



AHS – ebulletin for Friday, February 15, 2019

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Feb 15	Full Disclosure For All Year Courses
Feb 18	Family Day
Feb 19	Yearbook Clubs & Teams Photo Day
Feb 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 9 Kiwanis Festival• NTS Drama Festival
Feb 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 10 Kiwanis Festival• Immunization Clinic
Feb 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 11 Kiwanis Festival• NTS Drama festival
Feb 28	Music Council Event
Mar 1	Grade 12 Kiwanis Festival
Mar 11 – 15	Mid-Winter Break
Mar 25	Interim Reports Issued
Mar 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OSSLT• Parents Night

Guidance News

Please visit the [Guidance Page on the AHS School Website](#) (February 15, 2019) for further information on:

- **Course Selection for the 2019/2020 School Year:** *My Pathway Planner* (*new this year) is open for electronic submissions with a due date of Friday, February 22nd. All course selection information can be found on the Guidance web page.
- OUAC/OCAS reminders: Semester One final mark uploads have occurred; students are to log in to their accounts to verify that all data is correct
- *Study and Go Abroad Fair*: Sunday March 3rd at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre
- March Break Open Houses
- Scholarship Information
- Community Involvement Reminders

Winter Weather Closures

Preparing for winter inclement weather

Dear Families,

In recent years, we have experienced an increase in extreme winter weather. As a result, we have reviewed how we respond on inclement weather days. There may be rare occasions where unprecedented winter weather events occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations.

Closures will be considered when facilities may not be safe for students and staff members to attend school for the full day. This may include events that significantly limit school operations such as a significant snowfall or ice storm that restricts access to the school site, causes widespread or prolonged power failures or downs power lines.

In keeping with our current practice, we will continue to keep our schools open as much as possible. However, it is important that families have alternate child care arrangements planned for the rare occasions when schools may be closed. Before and after care programs will also not operate if schools are closed. Please ensure that you take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure.

School Transportation Cancellations

We will continue to cancel school transportation if road conditions are unsafe for buses and taxi service or are expected to deteriorate significantly by the time students are to be bused home. Bus cancellations don't necessarily mean there is an emergency school closure. Schools will remain open unless otherwise stated.

If transportation is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled for the afternoon. Students not attending school due to inclement weather will not be coded as absent, but we do ask families to let the school know if your child will not be attending school that day. For more information on [inclement weather days](#), please visit our website www.yrdsb.ca.

Communication about transportation and school closures

Decisions about school transportation and school closures will be made as early as possible and no later than 6:00 a.m. To find out if transportation is cancelled or schools are closed, please check:

- Student Transportation Services website: www.schoolbuscity.com
- Student Transportation Hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- Board website and school websites
- @YRDSB Twitter account
- Radio and TV media outlets

We will do our best to notify families in advance when we may be considering closing school and Board offices. Our priority continues to be the safety of our students, staff members and families. If you have any questions, please speak with your school principal.

Louise Sirisko Director of Education
York Region District School Board

Vaping & E-cigarettes - Updates to the Smoke Free Ontario Act

We want to remind students that the use of electronic products such as vaping, electronic cigarettes and cigars as well as cartridges of nicotine solutions and related products are not permitted on or within 20 metres of school property. This means 20 metres beyond the school boundaries as opposed to simply off of school property.

Health Canada reports health risks associated with vaping particularly for young people. This is in compliance with the Smoke-Free Ontario Act, which is enforced locally by York Region Community and Health Services and the [Tobacco and Smoke-Free Environment Policy and Procedure](#).

A progressive form of discipline, including potential suspension from school and fines (up to \$5,000), is in place for students who break the law. For more information visit [Health Canada](#) or the Board website. [Partnership for Drug Free Kids](#) also provides a resource on how to talk to your kids about vaping.

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

U of T Physics High School CAP Exam Preparation Workshop

Date: Saturday March 30, 2019

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Location:

University of Toronto
Department of Physics
60 St George Street
Toronto ON M5S 1A7

What's the purpose and scope of this workshop? This one day event is aimed at Toronto high-school students planning to write the Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP) Prize examination on April 9, 2019.

- **Who is Eligible:** High School Students in Grades 10, 11, 12
- **Deadline: Thursday, Feb 28, 2019**, Places are limited.
- **How much does it cost?** Free.
- **Will lunch be provided?** Yes, a pizza lunch will be provided.

For more information and to apply:

<https://www.physics.utoronto.ca/students/outreach/hs-cap-exam-prep/u-of-t-physics-high-school-cap-exam-preparation-workshop>

Application Deadline – Thursday, Feb 28, 2019

Questions? Email outreach@physics.utoronto.ca

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