

Keswick High School E-Bulletin - November 17, 2023

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Important Upcoming Dates

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

November 18 - 28	OSSLT
November 18	School Council Meeting
November 20 - 22	Mid-Term Report Card E-Distribution
November 20 - 24	Bullying Prevention Week
November 21	History Field Trip - Newmarket Courthouse
November 27 - Dec. 1	Out of Time Production
November 28	Technology Field Trip - Centennial College
November 29	Full Disclosure
December 1	Science Field Trip - Science Centre
December 1	Therapy Dog Visits in the Library

Network Outage Update

We are still experiencing email issues, if you need to reach a staff member please contact the school directly at 905-476-0933.

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 once our email capabilities have been restored 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.***

More details will follow in December.

Bullying Prevention Week

Kindness Spirit Week Initiative

Monday - Bullying Stops Here - Wear Red

Tuesday - Kind Vibes Only - Wear Pink

Wednesday - Be a Hero and take a stand against bullying - SuperHero Day

Thursday - It's Cool to be Kind - Wear Blue

Friday - KHS Spirit Wear Day

OSSLT

All first time eligible (grade 10) and previously eligible (grade 11/12) students who have not yet met the Literacy Requirement for Graduation will be required to write the OSSLT in November. Students in Grade 10 will be writing the OSSLT over 2 days during their period 1 class. Students in Grade 11/12 will be writing the test over 2 days during period 1 in the library. Families of students who will be writing the test were sent specific details this morning via email.

Student Trustee Applications Opening Soon

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.

Roles and Responsibilities Video

Link: [Roles and Responsibilities Video](#)

Education and Community Partnership Programs (ECPP)

The ECPPs are educational programs established through partnerships between school boards and government-approved facilities, such as hospitals and children mental health agencies.

These programs are designed to support children and youth who cannot attend regular school because they need to access care, treatment and/or rehabilitation services. The school board provides an educational program so students can continue learning while accessing the care they need. In York Region, programs are provided for students aged 6 - 18 years. The health facility provides the required care and/or treatment support.

For more information please see the [brochure](#).

Mental Health Newsletter November 2023

[November's Mental Health Newsletter](#) for families and caregivers has a focus on "Stress and Resilience."

Newsletter translations available on <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/mental-health>.

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 Friday, November 17th there will be an upload of 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.

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

Community Involvement Hours

Students in Grade 9-12 can work on completing their community involvement hours. Forms are available online at the link below or can be picked up in the Guidance Office.

[Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Activities Form](#)

Students are asked to submit their completed forms to either their assigned Guidance Counsellor or the Guidance office.

Check out volunteer opportunities at: [Neighbourhood Network](#)

Attention Graduating Students:

Schulich Leader Scholarships

Schulich Leader Scholarships are the largest and most prestigious undergraduate Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) scholarships in Canada, with a value of up to \$120,000 per award. This scholarship was established to encourage our best and brightest students to be the next generation of entrepreneurial-minded, technology innovators.

This dynamic student demonstrates:

1. Academic excellence, AND 2. Leadership, charisma and creativity. Strong consideration will be given to students with financial need.

Schulich Leader Scholarships are open to all Canadian high schools with graduating students planning to pursue an undergraduate degree in an eligible STEM program at one of our 20 partner universities. Every high school in Canada may nominate one student per academic year.

If you would like to be nominated by Keswick High School, please have your application submitted to Guidance by January 15 for review by the selection committee. Please see Ms. Daniels in guidance for application requirements.

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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