



# AHS – ebulletin for Friday, March 9, 2018

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## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
March 11	Daylight Savings
March 12 – March 16	Mid-Winter Break
March 19	St. Patrick's Day
March 22	Europe Chaperone Meeting with Parents 6:30p.m.
March 26	Interim Report Distribution
March 28	Parent's Night

## Attendance

Prompt arrival and regular attendance in all classes is key to student success and achievement. Parents must verify all absences as soon as possible either by phone or email and notify the school of any anticipated absences and appointments in advance whenever possible.

## Spirit Wear

Show your school pride by rocking the latest AHS Spirit Wear. Sweatshirts and Sweatpants will be on display, in front of the main office during periods 3 and 4 until the end of March.

Go to <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com> to see the stock and purchase NOW!

## Guidance News

Course Selection for the 2017/2018 School Year

Thank you to students and families for taking the time to carefully plan and select courses for the 2018/2019 school year. Students will have an opportunity to review their course selections in March when verifications are distributed. Any further questions may be directed to the Guidance Department.

### OUAC/OCAS Reminders

Students who have applied to College/University for September 2018 are encouraged to check their

OUAC/OCAS accounts to ensure all data is accurate. Semester 1 final marks and updated courses have recently been transmitted. Any concerns or errors should be communicated immediately with the Guidance Department. Subsequent transmission periods will occur in April and late June.

It is the responsibility of all students to remain informed about their application status on OUAC/OCAS.

### March Break Open Houses

Students who have applied to Ontario Universities and/or Colleges are encouraged to attend a March Break Open House. Registration information can be located on the websites of any specific university and/or college of interest. In addition, Open House information may be found on the College and University boards outside of the Guidance office.

### Scholarships

Grade 12 students are encouraged to review the scholarship bulletin board outside of Guidance for potential application opportunities. This board is regularly updated when new information arrives to our school.

### Neighbourhood Network - Give Back Award

Twenty \$1000.00 awards are available to graduating students who have demonstrated an outstanding dedication to their community and fellow citizens. Award criteria is available at [www.nnetwork.org/GiveBackAwards](http://www.nnetwork.org/GiveBackAwards). Applications are due: Thursday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m.

### York Region Children's Aid Society Award

One award of \$1250 is given to a former Crown ward of the York Region Children's Aid Society (York CAS) who is currently receiving service from York CAS and transitioning out of CAS care in

the coming year. Award criteria is available at <http://www.charitabletrustcfuauroranewmarket.com/CAS.html>.

Applications are due to Ms. Gray by Friday, April 27 at 3:00 p.m.

#### Community Involvement Hours

Students who have yet to complete their 40 community involvement hours are reminded to regularly check our community involvement bulletin board outside of the Guidance Office. Students should always have their potential hours pre-approved in Guidance to ensure the activity fits the description of being a non-profit and/or charitable organization.

## OSSLT

### *Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test – Modified School Day Tuesday, April 10, 2018*

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has scheduled *Tuesday, April 10, 2018* as the day for students across the province to complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). To assist in creating the best possible environment for students writing the test, and as a result of changes to EQAO policy, the Board will implement a modified school day. On April 10, secondary schools will follow an exam-style day in which:

- *only grade 10 and Previously Eligible students who are writing the test are required to be at school* (no regular classes for students in grades 9, 11, and 12 will occur);
- students will be dismissed upon completion of the test;
- school bus and taxi service will run on their normal schedules; and
- self-contained special education classes [e.g., developmentally delayed, autism, complex needs, multiple exceptionalities, PEAK, York Academy-Section 23 (Care and Treatment) programs, Intensive, Intensive Resource Support, and Acquired Brain Injury] and Elementary Music will follow their regular schedule.

#### *For Students Writing the OSSLT*

Students writing the test will come to school on April 10 at their normal start time, 8:14 a.m., to write the OSSLT. Based on EQAO timelines for the test, we anticipate that many students will finish writing in about 3 hours. Students will be dismissed upon their completion of the test; however space will be made available in the school for those who need to remain until regular dismissal time. Students requiring extra time will continue to write their test during an extended test-taking period.

#### *For Students Not Writing the OSSLT*

Students who are not writing the test may attend school on April 10 in order to receive extra support for their coursework. A supervised study hall in the school will be made

available. Students are encouraged to use the time on this day to review or complete coursework, prepare for upcoming assessments, engage in Individual Pathways Planning, or complete community service hours.

Modifying the school day in this way allows schools to maximize teacher supervision and support, availability of classroom space and, access to technology.

We wish every student success on the OSSLT, and appreciate your ongoing support for student achievement and well-being.

If you have any questions, please contact the school's administrative team.

## **YRDSB News**

### Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is re-visioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

Town Hall Dates and Times	Locations
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

PARENTS' Support Group Monday, March 12, 2018

<http://www.pcmh.ca>

*Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?*

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
- find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
- learn how to access resources in the community

for more information go to <http://bit.ly/2oPpzGH>

## **Important Information for Students Turning 18**

Under the Education Act, parents/guardians have a right to access their child's Ontario Student Record if the child is under 18.

If the student is 18 or over, the Board/school must follow the privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regarding the disclosure of personal information about the student to their parents/guardians.

Students 18 or over must provide written permission by signing the [Consent for Information Sharing](#) form to allow parents/guardians to continue to access school-related information about the student. This includes academic progress, attendance and behaviour.

Students can also obtain the form from the school office.

**Reminder: Please visit our [website](#) for all the latest news and events.**