

# Keswick High School E-Bulletin - February 23, 2024

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## Important Upcoming Dates

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

February 26	Ski and Snowboard Field Trip to Mt. St. Louis Moonstone
February 28	Pink Shirt Day
February 28	University of Waterloo Math Contest
February 28	SHSM Field Trip to Centennial College
February 28	Wellness Wednesday
March 5	Semester 2 Photos for new students & grad retakes
March 5	Volunteer Hours Information Session for Grade 12's
March 6 - 14	Japan Field Trip
March 6	Fire Drill
March 7	SNAP Event

## Keswick High School Spirit Wear

We are pleased to offer some spirit wear clothing items for our students. These items are available on School Cash Online until March 8th. Delivery is expected mid April. Show your school spirit with one of these wonderful clothing choices.

[Spirit Wear Poster](#)

## Ski and Snowboard Field Trip

Reminder to all students participating in the Ski and Snowboard Field Trip on Monday, February 26 going to Mt. St. Louis Moonstone that you must arrive at the school for **7:30 a.m.** to board the bus.

## Pink Shirt Day - February 28

The original event was organized in 2007 by twelfth-grade students David Shepherd and Travis Price of Berwick, Nova Scotia, who bought and distributed 50 pink shirts after a ninth-grade student Chuck McNeill was bullied for wearing a pink polo shirt during the first day of school at Central Kings Rural High School in Cambridge, Nova Scotia. That year, Nova Scotia Premier Rodney MacDonald proclaimed the second Thursday of September (aligning with the start of each school year) as "Stand Up Against Bullying Day" in recognition of these events.

There are also a variety of resources and approaches parents and guardians can use to promote community and a sense of belonging while actively working to prevent bullying by using this [link](#) to engage in meaningful conversations with their children.

We hope to see all our students wearing pink on February 28th!!!

## Metrolinx One Fare Program

Effective February 26, 2024, students will only pay once when they transfer between TTC and GO Transit, Brampton Transit, Durham Region Transit, MiWay and York Region Transit. Learn more on the Metrolinx [Website](#).

## York Region Public Health - School Immunization Letter for March Break

We have been asked to share this important notice about immunization information from York Region Public Health to all our parents, guardians and families in our school community. Please see this important [letter](#) from York Region Public Health.

## 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 28 - Intention Tree, Healthy Treat and Swag

## Grad Retake Day and New Registrations Photo Day March 5

Attention potential Grads of 2024! Please see the attached flyer regarding the last day for Grads to have their portrait sittings taken (or re-taken) at the school. All new students will also have an opportunity to have their photo taken for their Student ID cards.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.yrdsb.ca) and on the homepage of every school website, or watch this [short video](#) to learn more.

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