

Keswick High School E-Bulletin - December 15, 2023

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Important Upcoming Dates

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

December 18 - 22	Student Council - Holiday Spirit Week
December 21	Keswick Cup Hockey Tournament - Georgina Ice Palace
December 25 - January 5	Winter Break
January 9	Science Field Trip to Snow Valley
January 18 - 19	Math EQAO
January 25 - February 1	Examinations - Semester 1

Keswick Community Fridge

Location: Georgina Ice Palace (Main Entrance), 90 Wexford Drive

Hours of Operation: Donations and food access will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Please see this [media release](#) for more information.

Student Council Winter Initiatives

12 Days of Giving

Students can bring all non-perishable food items to their period 1 class from December 5 - 20. See [poster](#) for all the details. So far we have collected 433 items out of our goal of 900 items. We are hoping to meet our goal by December 20th, if you are in a position to donate we encourage you to do so. The food is needed now more than ever.

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.

Winter Spirit Week

Monday - Funny Sock Day
Tuesday - Take it Back
Wednesday - Holiday Day
Thursday - Jersey Day
Friday - P.J. Day

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

Holiday Fundraiser Event

Our Student Council has planned a “Holiday Fundraiser Event” for Friday, December 22nd during Periods 3 and 4 in the Cafeteria. Tickets are available for purchase on School Cash Online. Students who have purchased tickets will have an early dismissal from Period 3 at approximately 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$2.00, Admission with popcorn, cookie and a drink is \$6.00. **Tickets will not be available at the door.** Proceeds will be going to the Georgina Food Pantry and the KHS Student Council.

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

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

Student Trustee Applications - closing December 18

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 has been extended to Monday, December 18, 2023 at 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.

Keswick Cup Hockey Tournament

Students will have an opportunity to buy-in to watch the Championship game of the Keswick Cup Hockey Tournament on Thursday, December 21 during period 4. The puck will drop at 2:15. A bus will transport students to the rink for the game from Keswick High School at 1:45 p.m. and the bus will take the students back to the school for 3:05 p.m.

The cost of the buy-in is \$5.00 and will be available on School Cash Online only, starting on Monday, December 11th, no cash at the door will be accepted. If students have not bought a buy-in ticket they will not be permitted to watch the game, no exceptions.

YRT Holiday Service Calendar

Please use this [link](#) to view their holiday service calendar or go directly to their [website](#) to view the schedule.

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).

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.***

The KHS Examination schedule is planned to be released within the next week.

Guidance News

Night School On-Line Learning Registration:

Night School On-line Learning registration is open on December 18th until February 14th. Please see your guidance counsellor to register.

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](#)

Please note: The OUAC is officially closed for the holidays from December 22, 2023 to January 2, 2024, inclusive. The OUAC website and online applications will be available during this time.

To reduce the chance of delays they encourage university-bound students to complete and submit their Undergraduate application well in advance of the January 15, 2024 deadline.

Extended 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 Note: OCAS, including our Contact Centre, will be closed for the holidays **from Monday, Dec. 25, 2023 to Monday, Jan. 1, 2024.**

During the closure, all OCAS services will be available, and will continue to update reports daily. While their Contact Centre is closed, they will be monitoring applicant support inboxes for urgent inquiries.

To support college applicants leading up to the February 1 [Equal Consideration Date](#) (ECD) for [highly competitive programs](#), they will be extending our Contact Centre hours to include evenings and weekends for January 2024.

Course Selections for 2024-2025:

The week of January 8-12, Guidance Counsellors will be visiting all grade 9, 10, 11 classrooms and returning grade 12's to discuss course selections for the 2024-2025 school year.

These classroom visits will ensure all students can access My Pathway Planner, discuss how to select their courses and considerations they should be making for pathway planning and Pre-requisite planning.

We will also discuss Community Involvement Hours and Important Dates that they will need to be familiar with moving forward.

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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