

JANUARY



# AURORA SENIOR NEWS

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

*Happy New Year everyone! 2015 is certainly an exciting time for both Aurora Senior and George Street staff and families as we anticipate our long awaited transition to one Kindergarten—Grade 8 school in September. This will allow all of our siblings to attend school together and open up many other learning opportunities and resources for staff and students alike. Although it is only January, the school planning process has started and we are currently tracking enrolment numbers for next year. It is very important to inform us if you know that your child will not be returning to our new school in September.*

*We continue to welcome your thoughts and ideas about your child's well being and their school program. Staff will be involved in professional activities related to planning and assessment over the next few weeks during the P.A. Days on January 16th and February 2nd. The first term report cards will be coming home in the month of February providing communication and an opportunity to discuss student achievement with the teachers and as usual, any parents are welcome to attend the upcoming School Council meeting on Monday night (at Aurora Senior PS) or in February.*

*As we realized again this week, the winter months can be quite cold and sometimes we feel it is best to keep students inside for recess activities. On most days however students enjoy playing outside especially when they are properly dressed for the weather. Please continue to send students to school with hats, mittens (gloves) and snow pants. We all need some fresh air and a chance to take an outdoor break.*

*Mr. Ken Arnott  
Principal*

*Ms. Claudia Fischer  
Vice-Principal*

## 2015-2016 REGISTRATION PLANS:

Intermediate parents are reminded about the following Open House information evenings coming up in January: **KING CITY SS – January 15<sup>th</sup>, AURORA HS – January 15<sup>th</sup>, BAYVIEW SS – January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Grade 8 students will need to complete course selection sheets this month.

For families interested in **French Immersion** programs for September, please note that Information Sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Devin's Drive Public School on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015.

**Kindergarten registration** will commence on January 16, 2015 at George Street Public School for the 2015-16 school year. Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. Please share this information with friends and neighbours who have younger children.





### TOUCHSTONE:

**WE ARE  
AURORASENIOR...  
each month we take  
time to share with  
our students and how  
our students are  
demonstrating  
behaviour that  
reflects the principles  
of our Touchstone:**

**We accept, honour  
and celebrate our  
differences and we  
take responsibility  
for our work, our  
words and our  
actions.**

### LICE CHECKS

Head lice can sometimes be a problem during the winter months. It is helpful if you check your child's head at home on a regular basis and please inform the school if you discover head lice. We will also check if necessary.



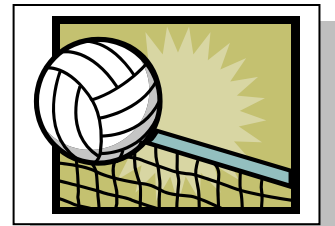
## WINTER WEATHER/BUS TRANSPORTATION:

Winter weather can be snowy and sometimes hazardous for all vehicles. We have already experienced a number of bus route delays. Students and parents should dress warmly and wait patiently before calling the school. If buses are canceled, that information is communicated in a variety of ways. Only in more severe cases would the school be closed. Any cancellation of buses does not mean that the school is closed. Please note that if bus transportation is canceled in the morning, then buses are canceled for the entire day (including all extra-curricular and field trips). If you choose to drop off a student who normally takes a bus, arrangements must be made to pick them up AT DISMISSAL TIME.

Bus information is available on [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and public announcements about busing are made by various TV and radio stations early in the morning. The Town of Aurora has recently launched a school travel planning campaign with a list of helpful tips when travelling to and from school. Please refer to the attached public information site. <http://www.aurora.ca/safe>

## IMPORTANT DATES:

JANUARY 12: SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 16: PA DAY  
JANUARY 26: HOT DOG DAY  
JANUARY 28: JR. AREA CO-ED VOLLEYBALL  
JANUARY 29: VIP PROGRAM  
  
FEBRUARY 2: PA DAY  
FEBRUARY 9: SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
  
MARCH 16 -20: SPRING BREAK



## STAFF INTRODUCTIONS:

This month Aurora Senior would like to welcome **Ms. Bonura** as the teacher of the grade 5/6 class while Ms. Schecter is on a medical leave, **Mrs. Sacke** is helping in our office while Mrs. Ieraci is away and **Mr. Counter** will assume the teaching responsibilities for Mr. Ferguson who will be on leave as of January 16<sup>th</sup>.

## LOST AND FOUND:

Students are encouraged to keep personal items such as pencil cases, books and binders organized and locked in their lockers or in school bags. Leftover food and lunches and lunch containers must be taken home each day. These items often show up in our lost and found.

### BASKETBALL

We are looking forward to the winter basketball season for our senior students. Practices have already started. Mr. Counter has kindly offered to take over the Girls team for Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Foster will be coaching our Senior Boys team this year.



### INDOOR RECESS GAMES

If you have any gently used board games and decks of cards please feel free to donate them to be used by students during inclement recess days when we are taking breaks inside the school. If there are any parents who have a special talent or interest such as scrapbooking or knitting and would like to offer a club to our students during recess please contact us. Thank you.

### STUDENT COUNCIL

It is important that students have a voice and opportunities to contribute their ideas and energy to the overall spirit at Aurora Senior. Each class will select two representatives to our Student Council. The Council will host their first meeting during the month of January and will play a key role in organizing various activities for the rest of the year.



### 2014-2015 YEARBOOK

We will be starting to take student team photos for the yearbook this week. If for some reason you do not want your child's picture used in the yearbook please advise the classroom teacher or the office.



### GROW INTERACTIVE PROGRAM

WOW! The students at both Aurora Senior and George Street had a fun time this week during a lively presentation by the Grow Interactive Team. By participating in the GROW Program, students play a pivotal role in creating positive school climate, while building upon a variety of specific character traits. Students also develop social and leadership skills while strengthening their independence and self-confidence.

### THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS

We would like to thank the community and students and staff at Aurora Senior for the wonderful support shown during our annual food drive in December. We had raffles, a bake sale, hot dog day, spirit days, mitten tree, toy drive and food donations. With everyone's support we were able to make a difference this past holiday season for several families in our community.

### AROUND THE SCHOOL

At this point almost half way through the school year did you know that we have offered: flag football, cross country, volleyball, robotics club, chess club, skating, arts and crafts, computer coding, glee club, comic club and many leadership opportunities around the school such as: door monitors, office helpers, food drive volunteers, scorekeepers and lunch room sellers? Announcements about our activities are made on a regular basis each morning. There is something for everyone to get involved and thanks to our staff for providing all these extra-curricular activities.



# AURORA SENIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL  
CHAIR:

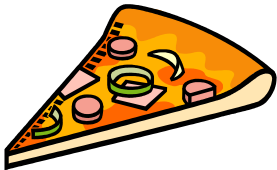
*Mrs. Robin Scanga*  
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**Extreme Pita  
lunches are on  
Tuesdays**

**Delicious Greek  
provides lunch on  
Wednesdays**

**Pizza Pizza Days  
continue on  
Thursdays**

...yyyyummy



## PARENT TALK WORKSHOPS:

The Ontario Parenting Education Centre's parenting workshop program -- *Parent Talk* -- is being offered in various locations in York Region again this year. If you are interested in topics such as Raising Respectful, Resilient, and Self-confident students feel free to contact the office for more information about the programs and the locations.

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## CELEBRATING DIVERSITY:

Once again, a Parents Reaching Out (**PRO**) Grant from the Ministry of Education has been awarded to our School. We would like to have a Multicultural event to bring cultures together and build long-lasting bridges. We are looking for volunteers and ideas. We would love to try food, hear music, and experience traditions from all the countries represented in our schools. If interested please contact Patricia Gallegos at [gallegoscp@yahoo.com](mailto:gallegoscp@yahoo.com) or 416-508-6401.

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## COUNCIL FUNDRAISING...

Thanks to our community's efforts in fundraising, we have been able to purchase or support the following between both schools:

iRovers	LCD Projectors
Document Cameras	iPads
Computer cart	Scientist in the School presentations
Library and Media Resources	GROW Interactive presentation
Reading programs	

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These are great enhancements to our regular program at Aurora Senior and George Street and should start arriving at the school soon.

**NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:  
MONDAY JANUARY 12, 2015  
AT 7:00 PM  
AURORA SENIOR LIBRARY**

