

Keswick High School E-Bulletin - December 22, 2023

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Important Upcoming Dates

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

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

Holiday Wishes

This year has been a difficult one for many of our students and families. As this year draws to a close we want to wish you a holiday season filled with warmth, peace, health and happiness. May you find meaningful connections with friends and family during this break, taking the time to reflect and observe your strength and resilience throughout this year.

Each new year is a gift that holds hope for new adventures. May your New Year be filled with health, wealth and the kind of happiness that truly matters. With hopes that we all have a better 2024. Here's to new beginnings!!!

Student Council Food Drive Results

We can't thank our KHS family community enough, we managed to collect 1,937 items for the food bank. It was just last week, we were at only 433 items. We surpassed our

goal of 900 items!!! Way to go everyone!!! The food bank was in desperate need of all these items and we are so thankful for you showing your generosity in this way.

BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop

Black Foundation of Community Networks in collaboration with YRDSB is providing a free online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. Please see the [flyer](#) for more information.

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

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

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).

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 was sent out earlier today to both families and students. It is also posted on our school website.

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.

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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