



AMPS FRIDAY FILE

Alexander Muir Public School News and Information

Week of October 14, 2024

Friendly Reminders

Drop off and Pick up Procedures:

- Please do not use the bus loop for dropping off or picking up your student. This lane is reserved exclusively for school buses to ensure the safe and efficient transportation of bused students.
- Use the designated drop off area at the front of the school.

School Arrival Time

- Student should begin arriving at 7:45 am to ensure they are prepared and ready for class to begin at 8:00 am. Punctuality is crucial for a smooth and productive day.

Coming Soon: Family Portal (Dashboard)

York Region District School Board is looking forward to launching a family portal later this year. The portal will make it easier for you to access information about your child's education in a secure and accessible way. To access the portal, it will be essential that the school has an updated email address for you. **Please contact the school office if you need to update your email address.** We look forward to sharing more information about this initiative with you soon.

This Week at AMPS

| Monday, Oct 14 | Tuesday, Oct 15 | Wednesday, Oct 16 | Thursday, Oct 17 | Friday, Oct 18 |
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| *No School- Thanksgiving | *Cross Country Meet at the ROC (GR 4-8) | | *Girls Invitational Volleyball Tournament | |

Thank you, AMPS community!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our AMPS community for your generous donations to the Newmarket Food Pantry. Your kindness and support made our food drive a success, ensuring that those in need receive essential help. Thank you for coming together to make a difference!

Upcoming Events and Information

Cross Country at the ROC

October 15, 2024

We're excited for the upcoming Cross Country Meet at the ROC! 🏃🏃 For all students in Grades 4-8, here are the details:

- The bus will leave from the school at **9:15 am** and return to AMPS by **2:00 pm**.
- Attendance will be taken at the school in the morning, so please be on time.
- Don't forget to **pack a lunch** and bring plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Be sure to wear **weather-appropriate clothing** so you're comfortable throughout the day!

PA Day

October 21, 2024

AM: Board-directed, all staff, onsite - Professional Activities
as per Ministry Direction

PM: EAs - Professional Activities, Board-supported, onsite

PM: DECE/Teacher Professional ½ Day, on or offsite

AMPS Book Fair

October 22 – 25, 2024

Please click <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:27f6627f-95ec-49f1-b8d4-696e92ba851e> to learn more about our upcoming Book Fair!

School Photo Day

October 24, 2024

October 24th is school photo day! Here are some tips from Edge Imaging:

- Wear bright and solid colours; these will emphasize your face and smile!
- Opting for long sleeves allows the face to stand out more in your photo.
- Pack a comb just in case of an emergency!
- If you normally wear glasses, feel free to keep them on! Our photographers are trained to reduce any apparent glare.
- Remember to relax and have fun – today is your day!

Grade 7 Vaccine Day

October 29, 2024

York Region Public Health is providing free vaccines for Grade 7 students at AMPS this school this year. If your child is in Grade 7, you should have received a consent form through alternate communication methods. Please review and fill out the online consent form for your child to participate.

Grade 3 Field Trip – Black Creek Pioneer Village

October 30, 2024

The Grade 3 field trip to Black Creek Pioneer Village is scheduled for October 30, 2024. The bus will leave the school at 9:00 a.m. and return by 2:15 p.m. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather, has a packed lunch and snacks, and brings a water bottle for the day.

Please visit School Cash <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

AMPS Parent Council News and Information

Connect with the council at alexandermuircouncil@gmail.com

Parent Council Meeting

November 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Join us in the Learning Commons or virtually for our next meeting.

For more information, meeting minutes, and agenda, please visit

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/alexandermuir.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/Documents-and-Information.aspx>

Resources, Tools, and Information

iWalk

October 2024

International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is an annual celebration of active transportation that takes place around the world throughout the month of October. Celebrate active modes of transportation like walking and wheeling along with other students and staff across Ontario during IWALK Month. For more information, please click

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/international-walk-school-month-iwalk>

High School Open House - Information Nights for all Grade 8 students

For a complete list of dates and details of all YRDSB Secondary School Open Houses - Information Nights, please click [HERE](#).

Cell Phone Policy 2024/25

Families play an important role in teaching children about finding a healthy balance in using technology. You may wish to access the following resources:

- Media Smarts - [Four Tips for Managing Your Kids' Screen Time](#)
- School Mental Health Ontario - [Helping Your Child Manage Digital Technology](#)
- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health - [Problem Gambling and Technology Use Treatment Services](#)

Alexander Muir Public School Contact and Helpful Links

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Helpful Links

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Website: [Alexander Muir Public School](#)
Report your student absence online: www.yrdsb.edsby.com
School Cash Online: <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/>
Parent Council Email: alexandermuircouncil@gmail.com