



# AHS – ebulletin for Friday, November 30, 2018

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## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Dec 3	Director's Meeting
Dec 6	Gr. 10 Business Venturama in the Foyer by the Caf
Dec 6 – 7	Sr. Boys B-Ball Tournament
Dec 11	Sound Spectacular Gr. 9 & 10
Dec 12	Grade 8 Open House
Dec 13	Sound Spectacular Gr. 11 & 12
Dec 18 & 19	Boys Hockey Game
Dec 24 – Jan 4	Winter Break
Jan 7	Classes Resume

## Exam Schedule

The January Exam schedule is now available on the schools website at:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/aurora.hs/NewsEvents/Documents/Exam%20Schedule%20-%20Jan%202019.xlsx%20-%20Sheet1.pdf>

# Guidance News

Please visit the [Guidance Page on the AHS School Website](#) (November 30, 2018) for further information on:

- **Grade 8 Open House:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- OUAC (Ontario Universities) APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 16, 2019
- OCAS (Ontario Colleges) APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2019
- Scholarship Information
- Community Involvement Reminders
- Day School e-Learning Course Information for February 2019

## School Bus Cancellations & Inclement Weather

**To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.**

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

A bus cancellation message will be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com), by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

### RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

## TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

# Transfer Request Information for the 20192020 School Year

Each year the York Region District School Board staff work collaboratively to balance student enrolment and accommodation needs in an effort to ensure that students living in a school attendance area can attend their local secondary school without overflowing to other schools. Further, those accepted on transfer into courses and/or programs outside their home school attendance area need to be accommodated without displacing or limiting opportunity for students who live locally. To this end, this letter is to inform you of the status of new student transfer requests into secondary schools for September 2019.

The following list of schools is provided to assist students in their course selection and pathways choices:

### A. The following schools will not be accepting new student transfer requests for the 2019-2020 school year:

- CEC Central:** Aurora High School (except from Highview PS and Regency PS), Bayview Secondary School, Richmond Hill High School
- CEC East:** Markville Secondary School, Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School
- CEC North:** Newmarket High School
- CEC West:** Emily Carr Secondary School, Vaughan Secondary School (for French Immersion), Westmount Collegiate Institute (for Grades 9 and 10)

Note: Transfer requests may be considered in extenuating circumstances, **with prior approval from the Superintendent of Schools**, for specific program reasons (e.g., Alternative Education)

### B. The following schools will be open to new student transfer requests into grades 9-12 for the 2019-2020 school year:

- CEC Central:** Alexander Mackenzie High School, Aurora High School (only from Regency Acres PS and Highview PS), Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, King City Secondary School, Langstaff Secondary School, Richmond Green Secondary School
- CEC East:** Bill Hogarth Secondary School, Bur Oak Secondary School, Markham District High School, Middlefield Collegiate Institute, Milliken Mills High School, Unionville High School
- CEC North:** Dr. John M. Denison Secondary School, Huron Heights Secondary School, Keswick High School, Sir William Mulock Secondary School, Stouffville District Secondary School, Sutton District High School
- CEC West:** Maple High School, Stephen Lewis Secondary School, Thornhill Secondary School, Thornlea Secondary School, Tommy Douglas Secondary School,

Vaughan Secondary School (only for Regular Track), Westmount Collegiate Institute (only for Grades 11 and 12), Woodbridge College

**Transfer requests from Grade 8 Students:**

Transfer requests from Grade 8 students must accompany the Registration Forms and are due to their **home school** by **February 1, 2019**. Students will be notified of the decision of their transfer request by **February 6, 2019**. If the transfer request is approved, current YRDSB students will be required to submit their electronic course selection in My Pathway Planner by **February 22, 2019**. Students external to YRDSB will submit a paper copy of their course selection. Please see your classroom teacher, the secondary school guidance department or school principal with questions regarding course selection.

**Transfer requests from Secondary Students:**

Students currently attending secondary school are to submit transfer request forms to their principal by **February 1, 2019**. Students will be notified of the decision of their transfer request by **February 6, 2019**. If the transfer request is approved, students (both internal and external to our board) will be required to submit a paper copy of their course selection options to their new secondary school by **February 22, 2019**. Course selection for approved transfers will not occur in My Pathway Planner. Please see your classroom teacher, the guidance department or school principal with questions regarding course selection.

For more information on attendance areas and student transfers, students and parents/guardians are encouraged to review the process outlined in [Board Policy #108 Student Accommodation – Attendance Areas and Student Transfers](#).

If you have questions regarding a specific school, course or program, please contact the school.

Sincerely,

**Clayton La Touche,**  
**Associate Director of Education, Schools and Operations**

## **Introducing the YRDSB Human Rights Commissioner's Office**

York Region District School Board is committed to creating safe, equitable and inclusive learning and working environments. As part of this commitment, the Board established a Human Rights Commissioner's Office (HRCO).

The HRCO was created in response to a growing awareness that a space was needed within the school board environment to effectively address issues of discrimination and harassment specific to the Human Rights Code.

The HRCO is an arms-length office for Human Rights Code compliance under the Board's Human Rights Policy.

The HRCO website provides the YRDSB community access to important information related to human rights, a confidential complaint reporting process and contact information for the office.

The website can be found at [www.yrdsb.ca/hrco](http://www.yrdsb.ca/hrco).

## Daily Announcements

Announcements are read daily at the end of period 1 but they can also be found at <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/aurora.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Daily-Announcements.aspx>

## Things to Do

### 2019 - Optimist International Essay Contest

Topic for the 2018-19 school year is: "When All the World's Problems are Solved, is Optimism Still Necessary?"

**Who:** Youth under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2018 (and is not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution) in the United States, Canada or the Caribbean. There is no minimum age. **The essay must be between 700-800 words.**

**How To Enter:** Interested students must contact the Optimist Club of Aurora @ [auroraoptimist@gmail.com](mailto:auroraoptimist@gmail.com). They need to submit an essay on the pre-assigned topic listed above with the completed application found at <http://bit.ly/2KMTf1m>. For further details about the essay contest you call contact [programs@optimist.org](mailto:programs@optimist.org).

#### When:

**Students.** Student submissions deadline is February 1, 2019 and must be submitted to must be submitted prior twill not be accepted after the Club-level contests have closed. Please contact your District Chair for more information.

#### Clubs and Districts

The deadline for Clubs to submit their winning essay to the District Chair is February 28, 2019. The deadline for Districts to submit their winner's information to Optimist International is April 15, 2019. Club winners advance to the District contest to compete for a \$2,500 college scholarship. The District-level scholarships are funded by the Optimist International Foundations.

The Essay Contest is sponsored by Optimist International to give young people the opportunity to write about their own opinions regarding the world in which they live. The approach can encompass a young person's personal experience, the experience of their country or a more historical perspective. In addition to developing skills for written expression, participants also have the opportunity to win a college scholarship!

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[For any further questions please contact Rob Gaby at raj@rogers.com](mailto:raj@rogers.com)



**Nominate an outstanding Teacher or Early Childhood Educator for a 2019 Prime Minister's Award!**

<http://bit.ly/2AVPCD2>

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### **STEAM Horizon Awards**

Founded in 2016, the STEAM Horizon Awards invite Canada's youth to promote positive changes throughout their community using science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM).

Five Canadian students will be awarded \$25,000 each, to attend a Canadian university or college to study in a STEAM field. Two of these awards will be given to Indigenous students. The winners will be invited to Ottawa and recognized at an award ceremony in April 2019.

More information about the prize program and [how to apply](#) can be found at [steamhorizonawards.ca](http://steamhorizonawards.ca). The deadline for applications is January 16, 2019 – share this opportunity with your students today!

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