

## Keswick High School E-Bulletin - January 19, 2024

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### Important Upcoming Dates

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

January 18	Fine Arts Showcase
January 18 - 19	Math EQAO
January 22	School Council Meeting - note change of date
January 24	Let's Talk Day
January 25 - February 1	Examinations - Semester 1
January 27	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
January 29	National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia
February 2	P.A. Day
February 5	Semester 2 begins

### School Council Meeting

Please join us for the KHS School Council meeting on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held virtually through MS Teams: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_OTZmOTBjYTItYWEzNy00YTJkLTk5NmUtZDg0ODNkZTRhZGY0%40thread.v2/](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTZmOTBjYTItYWEzNy00YTJkLTk5NmUtZDg0ODNkZTRhZGY0%40thread.v2/)

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## Let's Talk Day

For 2024, Let's Talk Day will be held on Wednesday January 24, 2024. One of the biggest hurdles for anyone dealing with a mental illness is overcoming the stigma attached to it. To find out more about Let's Talk Day, please click on the [link](#).

## Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

Student Mental Health and Addictions is pleased to provide monthly newsletters that focus on various pertinent mental health topics. February's monthly newsletter focus subject is Supporting your Mental Health through the Winter. Please click this [link](#) to view the latest newsletter.

## Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter

Visit the January 2024 Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter for events, updates, resources and more. Schools, please share with families and the wider school community. Please click on the [link](#) to view the latest newsletter.

## Student Council - Valentine's Dance

Students are invited to purchase tickets for Student Council - Valentine's Dance on Thursday, February 15th in the Cafeteria from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (doors open at 5:45 p.m.). There will be light refreshments provided. The cost is \$20.00 (if the Student Activity Fee was paid) or \$25.00 (if the Student Activity Fee was not paid) on school cash online. To find out if the Student Activity Fee was paid look under "History" on school cash online. Tickets are non-refundable.

Please note that only current Keswick High School students are permitted to attend. Bag checks will be conducted upon entry to the dance by an Administrator. There will be no in and out entry permitted. Please see the [poster](#) for more information.

## MOBYSS Bus - Youth Walk-In Clinic

The MOBYSS bus comes to KHS on a bi-weekly basis from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Their next date will be January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. The bus will be located in the parking lot on the east side of the building, outside the Tech Wing, parked under the trees that line the practice field that is adjacent to Biscayne Blvd. Please see the [link](#) to learn more about their services.

## Keswick Formal Wear Share Event

Do you have any formal wear that you no longer need? Please consider donating to our event! We are looking for dresses, suits and dress shirts, accessories (ties, shoes, jewelry etc.) See the [poster](#) for more details.

## Examinations - January 2024

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 in December to both families and students.

## **P.A. Day - February 2, 2024**

Please see the [Staff Training Agenda](#) for your information.

## **University of Waterloo Math Contests**

KHS will be participating in this year's University of Waterloo Math Contests, which will be written on February 28, 2024. Interested Grade 9, 10, and 11 students are invited to attend the Math Contest Meetings running Thursdays at lunch in Room 2027. Previous contests will be shared, along with tips and strategies to do your best. If you have any questions please contact Kristie Miller [kristie.miller@yrdsb.ca](mailto:kristie.miller@yrdsb.ca).

## **Guidance News**

### **Course Selections for 2024-2025:**

This week, Guidance Counsellors visited all grade 9, 10, 11 classrooms and returning grade 12s to discuss course selections for the 2024-2025 school year. Please use the following link to access all of the information and materials that were shared with students:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/keswick.hs/guidance/Pages/Course-Selection-and-High-School-Planning.aspx>

There will be a "Guidance Pop-Up" all next week in the main hallway during lunch where students can access a member of the Guidance team and ask questions should they have any. Students are also encouraged to book an appointment with their Guidance Counsellor for any questions, concerns or additional support:

Surname A-Gr: Ms. Daniels

Surname Gu-Ne: Ms. Lemmon

Surname Ni-Z: Mr. Ward

### **Ontario College Applications:**

This is a friendly reminder that the OCAS deadline for applications is **February 1, 2024**. They encourage interested students to apply before this date, as website and call volumes are highest at this time.

### **Night School On-Line Learning Registration:**

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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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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