



AHS – ebulletin for Friday, January 11, 2019

Administration

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Jan 14 – Jan 18	Grub Week @ AHS <i>“With exam season coming up, take a week to relax during grub week! Come in grub all next week and stay tuned for special events happening each day”</i>
Jan 16	Ontario Universities Application Deadline
Jan 17	Specialist High Skills Major Information Session <i>see info below</i>
Jan 24 – Jan 30	Exams
Jan 31	Exam Review Day <i>timetable below</i>
Feb 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PA Day• Ontario Colleges Application Deadline
Feb 4	1 st Day of Second Semester
Feb 8	Semester 1 Report Card Distribution
Feb 14	Photo Day

Guidance News

Please visit the [Guidance Page on the AHS School Website](#) (January 11, 2019) for further information on:

- OUAC (Ontario Universities) APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 16, 2019

- OCAS (Ontario Colleges) APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2019

- **Deadline for Semester 2 Course Changes through Guidance:** We encourage students to come to Guidance as soon as possible regarding Semester 2 course changes. Guidance will be open every day during exams for drop-ins. **Course change requests are due by Wednesday, February 5th at 8 a.m. to Guidance.** Please note that change requests are subject to availability

- Semester 2 Night School Registration Information - *new registration process

- Semester 2 Night School e-Learning Registration Information

- Scholarship Information

- Community Involvement Reminders

Specialist High Skills Major Information Evening



**Parents/Guardians and Students
Currently in Grades 9 and 10
are invited to:
An Information Evening on
Cooperative Education/Specialist High Skills Major
on
Thursday, January 17, 2019
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(Cafetorium)
*Presented by the Aurora High School
Cooperative Education Department***

Exam Review Day

- An opportunity to take up culminating evaluations, obtain course feedback, and discuss course selection for next year
- Morning will be a modified timetable, all four periods

P1 8:15 – 8:55

P2 9:00 – 9:40

P3 9:40 – 10:25

P4 10:25 – 11:05

Exam Schedule can be found on the schools website at <https://bit.ly/2CilP63>

AHS Food & Necessities Pantry

The food & Necessities Pantry made a big difference for members of our AHS family this past holiday season. Thank you for all of your support.

Our goal is to help Aurora families who may require assistance at any time of the year.

One grocery bag of food and/or goods can provide as many as 11 meals and support a family in an important way. Every single donation helps, and together we hope our combined donations will make a real difference for those in our community.

For your convenience a donation box has been located in the main office. If you would like to donate a grocery store gift card for convenience, please see Ms. Shiffman or leave it for her in the main office.

If you know of a family who could benefit from a donation of food or other necessities, or if your family requires some assistance at this time, please do not hesitate to let Ms. Shiffman know so that we can provide any support required.

We are also very proud to support AHS students through our Breakfast Program which runs daily from 7:50am to 8:05am. Students have an opportunity to grab a nutritious breakfast item in front of the Eagle's Nest located downstairs outside the cafeteria. This program helps our AHS students start their day with a healthy beginning which we know is an important piece to their focus and learning.

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.

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, 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:

Aurora High School 155 Wellington Street West, Aurora, ON, L4G 2P4 ☎ (905)727-3107 ✉ aurora.hs@yrdsb.ca

- 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

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. 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.

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



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

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



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. The deadline for applications is January 16, 2019 – share this opportunity with your students today!

Town of Newmarket Winterfest <http://bit.ly/2PhLmqd>

