

Keswick High School E-Bulletin - February 16, 2024

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Important Upcoming Dates

[Link to Community Google Calendar](#) - to view all upcoming events

February 15 - 23	Course Selections
February 19	Family Day - No School
February 20	Caring and Safe Schools Presentations
February 21	Wellness Wednesday
February 22	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day
February 23	Course Selections Deadline
February 23	Grade 12 Exit Surveys Deadline
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
February 28	University of Waterloo Math Contest
February 28	SHSM Field Trip to Centennial College
February 28	Wellness Wednesday

KHS Concert Band - Gold

On Wednesday, February 14th the Music Repertoire Students (KHS Concert Band) traveled to Toronto to participate in the Ontario Band Association Festival, along with other school groups from across the province. Our students played their very best and were awarded with a gold rating, along with an invitation to Nationals - this is the highest rating possible and is given only to the strongest bands in each division!

Additional thanks go out to Ms. Cameron, Ms. Tranmer, and our parent volunteers (Shari and Louie) for helping on the day-of– we couldn't have done it without them!!

Caring and Safe Schools Presentations

To support and promote positive student behaviour, students will attend the Caring and Safe Schools Mid-Year Presentations on February 20, 2024. These presentations underscore behaviour expectations as we create a caring, safe, and inclusive school environment. As families are critical partners, please continue discussing school safety at home by asking your child what they have learned in the Caring and Safe Schools Mid-Year Presentation.

Please refer to this [link](#) to view detailed information about these important presentations.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day

February 22, 2024, is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Sex trafficking is one example of Human Trafficking. Sex trafficking is one of the fastest-growing crimes worldwide. It is predatory and damaging to victims, survivors, their families and communities. Action by schools, families and community partners helps to prevent, identify and recognize sex trafficking.

York Region District School Board was the first School Board in Ontario to develop an Anti-Sex Trafficking protocol, as well as resources that are available on the Board website, to help educate families on what they need to know about sex trafficking. To learn more about sex trafficking prevention and what the Board is doing to educate and raise awareness, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/antisextrafficking.

KHS Wellness Wednesdays - Healthy Schools Committee

The KHS Wellness Committee in partnership with York Region Public Health has created multiple interactive activities for every Wednesday in the month of February.

Wednesday, February 14 - Worry Stone Making & Coping with Stress and Swag

Wednesday, February 21 - Healthy Living Booth, Swag and Stationary Bike Races

Wednesday, February 28 - Intention Tree, Healthy Treat and Swag

Student Trustee Elections

Each year, students in Grades 5 - 12 have the opportunity to vote for the two student trustees who will represent their voice across York Region District School Board. Voting takes place between February 20-22, 2023.

You can learn more about the final four candidates and watch an all-candidates panel discussion at www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees. This is an excellent opportunity to hear directly from each candidate and their views and thoughts on issues that concern all YRDSB students. All students in grades 5 - 12 are encouraged to watch.

Information on how to vote will be shared with all eligible students in your GAPPS email account when voting opens February 20.

Renewed Computer Technology - Winter Applications Now Open

YRDSB is once again working with Renewed Computer Technology to deliver refurbished technology to limited income families. The winter application period is open from February 1, 2024 – March 15, 2024. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information about the program.

Prom 2024

Keswick High School will be hosting our Prom on Thursday May 23, 2024 at The Manor which is located at 16750 Weston Road in King Township.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 10:30 p.m. The evening's events will include dinner, prom awards, and dancing. Tickets are \$105.00 and will go on sale on School Cash Online on Monday March 18 to Thursday April 18th.

We look forward to an exciting evening of celebration with our Grade 12 students.

Graduation 2024

Grade 12 students, save the date for your Graduation on **June 26 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at Keswick High School.

The \$40 Graduation Fee, including your cap and gown (you are not permitted to cross the stage without one) will be available on school cash online on March 25. Each graduating student will receive 3 tickets.

Any questions or concerns please email kelley.demers@yrdsb.ca

Guidance News

Course Selections for 2024-2025:

The course selection submission window is now **OPEN**. Students can now log into their Pathway Planner and begin to submit courses for the 2024-2025 school year. The **deadline** for students to submit courses is **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd**.

Please use the following link to access all of the information and materials that were shared with students to assist with Course Selections:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/keswick.hs/guidance/Pages/Course-Selection-and-High-School-Planning.aspx>

Guidance will be hosting “Pop-Up” Course Selection Support in the Main Hallway during the week of February 20-23 during lunch time to answer any questions and support students.

Parents, please ensure you “approve” all timetable requests that your children will be emailing you from their Pathway Planner.

Students are also encouraged to book an appointment with their Guidance Counsellor for any questions, concerns or additional support:

Surname A-Gr: Ms. Daniels

Surname Gu-Ne: Ms. Lemmon

Surname Ni-Z: Mr. Ward

Grade 12 Student Exit Surveys:

Grade 12 students who are planning on moving on from KHS next year must complete an ‘Exit Plan’ through My Pathway Planner. Students can begin to submit their ‘Exit Plan’ on Monday, February 12th and have until Friday, February 23rd to complete it.

All students can access the survey through their *My Pathway Planner* accounts by doing the following:

1. Go to www.yrdsb.ca
2. Click on the “Online Student Tools” button
3. Click on the “My Pathway Planner” button
4. Log into their account using their YRDSB credentials
5. Click on the “Complete Survey” button in the blue banner on the homepage.
6. Complete the survey questions in the Google Form that opens

Returning Students:

If you are planning on returning, please book an appointment with your guidance counsellor to discuss your plan. The course selection submission window opens Thursday, February 15th. The deadline to submit courses through My Pathway Planner for the 2024-2025 school year is **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd**.

Attendance

If you want to report a student absent please contact our attendance direct line at 905-476-7823 for quicker service, this will help you bypass the switchboard and it is a 24/7 answering machine. Email easier for you? Feel free to email your child's absence at keswick.hs@yrdsb.ca as it is monitored regularly.

Math Help Room

Is your student looking for some extra math support? If they are needing some additional support outside of class time and individual teacher help they can drop by the Math Help Room (no appointment necessary). Located in the math pod in Room 2027.

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday Lunch	11:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.
Wednesday afterschool	3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Thursday afterschool	3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Students can look for the posters around the school or speak to their math teacher. If you have any questions please contact Kristie Miller at kristie.miller@yrdsb.ca

Upcoming Opportunities

There are many upcoming programs and events for YRDSB families and their students.

Please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/keswick.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/default.aspx> for new events, programs and sessions that our board offers in partnership with different community resources.

Please visit our website at <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/keswick.hs/Pages/default.aspx>
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Report It

Acts of discrimination, hate and bullying are never acceptable. You can find [Report It](#) on the homepage of the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca and on the homepage of every school website, or watch this [short video](#) to learn more.

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