



# AHS – ebulletin for Friday, January 25, 2019

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## Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Jan 24 – Jan 30	Exams
Jan 31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exam Review Day <i>timetable below</i></li><li>• Yearbook Purchasing deadline</li></ul>
Feb 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PA Day</li><li>• Ontario Colleges Application Deadline</li></ul>
Feb 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Second Semester
Feb 5	Lunar New Year
Feb 6	Semester 2 Course Change Requests Due – Please see Guidance News for more details
Feb 7	Course Selection Assemblies
Feb 8	Semester 1 Report Card Distribution
Feb 14	Photo Day ( <i>For everyone that missed Sem 1 Photo Day</i> )
Feb 15	Full Disclosure

## 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](http://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](http://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

# Guidance News

Please visit the [Guidance Page on the AHS School Website](#) (January 25, 2019) for further information on:

- 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 6th 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

## 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

P5 11:05 – 11:45

Exam Schedule can be found on the schools website at <https://bit.ly/2CiIP63>

## Buy Gift Cards to Support Kerry's Place Autism Services

Aurora High School's Empowering Students Partnership created a fundraiser to support Kerry's Place Autism Services here in Aurora. You can buy gift cards and for every purchase, the companies will donate to Kerry's Place. Find more details the link below.

<http://auroragives.tk/>

## 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](mailto:outreach@physics.utoronto.ca)

## 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 can 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 will 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 [raji@rogers.com](mailto:raji@rogers.com)