

# Keswick High School E-Bulletin - January 12, 2024

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## Important Upcoming Dates

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

January 9	Science Field Trip to Snow Valley
January 18	Fine Arts Showcase
January 18 - 19	Math EQAO
January 22	School Council Meeting - note change of date
January 25 - February 1	Examinations - Semester 1
February 2	P.A. Day
February 5	Semester 2 begins

## Student Trustee Voting - January 15 - 19, 2024

### Students can vote now for Student Trustees

Students in Grades 5 - 12 will have an opportunity January 15 - 19 to participate in voting for the student trustee candidate who will represent our geographic area of the school board.

### How to Vote

All students in Grades 5 - 12 will receive an email in their GAPPS account. The email will include a link to a Google site where they will find information about candidates in our area, and a link to a form where they can submit their vote.

One candidate will be selected by students to represent each of the four areas of the school board in the final vote. In the final vote, scheduled for February, students can vote for two candidates who will represent them during the next school year.

### **Student Trustees**

Student trustees play an important role representing students in the school board. They network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice.

This is an important opportunity for students to participate in the student trustee elections and vote for the students who will represent their voice, so we encourage students to check their email and take the time to vote.

Learn more about the role and the election process at [www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees](http://www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees).

### **Keswick Formal Wear Share Event**

Do you have any formal wear that you no longer need? Please consider donating to our event! We are looking for dresses, suits and dress shirts, accessories (ties, shoes, jewelry etc.) See the [poster](#) for more details.

### **Keswick High School - Fine Arts Showcase**

Our Fine Arts Showcase will be held on January 18 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. with a variety of activities. Please see the [poster](#) for more information.

### **Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter**

New Beginnings and Exams is the focus for the [January Newsletter](#).

### **EQAO - Math - January 18 & 19, 2024**

Students enrolled in 9W de-streamed math courses this semester will participate in EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics on Thursday, January 18 and Friday, January 19, 2024.

The assessment will take place during the students scheduled math class. Students will be learning how to navigate the platform and an online practice.

More information about the assessment and practice tests can be found on the [EQAO website](#).

If you have any questions please reach out to Kristie Miller ([kristie.miller@yrdsb.ca](mailto:kristie.miller@yrdsb.ca)).

## Examinations - January 2024

Examinations will be held starting Thursday, January 25 - Thursday, February 1, 2024.

All students must write their examinations at the scheduled time. ***Vacation, employment and/or appointments must not be scheduled during summative evaluations and the examination period.***

The KHS Examination schedule was sent out in December to both families and students.

## P.A. Day - February 2, 2024

Please see the [Staff Training Agenda](#) for your information.

## Guidance News

### Post-Secondary Application Information

For those students wishing to apply to University for next fall, the deadline to apply through OUAC (Ontario Universities Application Centre) is **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Students who have not yet submitted their application are encouraged to submit their application as soon as possible.

Please note that students are not able to view and make changes to their application until their payment has been received and processed by the OUAC. Payments made through online banking may take several days for OUAC to receive and process. As credit card payments are processed immediately, OUAC encourages students to pay their application fees by credit card, when/if possible.

Extended OUAC Applicant Services hours will be available on the January application deadline:

Monday, January 15: 9:30 am to 7 pm (ET)

Applicant Services Phone: 519-823-1063

Please reach out to OUAC Applicant Services or your Guidance Counsellor should you need further help with your application.

### Course Selections for 2024-2025:

This week, Guidance Counsellors visited all grade 9, 10, 11 classrooms and returning grade 12s to discuss course selections for the 2024-2025 school year. Please use the following link to access all of the information and materials that were shared with students:

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

There will be a “Guidance Pop-Up” all next week in the main hallway during lunch where students can access a member of the Guidance team and ask questions should they have any. 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

### **Night School On-Line Learning Registration:**

Night School On-line Learning registration is open on December 18<sup>th</sup> until February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see your Guidance Counsellor to register.

### **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.

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