |
| ● Cantonese | ● Korean | ● Spanish |
| ● Farsi | ● Mandarin Simplified | ● Tamil |
| ● German | ● Mandarin Simplified - | ● Urdu |
| ● Greek | Advanced Placement | |
| ● Gujarati | ● Mandarin Traditional | |



October 2021

Series of Information sessions:

Junior & Senior Cohorts:

Time management

Studying for classes

Health and Well-being



October 2021

Series of Information sessions:

Graduating Class of 2022:

Post-Secondary Applications (Canada, US, UK)

Virtual Visits to Colleges and Universities

Scholarships and References

Questions

AMHS Guidance <amhs.guidance@gapps.yrdsb.ca>



AMHS Information

Parent/Guardian Bulletin sent out weekly and available
on the AMHS school website

School Demographics

- 1423 students
- 135 students engaged in remote learning
- 96 teaching staff
- 8 support staff
- 9 access note takers
- 1 program assistant
- 3 sign language interpreters/assistant for sign language support

Visitors to AMHS

- To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, visitor(s) are not permitted into the school without a pre-arranged appointment.
- Please contact the school by telephone and we will be happy to assist you.
- Any visitor(s) experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must remain home.

COVID-19 SCHOOL AND CHILD CARE SCREENING TOOL

Students, child care attendees, staff and essential visitors must screen for COVID-19 each day before going to school or child care. Parents/guardians can fill this out on behalf of their child.

Date:

Name of child/staff/visitor:

School/child care centre name:

SCREENING QUESTIONS

1. Are you/your child currently experiencing any of these symptoms?

Choose any symptoms that are new, worsening and not related to other known causes or conditions:

Fever and/or chills Temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius/100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and/or chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Cough or barking cough (croup) Continuous, more than usual, making a whistling noise when breathing (not related to asthma, post-infectious reactive airways or other known causes or conditions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Shortness of breath Out of breath, unable to breathe deeply (not related to asthma or other known causes or conditions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Sore throat or difficulty swallowing Painful swallowing (not related to seasonal allergies, acid reflux or other known causes or conditions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Extreme tiredness Unusual fatigue/lack of energy (not related to depression, insomnia, thyroid dysfunction or other known causes or conditions) *If you/your child received a COVID-19 vaccination in the last 48 hours and are experiencing mild fatigue which only began after vaccination, select "No"	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Muscle aches Unexplained, unusual or long-lasting (not related to sudden injury, fibromyalgia or other known causes or conditions) *If you/your child received a COVID-19 vaccination in the last 48 hours and are experiencing mild muscle aches/joint pain which only began after vaccination, select "No"	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Runny or stuffy/congested nose Not related to seasonal allergies, being outside in cold weather or other known causes or conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Decrease or loss of taste or smell Not related to seasonal allergies, neurological disorders or other known causes or conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Vomiting and/or diarrhea Not related to irritable bowel syndrome, anxiety, menstrual cramps or other known causes or conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Stay safe. Stay Informed.
york.ca/COVID19

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York Region

COVID Protocols

- Regular disinfecting of high touch surfaces (e.g. door knobs)
- Maintaining social distancing
- Wearing of masks
- Hand washing and sanitizing
- Contact tracing
- Daily self-screening - updated protocols
- Do not come to school if you have COVID symptom(s)

Arrival

- School begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Students should arrive no earlier than 8:15 a.m.
- Classrooms open at 8:15 a.m.
- If a student is late they proceed directly to class

Class Times	Week 1	Week 2
*Homeroom (same as Period 1 class) 8:30 – 8:35 a.m.	ENG1D1 Grade 9 Academic English	AVI1O1 Grade 9 Open Visual Arts
Morning Class 8:35 – 11:05 a.m. (150 minutes)		
Lunch 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 noon		
Afternoon Class 12:05 – 2:35 p.m. (150 minutes)	PPL1O1 Grade 9 Open Physical Education	MTH1W1 Grade 9 Destreamed Math

September 2021 - Regular Start Schools

Semester 1

September 2021 - <u>Regular Start Schools</u>					
Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
...			1 PA Day	2 PA Day	3 PA Day
2	6 Holiday	7 Holiday	8 Holiday	9 Grade 9's (only)	10 All Grades 9 -12
1	13	14	15	16 ◇ Yom Kippur	17
2	20	21	22	23	24
1	27	28	29	30	

Lunch Information

When?

- 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where?

- Cafeteria
- Library
- Halls
- Designated classrooms will be opening for students to access during lunch

Helpful Information:

- Servery closed
- Access to microwaves is not available
- School does not accept food delivery services

Contacting the School

- General inquiries can be sent directly to the general AMHS email address at:

alexander.mackenzie.hs@yrdsb.ca

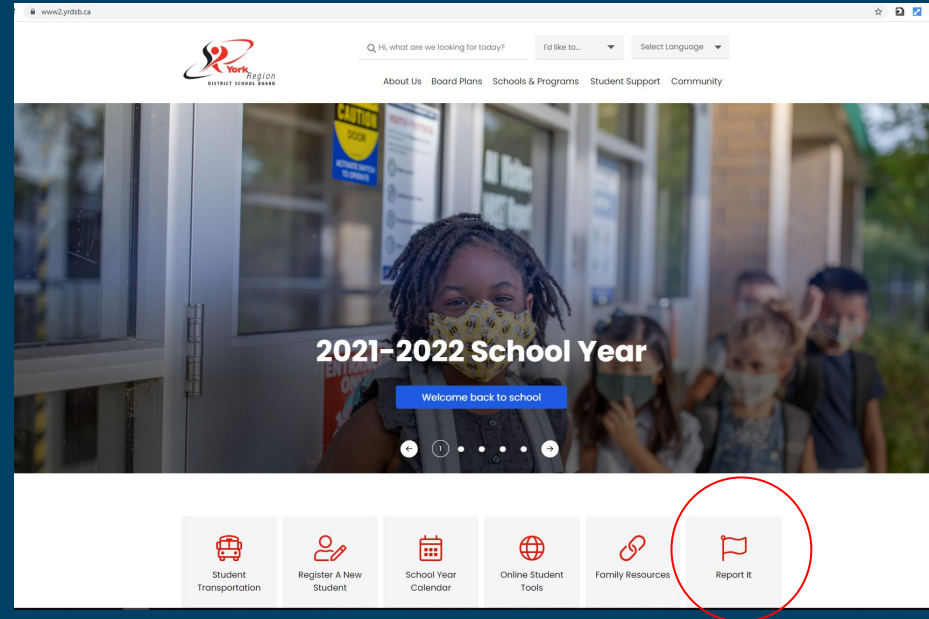
- Student attendance information can be sent directly to the AMHS attendance email address at:

alexandermackenziehs.attendance@yrdsb.ca

- Or please call the school directly at 905-884-0554.

Caring & Safe Schools

- Online safety
- Any form of bias, prejudice, & hate is not tolerated
- Smoking & vaping
- Bullying
- Progressive discipline
- Report IT



Upcoming Dates

- **Interim Reports**
 - Friday October 22, 2021
- **Parent/Guardian Night**
 - Thursday, October 28, 2021

Additional information will be shared with families shortly.

Connect with Us

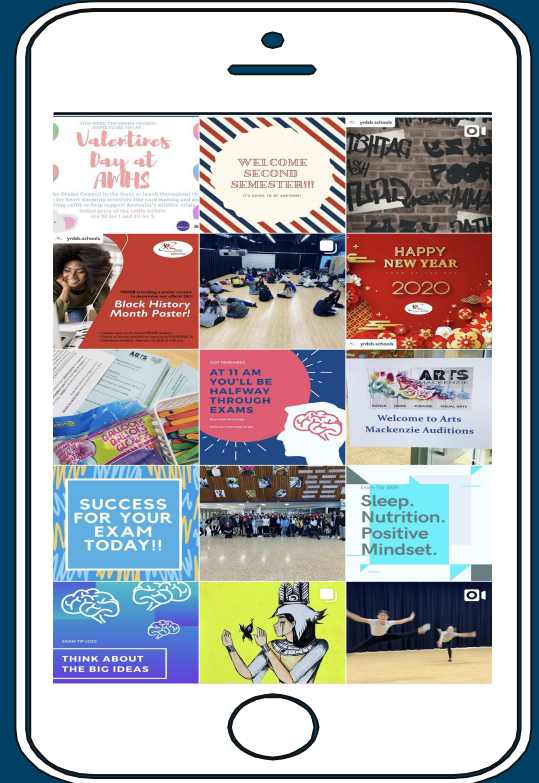
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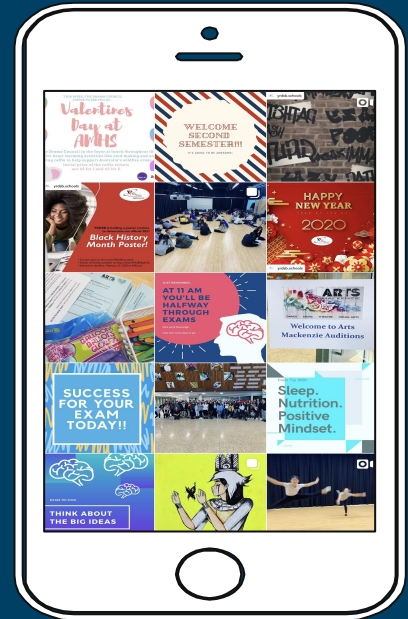
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Alexander Mackenzie HS Website

<https://bit.ly/AlexanderMackenzieHighSchool>

Twitter: @AlexMacHS

YouTube: [Alexander Mackenzie High School](#)



Questions?

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Are you following our AMHS YouTube Channel? <http://bit.ly/amhsyoutube>

AMHS Library Website:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/alexandermackenzie.hs/library/Pages/Library%20-Home.aspx>

AMHS Student Life Classroom

Classroom code: mg54bhx

We are encouraging all AMHS students to sign up for the AMHS Student Life Classroom and turn on notifications. There are many AMHS extra-curricular activities, digital events and opportunities posted in this classroom.

Arts Mackenzie

Arts Mackenzie invites all families to follow our adventures on social media:

Instagram: @artsmackenzie @artsmackenziedance @amhs.music @amhs.studio

Twitter: @AMHSPA @AMHS_Music @amhsvisa

Applications

Information regarding applications to Arts Mackenzie, including the date for our upcoming information night, will be released shortly on our website, www.artsmackenzie.com and Instagram, @artsmackenzie .

Students in grade 8 are invited to apply for all Arts Mackenzie disciplines: dance, music (instrumental, strings, or vocal) theatre or visual arts. Families can use the YRDSB School Locator (<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/find-my-school>) to confirm boundaries. Students interested in late entry are invited to apply for the programs that have availability: dance, music (instrumental, strings, or vocal) or theatre. Grade 9 students are encouraged to speak to the department head of the discipline they are interested in applying for to learn more information about late entry applications.

Dance/Theatre/Vocal Music

Students in dance, theatre and vocal music are working virtually with artists from the Canadian Opera Company to create their own, unique Arts Mackenzie performance. The Canadian Opera Company is just one of the many Canadian and International artists planned for the studio work this semester.

Dance and Drama Council are excited to plan leadership activities for the 2021-2022 school year. Students are working on departmental events and choreographing our next promotional video! A big thank you to both councils for participating in Grade 9 Day spirit activities.

Music

- We are really excited that there is band and vocal music in the music rooms again after a year and a half. Vocalists are allowed to sing in class with masks on, and band students can play in class as long as two metres physical distancing is observed. To accommodate this, some of our classes are playing in the Caf.
- We have heard that music festivals are starting up again this year and we will be participating in as many as we can.
- Music Council has already started some mini-events in which they have played get-to-know-you games with various grade 9 music classes.
- Please follow our Instagrams: @amhs.music.council and @amhs.music

Visual Arts

-ACC is starting up next week. Follow their adventures through their Instagram @amhsartcouncil

-Sean Cisterna will be joining our film class virtually in October to talk about careers in film

English

The English Department is off to a great start this year! Many of our students have already begun to use a variety of strategies to improve their reading and writing skills. We are continuing to work with other departments to ensure equitable access to technology for assessments. We are looking forward to another successful year of English at AMHS!

ESL

This year's cohort of English Language Learners has already demonstrated incredible initiative and resilience. Guidance has already visited some of the ESL classes last week and will continue to visit the remaining ESL classes this week to deliver welcome packages and information about school and community resources for newcomers. Extra support for homework and assignments is available for all English Language Learners (even those who finished the step program in elementary school) every Thursday after school in room 158. The ESL department is also looking for peer tutors who speak an additional language to help support this program. Students who are interested in acting as peer tutors should contact Mrs. Mansker via email at jennifer.mansker@yrdsb.ca or complete an application form found on the ESL information board in front of the ESL office. Finally this year will be an exciting one as clubs will be resuming with ESL students looking to add to the mosaic of the school. For more information

about resources and opportunities, please visit the ESL Google Classroom. The join code is **mzyamvt**

International Baccalaureate Program (IB)

Information presentation for 2022-2023 school year will be posted Oct 14, 2021.

Registration from Oct 15 to Nov 10.

Library Learning Commons

This semester, the Library Learning Commons Team is providing orientation sessions for all grade 9 and 10 students, to help them become familiar with what the library has to offer and how our Teacher Librarians can support them.

We would like to remind students that the library is open during regular school hours. Our virtual library; however, is open 24/7 and can be accessed from the school website.

Students are encouraged to visit the [LLC web page](#) to access digital resources that include e-book collections, databases, the school's online catalog, newspapers, encyclopedias, research support, citation guides and wellness resources. Some of our digital resources are password protected and require login information. Last week, a flyer with usernames & passwords was emailed to all AMHS students, giving them access to 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 (**code: p3g4p62**). In the classroom, they will find helpful videos, tips sheets and tutorials on the research process.

Math Department

Grade 9 De-streamed Math

This is the first year for Grade 9 de-streamed Math at Ontario and so is at Alexander Mackenzie. We currently have 8 sessions of Grade 9 Math in semester one with enthusiastic students embarking on this new learning journey. The teachers in the Math Department are committed to enhancing student achievement through the de-streamed program. Ample new resources and teacher materials are also available to support the delivery of the new curriculum. This is an exciting new initiative and priority for the students and teachers this school year. Please stay tuned for more updates regarding the new de-streamed Math program.

Math Contests

The school will be hosting Math contests again this year. The Math Council will continue to help prepare students for the contests. Further details will be available through morning announcements for the students and e-bulletin for the parents.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)

This year the OSSLT will be online and run both in the fall and the spring for all grade 10 and 11 students working towards an OSSD. Grade 12 students will not have to write the OSSLT this year. The online dates for the Spring and fall writing sessions are yet to be determined. At this time, we are developing an information session for both students and teachers to update them on the new format of the OSSLT and we are working on a cross-curricular skills continuum in order to best prepare our students. A more detailed outline of AMHS' preparations for the test, test dates and test specific information will be provided at the next meeting once directives are received from EQAO and the YRDSB.

Student Council Elections for 2021-2022

Student Council is inviting students in grade 9 to apply for the grade 9 representative position and students in all grades to apply for the marketing representative position. All information can be found on the AMHS Student Life website or Student Council's Instagram account (@amac_stuco)

Student Council will be also hosting a virtual club day the week of October 4th through the AMHS Student Life Classroom.

SHSM - Specialist High Skills Major

A SHSM Orientation session (scheduled for October) for new and senior students in the program will be communicated to students via email and our SHSM Classroom. Our SHSM classroom code is: *jde7dmp*.

Student who are in grade 11 may still apply to the SHSM program prior to Oct 25, 2021 by completing the online application: bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp if they are interested in pursuing courses and other enrichment activities in the following economic sectors:

- Arts and Culture
- Business
- Health & Wellness
- Transportation Technology

