

# Agenda



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### School Start Up



Grade 9s	232
Grade 10s	226
Grade 11s	233
Grade 12s	231

#### New Registrations 64

- 40 new International students by semester 2 opening
- Waitlists
- 400+ requests for course changes
- 6 new courses created new hiring
- New sections to support destreaming in grade 9 courses
- Enhancements 3rd and 2nd floor painting

### **Student Council Update**

#### **Co-President: Isabella Perrone**

### Current Plans Our

- → Halloween Spirit Week!
  - Clubs/teams pumpkin carving competition (winners determined by student votes)
- → Bring your Student to Work Day (Grade 9's only)
  - Wednesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Potential Grade 8 Open House/Tour Day
- → Semi Formal (Grade 11 +12)
- → Winter Dance (Grade 9+ 10)



- ★ Student Council Fundraising!
- ★ Encourage Student Engagement Fee!
- ★ Promote School Spirit!





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#### French/ESL

Teachers are co-planning a new de-streamed Gr. 9 French course in order to support and engage all learners. As a department, following the diagnostic assessment, we have identified the common challenges that our learners face. This school year, our focus will be on building strong communication and process skills. In addition, a particular attention will be given to the grammar component of the FI courses in order to help students improve their use of the language conventions.

The French department is currently looking into organizing a field trip to the French theater of Toronto (second semester.)

As a department responsible for ELL students, we are continuing to monitor our ELL learners ensuring that they receive the appropriate accommodations.

#### Phys Ed

A Personal and Individual Activities Course has been added to our Grade 9 Course offerings. This is a mixed gender course and takes the emphasis away from the more traditional team sports that are offered in class.

Sept 28th we acknowledged Rowan's Law Day which educates students and staff about the signs and symptoms of concussions as well as the return to learn policy that is used by the YRDSB when students return to school after sustaining a concussion.

Oct 6th is the scheduled date for this year's Terry Fox Event. The Online Fundraising page will be activated on Sept 30th and information will be released to the Aurora High School Community.

School teams have started for the Fall Season. To date we have Cross Country Running, Girls Golf, Girls Basketball, Boys Volleyball and Boys Soccer. Thank you to our Volunteer Teacher Coaches that have stepped up to provide our students with these opportunities.

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Science	Teachers are working together in order to support all learners in the new de-streamed Gr. 9 science course.
Student Services	There is a NEW Resource Room (Room 232) up and running to support our students with an IEP who require an alternate space for the writing of quizzes, tests and/or for a quiet space to work.  IEPs will be sent home to parents/guardians October 20, 2022. SERTs are working to update IEPs and to meet with individual students on their caseload to discuss accommodations, as well as short term and long term goals as part of the Transition page of the IEP.  We have a team of 6 SERTs supporting our mainstream classes and a team of 4 SERTs supporting our Community Classes. SERTs work to not only support our students but also the classroom teachers. Our Learning Strategies classes are supported with EAs and CYWs; Community Classes are supported with a number of specialized support staff, ranging from secondary EAs to Intensive Support Workers (ISWs). We are pleased to offer a new Autism Credit Bearing Class this academic year and look forward to working with all of our students in the building!
Geography	Our teachers are excited to be implementing the new grade 9 de-streamed Canadian geography course. Many of us engaged in a 2-day training session over the summer where we learned how to continue engaging all learners at multiple levels.  We also continue to embed literacy and numeracy skills throughout our curriculum in an effort to foster real-world connections and co-curricular opportunities to our students.  Finally, we continue to embrace First Nations, Metis and Inuit perspectives, initiatives and ways of knowing to help bring about an Indigenization of our school and assist with Canada's reconciliation efforts.
English	The English department has introduced a new course which replaced a previous ENG3U now it is NBE3U which Understanding Contemporary First Nation, Metis and Innuit Voices
History	The History department is focusing on helping students develop their research and inquiry skills along with their ability to conduct effective source analysis through critical thinking frameworks.

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	The History department is also working together to de-stream the Grade 10 course while offering a wide variety of senior courses tailored to various pathways. Senior courses include further History courses as well as courses in the Social Sciences, Law, and Philosophy.
Library	The Learning Commons is looking to resume fully supporting our students and staff. We are creatively looking for ways to ensure equity for all and overcoming the current challenges of supervision and staffing.
	The Learning Commons is slowly, but surely becoming one of the main hubs of the school like it used to be.
	We are currently running a lunchtime video series that will last throughout the week of Truth and Reconciliation.
	On October 18, we will be welcoming a guest speaker and former student, Sports Journalist Scott Wheeler, who will present to some of our classes his newly published book on the NHL Draft.
Student Success	Student Success aims to support students towards their goal of earning the high school diploma. Academic support and monitoring, social emotional support and connections with students help students move beyond the obstacles that otherwise slow progress. Our room is 334, and we have an open door policy - when it's open, come in! We also meet with students individually when required, and team up with teachers and administration to offer opportunities for students to flourish. Scott Green is the Student Success teacher, and we are very fortunate to have a Child and Youth Worker (Ms Ludlow) working with students as well.
Соор	Cooperative education provides secondary school students with a wide range of rigorous learning opportunities connected to communities outside the school. It is designed to recognize and respond to the diversity of Ontario's student population, and it can engage all students. In cooperative education, students learn in safe, culturally responsive environments in the community, and they are actively involved in determining what they learn, how they learn, when and where they learn, and how they demonstrate their learning. Participation in cooperative education can lead to transformational change, engaging students in unique experiences that they will remember throughout their lives. Our program aims to promote community-based education opportunities, and we will soon be speaking to grade 10 career classes about our program, and OYAP and SHSM benefits.

### 50 th Anniversary



Period 1 8:25 - 9:15 Period 2 9:20 - 10:10 Period 3 10:15 - 11:05 Lunch 11:10 - 12:10 Period 4 12:15 - 1:10 Carnival 1:15 - 2:45



- Limited edition 50th T shirt staff, families and kids
- Dodgeball
- Bake Sales
- Balloon Arch
- Photo Booth
- Volleyball/Basketball
- Music
- Food trucks

### School Goals







### Council Roles



Chair or Co-Chairs Secretary Treasurer Fundraising Team

- Nominate others or self
- Quick anonymous vote
- All are welcome to be members of our council
- Meeting dates December 14, February 15,
   April 19, June 14