



AHS - ebulletin

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Friday, February 9, 2018

Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 14	Photo Day (New Students, Retakes, Grad...)
Feb. 15 & 21	Sears Drama Play 7pm
Feb. 19	Family Day
Feb. 22	School Council

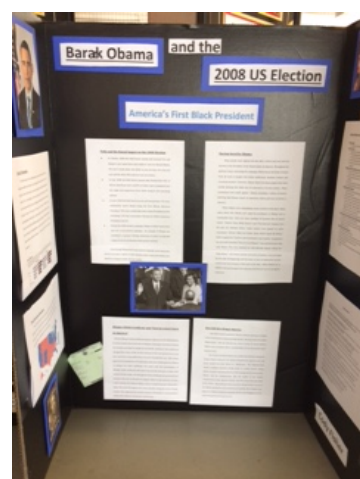
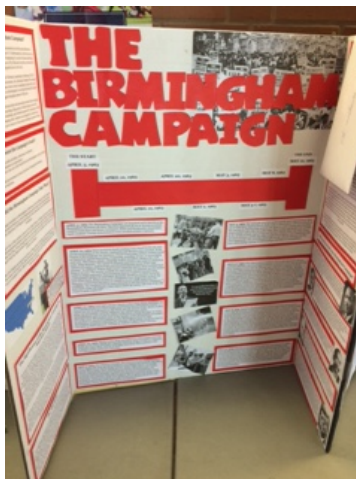
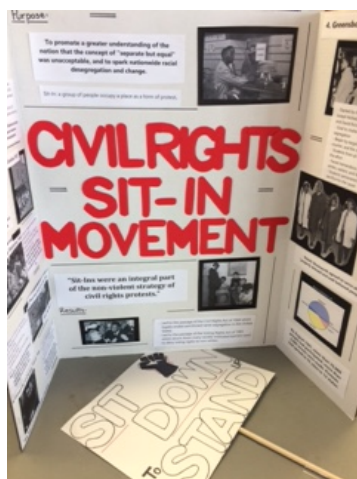
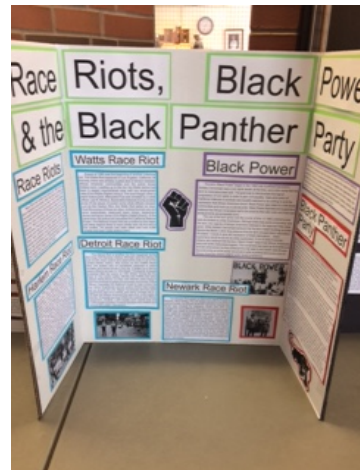
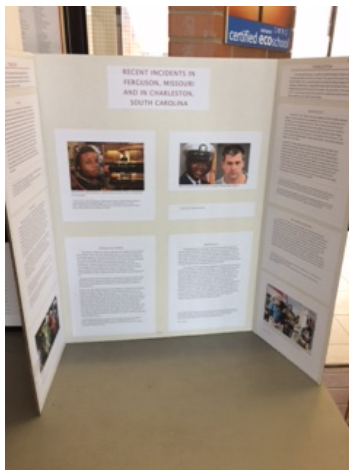
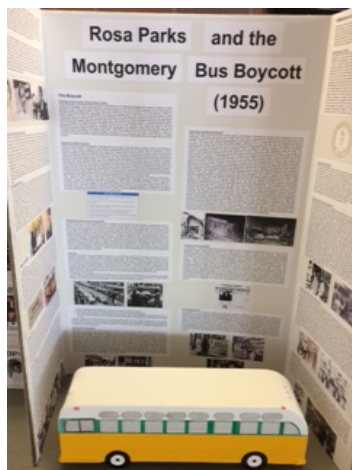
School News

February is Black History Month



Black History month is an important reminder the curriculum should be inclusive and reflect the rich diversity of our communities. Here are just a few examples of activities presently occurring at AHS to honour Black History Month. As part of their final culminating activity American History students investigated and researched important events and themes pertinent to the African American Civil Rights Movement. Each student completed a vibrant meaningful display and these are presently showcased in our front foyer. The equity club is reading Black History announcements every Tuesday and Thursday for the month of February. The television monitors outside the library are running an important PowerPoint display of images about Black History in Canada and the world. There is also a book display both in the

library and in the glass display cabinet in the front foyer along with posters and primary source documents honouring Black History month.



Guidance News

Course Selection for the 2017/2018 School Year

The course selection assembly for students in Grades 10-11 occurred yesterday in Period 2. All students in every grade were provided with course selection information. Students with a period 1 spare have been asked to come in to Guidance to pick up their course selection information.

Career Cruising will open for electronic submissions on Monday February 12th and are due by Friday, February 23rd.

Upon submitting electronically, students must also hand in a parent\guardian signed course selection page to their homeroom teacher.

All course selection information, including the Grades 10 – 11 course selection assembly PowerPoint, can be found on the AHS Guidance webpage, as well as the sector sheets for interested SHSM students.

OUAC/OCAS Reminders:

Students who have applied to College/University for September 2018 are encouraged to check their OUAC/OCAS accounts to ensure all data is accurate. **Semester 1 final marks and updated courses will be transmitted early next week. Any concerns or errors should be communicated immediately with the Guidance Department.** Subsequent transmission periods will occur in April and late June. It is the responsibility of all students to remain informed about their application status on OUAC/OCAS.

Semester Two Night School Courses – at Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning

Night school classes take place at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning, located at 36 Regatta Ave., Richmond Hill. Classes run on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30PM-9:45PM (3 1/4 hours) beginning on Thursday February 15th.

Winter Registration closed on February 7, 2018.

Interested students who missed registering online through *Career Cruising* are asked to speak to a Guidance Counsellor immediately. Please note that courses may be full or cancelled at this time.

Course offerings will be updated late afternoon on Friday February 9th at <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Courses.aspx>

Semester Two Night e-Learning Courses

Winter registration opened on January 8, 2018 at 9 a.m & closes February 16, 2018 at 12 noon .

When registering, please note that there is a \$20 non-refundable fee. Students are asked to submit their receipt to Guidance for approval.

****Please be aware that Continuing Education requires that a student registering in an e-Learning course must be taking 3 or fewer day school courses during the semester the e-Learning course takes place.****

Students may stop into Guidance if they have any questions or would like to pick up e-Learning course information. The winter 2018 course list and important dates can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/>

Scholarships

Grade 12 students are encouraged to review the scholarship bulletin board outside of Guidance for potential application opportunities. This board is regularly updated when new information arrives to our school.

Community Involvement Hours

Students who have yet to complete their 40 community involvement hours are reminded to regularly check our community involvement bulletin board outside of the Guidance Office. Students should always have their potential hours pre-approved in Guidance to ensure the activity fits the description of being a non-profit and/or charitable organization.

Ontario Drama Festival at Aurora HS!

http://www.searsdramafestival.com/schedule_contacts.html

The Department of Dramatic Arts is proud to announce that on **Wednesday, February 21st, 2018, at 7pm, Aurora High School** will be hosting the **2018 Ontario Drama Festival (formerly known as Tphe Sears Ontario Drama Festival)**, the largest student drama festival in Canada since 1946. The title sponsor for this year is the National Theatre School.

Three plays produced by three schools will be performed on this night and adjudicated by a professional artist. Joining students from **Aurora High School** in presenting their work will be students from **Burr Oak Secondary School** and **Alexander Mackenzie High School**. A public adjudication will immediately follow where the professional artist will offer a brief feedback of each show, before engaging in a longer, private adjudication reserved only for students and teacher-supervisors involved in the productions.

Two intermissions will occur between the shows and refreshments will be sold. Run-times for each show can vary from 15-50 minutes. This is the first stage of the festival, the District Level. Shows selected to advance will perform next month at the Regional Showcase hosted by York University, and if selected again, will perform once more at the Ontario Showcase hosted by St. Benedict CSS, Cambridge, where the top 12 shows of Ontario will be celebrated.

Ticket information and prices are as follows:

Each ticket is a 2-week pass to the Ontario Drama Festival - Central York District, allowing the ticket-holder access to *all* festival performances in this jurisdiction at various venues:

- **Tickets purchased at the doors will be \$12 dollars / ea.**
- **Tickets bought online BEFORE Feb 21 will be\$8 dollars / ea.***

** Online ticket orders will be tracked and buyers will be presented with actual ticket passes by Friday, Feb 16/18*

I hope you take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. For 71 years, the festival has been a profound educational highlight to generations of high school students. On **Wednesday, February 2018**, please join us in welcoming this worthy tradition to Aurora High School.

Respectfully,

John Castrounis
Subject Head of Dramatic Arts

Community Events

Looking for that perfect dress?

7th Annual

Diva Ball

PROM ♦ GRAD

Tuesday March 6th, 2018
6:00—8:00 pm
Community Education Centre—North
130 Carlson Dr Newmarket, L3Y 5H3
Located in the Gymnasium

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Thursday March 8th, 2018
6:00—8:00 pm
Sutton District High School
Located in the Gymnasium

Important Information for Students Turning 18:

Under the Education Act, parents/guardians have a right to access their child's Ontario Student Record if the child is under 18.

If the student is 18 or over, the Board/school must follow the privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regarding the disclosure of personal information about the student to their parents/guardians.

Students 18 or over must provide written permission by signing the [Consent for Information Sharing](#) form to allow parents/guardians to continue to access school-related information about the student. This includes academic progress, attendance and behaviour.

Students can also obtain the form from the school office.

Reminder: Please visit our [website](#) for all the latest news and events.