

Keswick High School E-Bulletin - December 1, 2023

In this Newsletter

- Important Upcoming Dates
- Message from our Trustee Carolyn Butterworth
- Student Council Presents - “Georgina Food Drive”
- Student Trustee Applications - Now Open
- Pathways to Skilled Trades and Technology
- EQAO - Math - January 18 & 19
- Network Outage Update
- Attendance
- Examination Dates for January 2024
- Guidance News
- Grade 8 Open House
- Math Help Room
- YRDSB News and Events
- Report It

Important Upcoming Dates

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

December 7	Grade 8 Open House
December 8	Art Field Trip to Aga Khan
December 11 - 18	Grad Portrait Sittings
December 12	Ontario Science Centre Field Trip
December 12	Keswick Public Library - Autism Class
December 13	CFN Precision Field Trip
December 13 - 15	Grade 9 Production - “No Clue” - Cafeteria 6:30 p.m.
December 14	SNAP Basketball Festival

Message from our Trustee - Carolyn Butterworth

Please see this [message](#) from Carolyn Butterworth our Trustee for the Georgina and East Gwillimbury regions.

Georgina Food Drive

Student Council Presents “Georgina Food Drive” this December. It runs from Monday, December 4 - 20. Please see the [poster](#) for more details.

Student Trustee Applications - Now Open

If you will be in grade 11 or 12 next school year and are passionate about student voice, consider becoming a student trustee, and representing students across YRDSB. Student trustees network with students, staff and the Board of Trustees to share information that gives students a meaningful voice. Learn more about the role and how you can apply at www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees.

Applications can be submitted between November 27 - December 11. The deadline to apply is December 11, 2023 11:59 p.m.

All students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote for the candidate who represents our area of the Board. There are four areas of the Board (central, east, north and west). Once the four final candidates are announced, students can vote for two of the four candidates to represent them as student trustees in the 2024-2025 school year. Students will receive information on how to vote in the election during the campaign and voting period.

Pathways to Skilled Trades and Technology

YRDSB families of students in Grades 9-11 are invited on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 for an exciting presentation.

Please see the [poster](#) for more details.

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).

Network Outage Update

Please note that the automated attendance phone calls are not functioning due to the cyber incident; we hope the system will be restored in the coming weeks.

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.

Examinations - January 2024 - Save the Dates!

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.***

Examination schedule is planned to be released in the middle of December, look for more information at that time.

Guidance News

Post-Secondary Application Information

For more information on applying to both OCAS and OUAC please see the following links:

Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) - Equal consideration date to apply: Feb. 1st, 2024

[Ontario Colleges - Apply](#)

Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) - Deadline to apply: Jan. 15th, 2024

[OUAC Student Application Information](#)

OCAS/OUAC Mark Transmission

This is a message for all potential graduates and students that are applying to a post-secondary institution next year.

On Thursday, November 23rd all Semester 1 midterm and/or final marks (for quadmester courses) for all students who have or are intending to apply to OUAC and OCAS were submitted to OUAC and OCAS.

Please book an appointment with your guidance counsellor should you have questions about OCAS and OUAC mark transmissions.

Dual-Credit Course Information

The Dual Credit program allows students in secondary school to take college or apprenticeship courses that count towards both the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree, or an apprenticeship certification.

- Experience college while still in high school at no cost to you
- Earn high school credits and college credits at the same time in the same course
- Learn in college state-of-the-art facilities
- Explore different pathway options
- Try something new

Grade 8 Open House

On Thursday, December 7th (6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.), KHS will be hosting our annual Grade 8 Open House. The purpose of the Open House is to introduce students and their families to the school and encourage student voices so that they may feel safe, supported and included, thus reducing stress and anxiety about the transition to high school.

GUIDANCE will have two of the same presentations “Welcome to High School” in the Large Gym so you can select a time that works best for you!

- 6:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.
- 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EDUCATION will also have one of the same presentations in the library so you can select a time that works best for you!

- 7:30 p.m. - 7:50 p.m.

Students and their families will be able to tour the school, ask questions about courses and explore various clubs and extracurricular opportunities. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone!

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>
This message is being sent on behalf of the York Region District School Board and/or your child's school in compliance with the Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation.

If you no longer wish to receive commercial electronic messages, you may [unsubscribe](#) at any time.

If you no longer wish to receive any emails from Keswick High School, please contact the school directly to have your email address deleted from your child's Student Information Record.

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.

Follow us on Twitter and Instagram [@YRDSB_KeswickHS](#)