



AHS – ebulletin for Friday, March 08, 2019

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Upcoming Events

Date	Event
Mar 8	International Woman's Day
Mar 11 – 15	Mid-Winter Break
Mar 21	School Council
Mar 25	Interim Reports Issued
Mar 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none">OSSLTParents Night (<i>Sign up Instructions to be shared closer to the date</i>)

Guidance News

Please visit the [Guidance Page on the AHS School Website](#) (March 8, 2019) for further information on:

Course Selection for the 2019/2020 School Year: Thank you for your submissions! Students will have an opportunity to verify their course selections in late March.

- 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
- March Break Open Houses
- Scholarship Information (3 awards listed)
- Community Involvement Reminders

AHS Hosts the National Theatre Festival

Last week, Aurora High School hosted the National Theatre Drama Festival (District Level). In addition to students from AHS, students from Bur Oak S.S. and Maple High School performed their plays to professional adjudicators, friends, parents, teachers, and community partners. Congratulations to our drama students for presenting their original collectively created play, *A Simple Word*.

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test – Modified School Day

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has scheduled Wed., March 27, 2019 as the day for students across the province to complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). To assist in creating the best possible environment for students writing the test, and as a result of changes to EQAO policy, the Board will implement a modified school day. On March 27, secondary schools will follow an exam-style day in which:

- only Grade 10 and Previously Eligible students who are writing the test are required to be at school (no classes for students in grades 9, 11, and 12 will occur);
- students will be dismissed upon completion of the test;
- school bus, minivan, and taxi service will run on their normal schedules; and - self-contained special education classes will follow their regular schedule.

For Students Writing the OSSLT

Students writing the test will come to school on March 27 at their normal start time, 8:15 am, to write the OSSLT, beginning promptly at 9:00 am. Based on EQAO timelines for the test, we anticipate that many students will finish writing in about 3 hours. The test is broken down in two separate booklets. The first booklet will take place in the morning and the second booklet will take place in the afternoon. Students will be dismissed upon their completion of the test; however, space will be made available in the school for those who need to remain until regular dismissal time. Additional time is permitted for any student who needs it. Students requiring extra time will continue to write their test during an extended test-taking period.

For Students Not Writing the OSSLT

Although schools will be open, regular classes will not be running. Students who are not writing the test are not required to attend school. Students are encouraged to use the time on this day to review or complete coursework, prepare for upcoming assessments, engage in Individual Pathways Planning, or complete community involvement hours.

Modifying the school day in this way allows schools to provide a calmer environment for students writing the OSSLT, enhance student achievement, maximize teacher supervision and support, availability of classroom space, and access to technology.

We wish every student success on the OSSLT, and appreciate your ongoing support for student achievement and well-being.

If you have any questions, please contact the school's administrative team.

Free Math Tutoring (Gr. 7 – 10)

Board Approved Resource



Seamless school-to-home math learning with an interactive classroom tool, and live, one-on-one, online afterschool math tutoring. Transform where and how grade 7-10 students in Ontario learn math.



Interactive Learning

- Share whiteboards with students, as notes or as prompts for students to work outside of class
- Create lessons and activities to demonstrate to small groups or the entire class
- Enable students to submit links to their whiteboards to show their learning for feedback or evaluation



Seamless Learning

- Personalized math portfolio to store math learning; easily transition school to home learning; and enable sharing between teachers, students and tutors
- Savable interactive whiteboard with ability to import or upload images or screenshots of math questions or problems to work through



Free Live Afterschool Tutoring

- Live 1:1 tutoring with Ontario Certified Teachers, two-way audio, integrated text, recorded sessions and ability to choose your own tutors.

5:30 – 9:30 ET
Sunday to Thursday

Register today to learn more and get started!

tvo.org/mathify

Registration requirements:

- Students require an OEN and e-mail
- Educators require a district email address

Maple's Closet – Diva and GQ Balls

Maple High School

Presents

Maple's Closet - The Diva and GQ Balls

Maple High School is proud to present the 13th annual Maple's Closet Diva and GQ Balls. Maple's Closet has helped provide graduation attire to over 600 grade 8 and 12 students. Our objective is to provide a graduation dress, suit and accessories to every York Region student in need.

If you would like to make a referral of a York Region student to Maple's Closet, please complete each section of the referral form [found at this link](#) by Friday, March 22, 2019. If you would like further information, contact Maria Luongo-Cassar at Maple High School (905-417-9444) or at maria.luongo-cassar@yrdsb.ca.

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Maple High School. Donations (dresses, suits, and accessories) would be appreciated by Wednesday, March 20th, 2019.

Maple's Closet – Diva and GQ Balls

All students referred to Maple's Closet are invited to attend the Diva and GQ Ball events held at Maple High School on Monday, April 8th, 2019 from 9:00 am – 11:30 am.

The students will enjoy a variety of activities and refreshments as they choose formal attire and accessories for graduation/prom night. Students will be able to participate in activities such as etiquette, make-up application, jewelry making, hairstyling, tying a tie, etc., provided by the Maple High School community.



Things to Do



Parents for Children's
Mental Health
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Monday, March 18th

PARENTS' Support Group

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

Future Meetings 1 st Monday of each month NOTE: some dates change due to statutory holiday conflict.	Monday, April 15 th Guest Speaker P. Marra-Stapleton Mental Health Lead York Region District School Board Topic: Four Pillars of Mental Health Monday, May 13 th topic TBA (note special date due to the next week stat holiday) Monday, June 17 th topic TBA No meetings July and August
	6:30-8:00 pm No pre-registration is needed Sorry no child minding available. Young children cannot safely be left unattended.
Where	*NEW* Aurora Kinark Office 218 Earl Stewart Drive, Unit 7, Aurora, ON L4G 6V7. One block south of St. John's Sideroad. One block west of Bayview Ave.

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.

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>