

Keswick High School E-Bulletin - March 22, 2024

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Important Upcoming Dates

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

March 23	Purim
March 25	Holi
March 25 - 26	Interim Report Cards E-Distribution
March 26	DramaFest
March 26	Purple Day for Epilepsy Awareness
March 27	Music Social Event
March 29	Good Friday - no school
April 1	Easter Monday - no school
April 1	Earth Month
April 1	Sikh Heritage Month
April 4	Family Teacher Interview Night

DramaFest

National Theatre School DramaFest at Keswick High School

This is a One Act Play Festival where KHS will be hosting and performing on Tuesday March 26th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10.00 each and they will also give you access to all the other NTS DramaFest performances in the York Region during the week.

Come out and support our students as they will be performing "Out of Mind", a student written and directed play.

Grad 2024 Hoodies

We are pleased to offer a Graduation Hoodie for the Class of 2024. These hoodies are the perfect way to showcase your accomplishment.

These hoodies are available on School Cash Online from April 8th to May 3rd. They are available in red or black for \$48 (Small – XL) or \$51 (2XL and above). Delivery will be early June.

S.I.N. Clinic

Our school will be hosting a Social Insurance Number Clinic on April 26, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Main Foyer. Service Canada representatives will be at our school to help students and newcomers apply for their Social Insurance Numbers, learn about the Canada Job Bank and Summer Program for Youth and learn about the new Federal Dental Program. This free service is brought to our school communities through a joint project with Service Canada and York Region District School Board. For more information please see the [flyer](#).

NEKS Korean Family Engagement Night

The Network of Educators for Korean-Canadian Students (NEKS) invites Korean families and community members to attend a workshop to develop a deeper understanding of the Ontario Education System. Families will be able to learn about the K-12 Ontario Education System with an emphasis on transitions from elementary to secondary school, post-secondary pathways, and Special Education. The event will take place on Thursday, April 11, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Thornhill Secondary School. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details.

SEVA Sikh Student Association Launch Event

Sikh students from Grade 6 to 12 are invited to be part of the YRDSB Sikh Student Association, a space where your identity is celebrated and supported!

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Time: 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Virtually (the link will be shared upon registration)

The Sikh Student Association provides YRDSB students with a platform to connect, collaborate, and explore strategies to foster inclusive environments for Sikh students. This space will provide opportunities to build on leadership skills and advocacy to support yourself, peers and the community.

To Register please fill out a [registration form](#) by March 25, 2024. If you have any further questions, please reach out to SEVA.YRDSB@gmail.com

See [SEVA SSA Flyer](#) for more information.

Supports for Students with Autism and their Families

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports
- Community resources

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: [Unionville High School](#), 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5

Please **register** by Apr. 28, 2024.

This free information session is organized by Inclusive School and Community Services in partnership with Student Services of York Region District School Board. For more information, please email shani.blake@yrdsb.ca or pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca

Please note that Childcare will not be provided.

York Region Camp Summer Subsidies for Children and Youth

Free Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps

For Children and Youth ages 4-18 whose families participate in one of the following:

- Ontario Works

- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Child Care Fee Subsidy (income below \$43,000)

Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing

For More Program Information and Eligibility:

Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or visit york.ca/recreationsubsidies

Ramadan

Ramadan began at sunset on March 10, with special worship and prayers primarily starting on the following day, March 11. Ramadan ends on April 9 at sunset, followed by Eid-al-Fitr on April 10, when special worship and prayers occur. As many Muslim communities use a lunar calendar to establish the dates for Ramadan, the aforementioned dates are not fixed and are dependent on the sighting of the new moon.

Students who are fasting are encouraged to let our staff know. They are entitled to extra breaks from athletic activities and may wish to have an alternative location to spend time during lunch.

A prayer space is also available for students who wish to use it during the school day inside the library in room 2001F.

Guidance News

Post Secondary Financial Planning Seminar:

Is your child looking to go to a Post Secondary institution in Ontario? On Thursday April 4, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Family Night) in the school cafeteria, KHS will be holding a Financial Planning Seminar for all parents and students. In this presentation you will learn about OSAP and the requirements to qualify for funding as well as other financial aid options that would be available to full time students.

Course Selection Approvals:

Next week, the Guidance Department will be sending out a Google Form regarding course selections. We are asking that Parents/Guardians and students log into "My

Pathway Planner” and review the courses that were selected for the 2024-2025 school year. Please confirm all selections once your review is complete.

Summer School Registration:

Summer School Registration will open on Tuesday April 9, 2024. Before registering, please make an appointment or speak with your Guidance Counsellor to let them know as they are required to approve all submissions. To Register:

- Go to My Pathway Planner
- On the Left Side Bar select “Continuing Education”
- Click on “Explore Courses”
- Scroll through all the schools and course offerings
- Select the School and Course you need (remember that transportation is only provided within boundary)
- Submit your selection
- Print your sign-off sheet with parent/guardian signature and submit to your guidance counsellor

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.

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

Graduation 2024

Graduation is on **June 26 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at Keswick High School.

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.

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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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