

Keswick High School E-Bulletin - March 8, 2024

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Important Upcoming Dates

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

March 6 - 14	Japan Field Trip
March 10	Ramadan begins at sunset
March 11 - 15	March Break
March 18	School Council Meeting - Virtual Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
March 19	Nowruz/Persian New Year Celebration in the Library at lunch
March 20	Naw-ruz
March 21	Nowruz
March 21	Toronto Metropolitan University Field Trip
March 23	Purim
March 25	Holi
March 25 - 26	Interim Report Cards E-Distribution
March 28	Family Teacher Interview Night
March 29	Good Friday
April 1	Easter Monday

International Women's Day

Today we celebrate International Women's Day.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.

IWD has occurred for well over a century, with the first IWD gathering in 1911 supported by over a million people. Today, IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere. IWD is not a country, group or organization specific.

The campaign theme for this year is "Inspire Inclusion"

Imagine a gender equal world. A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated.

Together we can forge women's equality. Collectively we can all [#InspireInclusion](#).

Celebrate women's achievement. Raise awareness about discrimination. Take action to drive gender parity.

IWD belongs to everyone, everywhere. Inclusion means all IWD action is valid.

For more information about IWD please visit their [website](#).

Arts Camp Application Process

- Students/families should first download the [Application Information Package](#). The package includes program descriptions for Arts Camp 2024 as well as relevant camp information.
- The application process will be completed via a [Google Form](#). The link for which is also provided in the [Application Information Package](#). Applications open February 29th at 9:00 a.m. and close March 22, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Late applications will not be accepted.
- Students require parental/guardian consent and support of their teacher and school administrator to apply to Arts Camp.
- All payments will be processed using School CashOnline. Only accepted campers will receive a link to the appropriate payment page. Prior registration with School CashOnline must be completed before payment is initiated. Payment deadline is May 3rd, 2024. Please note that late payments will not be accepted.

Selection Process:

- Students are selected through a random lottery process;
- Approximately one third of camp is composed of secondary students randomly selected from each secondary school that applies;

- Intention during selection is achieve a gender balance of campers;
- First time applicants will be given priority;
- Approximately 50 secondary spaces have been allocated to Counsellors and Counsellors in Training (CIT) in Grades 10-12.
- Offers of acceptance/waitlist will be emailed to families by early April; and
- The Arts Camp Leadership Team has final approval of the roster of students accepted to Arts Camp 2024.

Secondary School Students for Counsellor / Counsellor-in-Training (CIT)

Positions:

- The Counsellor and CIT application processes are now open until March 22, 2024, for students in Grades 10-12. Students interested in a Counsellor or CIT position are encouraged to apply online using the [C/CIT application](#).

Please see these poster for more details: [Campers](#) [Counsellors and CITs](#)

Ramadan

Ramadan begins 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.

Toronto Holocaust Museum March Break Family Day

The Toronto Holocaust Museum invites families, parents, grandparents and children ages 10 and older to join us for a special Family Day Program during March Break on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Please see the [flyer](#) for further details.

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

The topic for this month is “Time for a Break”. Included in this [newsletter](#) is the upcoming Mental Health Curriculum, Substance Use, helpful tips for March break activities, Mental Health Resources and Events. Also some excellent resources for

caregivers of students suffering from mental health and addictions related issues. You are not alone, let us help you, help them.

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.

Guidance News

Summer Pathways Programs:

There are several Summer Pathway Programs students can participate in and earn 1 - 2 credits, such as Cooperative Education (Co-op), OYAP-Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program, and College Dual Credit courses.

Registration for these summer programs is now OPEN. The deadline to register is on Friday, March 18, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/two-credit-summer-co-op-registration-opens>

Neighbourhood Network Give Back Awards:

The Give Back Awards are an annual \$1,000 cash prize awarded to 20 graduating students from high schools in Aurora, Georgina, King Township, Newmarket, and Whitchurch-Stouffville. The Awards are presented to students who have demonstrated an outstanding dedication to community involvement.

Applications are open until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22th, 2024 and are available at www.nnetwork.org/GiveBackAwards. Winners will be announced during National Volunteer Week.

[Neighbourhood Network](#) is a York Region organization that multiplies community giving and creates caring and vibrant neighbourhoods by promoting volunteerism, linking resources, and supporting local charities and agencies.

SCHULICH BUILDERS Scholarship for Skilled Trades:

Schulich Foundation is thrilled to announce a new scholarship program focused on skilled trades. They are awarding 100 scholarships for skilled trades at 10 colleges,

with a value of \$40,000 per award for two-year diploma programs and \$20,000 per award for one-year certificate programs.

KHS can nominate up to 5 students for this scholarship. Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, meet college requirements and are enrolling in a full-time, eligible skilled trades one-year certificate or two-year diploma program at a participating college starting in Fall 2024. (Each college has their own list of eligible programs, which can be found on their respective websites)

Participating colleges include: Algonquin, Centennial, Conestoga, Durham, Fanshawe, George Brown, Humber, Loyalist, Mohawk and Sheridan College.

If you are interested please contact your Guidance counselor to be considered for nomination.

Deadline to contact Guidance and express interest is March 13, 2024.

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 with updated information about Caps & Gowns

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 **Friday March 1**. Each graduating student will receive 3 tickets.

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

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