

AHS – ebulletin for Friday, October 05, 2018

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
October 5	Teacher Appreciation Day
October 8	Thanksgiving
October 9	Photo Retake Day
October 12	Edsby Scheduler opens for Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews *see below for details
October 16	Interim Reports Issued in Homeroom *students with 1 st period spares can pick up their Interims in their next scheduled class
October 18	Parent/Guardian – Teacher Interview Night 6pm *see below for details
October 22	PA Day
October 31	SGI Halloween Bake Sale P3&P4
November 4	Daylight Savings
November 6	Diwali
November 14	Take Our Students to Work Day

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

Guidance News

Please visit the <u>Guidance Page on the AHS School Website</u> (October 5, 2018) for further information on:

- Grade 12 Initial Steps in Post-Secondary Planning Sessions occurred one week ago (handouts on Guidance webpage)
- Post-Secondary Fair Dates including, St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School Fair for all Aurora Families: <u>Thursday, October 25th from 6:30-8:30 p.m.</u> The list of universities, colleges & other attendees can be viewed on the Guidance webpage
- Scholarships
- Day School e-Learning Course Information for February 2019
- Community Involvement Reminders

Parent/Guardian – Teacher Interview Night

Parents' Night is on October 18th, 2018.

Aurora HS is happy to announce that we will be using an online process to manage our Parents' Night scheduling once again.

Edsby is a cloud-based platform that will allow families to easily reserve times to meet with your child(en)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby has created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

You will receive an invitation via email from York Region District School Board on **Oct 11th, 2018** with instructions on how to create an Edsby account. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

An Edsby account is required to access the online appointment scheduler for your student's teachers for Parents' Night. For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit <u>https://edsby.com/help/parents/</u>. Sign up will be available Oct 11th, 2018.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office. Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact the school office/teacher.

Important Timelines

Oct 11th, 2018	Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts.
October 12th, 2018	Parents' Night schedule opens at 8:30 am for booking. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby inbox with a notification to your email.
October 16th, 2018	Interim Report Cards sent home.
October 18th, 2018	Interview Scheduler closes at 8 am.
October 18th, 2018	Parents' Night 6:30pm - 8:25pm.

Every Student Counts Survey

http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/equity/Pages/Every-Student-Counts-Survey.aspx

Student voice is important to us. From November 12 to 30, 2018, the York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS).

The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. The survey results will be used to help improve our schools and to:

- Identify and eliminate systemic barriers to student success;
- Create more equitable and inclusive school environments; and,
- Improve student achievement and well-being.

All students will be given the opportunity to participate. Accessibility options will be available for any student who needs assistance completing the survey.

• For students in **Kindergarten to Grade 6**, the survey will be sent home to be completed with a parent/guardian.

• Students in **Grades 7-12** will be invited to complete the census at their school. Please contact the Administration at your child's school if accommodations are required to complete the census.

The Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS) is confidential but not anonymous. To ensure confidentiality, no directly identifying information (such as student name) will be on the survey. As one of the main purposes of the survey is to identify and eliminate systemic barriers to student success, all surveys will include a unique code that will be used to link the survey data with student achievement data. Survey results will only be reported in aggregate form (grouped data only) and no individual students will be identified. A summary of the results will be available at schools and on this webpage in Spring 2019. CCI Research has been contracted to work with the Board to conduct the survey and to ensure data privacy, security and adherence to all relevant legislation. If you are a parent/guardian of a child(ren) in Grades 7-12 and do **not** want them to participate in the survey, you can withdraw your child from participating by contacting CCI Research at 1-866-450-4907 **no later than October 9, 2018**.

Additional information about the survey is available on the <u>ESCS Frequently</u> <u>Asked Questions webpage</u>.

Parent Information Letter

- English
- <u>Arabic</u>
- Simplified Chinese
- Traditional Chinese
- <u>Farsi</u>
- <u>Gujarati</u>
- <u>Hebrew</u>
- Korean
- Punjabi
- Russian
- <u>Tamil</u>
- <u>Urdu</u>
- <u>Vietnamese</u>

An <u>accessible version</u> of this information is available.