

Keswick High School E-Bulletin - Sept 1, 2023

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Important Upcoming Dates

September 5	Photo Day
September 18	School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
September 22	P.A. Day
September 25 - 29	YRDSB Safety Week
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Photo Day

Tuesday, September 5 is Photo Day for all students at Keswick High School. Students will be called down by classroom to have their photo taken. Student photo ID cards will be delivered to Homeroom classes at a later date.

Students at our Alternative location will have their photos done on Monday, October 2.

School Council

School councils play an important role in building school, family, and community partnerships by providing input into relevant Board and school-level decisions and by working with members of the school community to support student learning, achievement, well-being and mental health.

Being a member of school council is just one way families can get involved to support the school community. Learn about [other ways to support your child's learning at home](#) and at school. Interested in becoming a School Council member?

[Complete the School Council Candidate Nomination Form \(PDF\)](#)

To learn about School Councils and the role of School Council members, [view the School Council Handbook \(PDF\)](#).

Our first School Council meeting of the year is Monday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome, please contact the school for more information.

Guidance News

Booking a Guidance Appointment

Guidance appointments can be booked through Teach Assist. Instructions on how to book an appointment are below:

Log into your Teach Assist account <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb>

1. Under the sub-heading, select “Appointment Bookings”.
2. Choose your counsellor (based on your last name). Guidance Counsellor alphas for 2023-2024:

- Ms. S Daniels - A-Gr
- Ms. K. Lemmon - Gu-Ne
- Mr. S. Ward - Ni-Z

3. Click on the day and time you want to have your appointment.
4. If you need to cancel your appointment for any reason, click “Cancel”. If you have any trouble making your appointment, please let the Guidance Department know.

Semester 1 Timetable Change Requests

Over the next two weeks the KHS Guidance Department will be working through timetable change requests. Courses offered at Keswick High School are based on student requests submitted through My Pathway Planner. Please be advised that due to class maximum size limitations, we will not be able to accommodate all requests submitted for timetable changes. Students are expected to attend the classes on their current timetable unless they are notified by Guidance that their

requested timetable change has been made. We are not able to make course changes based on preference.

If you are requesting a timetable change, please use this google form: [KHS Semester 1 Timetable Change Request Form](#)

Timetable Change Request Forms are due through this Google Form, by end of day (11:59 pm) Friday, September 1st, 2023. The KHS Guidance Department began processing change requests on Monday, August 28th and will continue to work on changes up until Friday, September 8th.

Night School Credit Courses and Online Learning Night School

Night School Credit Courses registration is now open. Please be advised that the Night School program will be delivered via a remote learning delivery model.

- Classes will occur online using a synchronous model.
- Classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30p.m. to 9:45p.m. October 5, 2023 to February 1, 2024.
- [Night School Credit Course Offerings](#)
- Speak with your child's guidance counsellor to see if your child is a candidate for Night School or contact continuing.education@yrdsb.ca for more information.

Online Learning Night School courses are initially offered to adult learners. Once program offerings are determined, space may be available to current YRDSB secondary school students.

- These courses are specifically designed to be delivered in a fully online format. Classes will be delivered online using an asynchronous model. Weekly synchronous opportunities with teachers are available.
- September 27, 2023 to January 22, 2024.
- Contact online.learning@yrdsb.ca for more information.

YRDSB Students will register for both programs using MyPathwayPlanner.

September 22 P.A. Day - (No school for Students)

Length: Half Day - AM

Topic 1: Student Well-being, School Safety, and Violence Prevention

Entity Hosting: All Secondary and Early Start Secondary Schools (except Bill Crothers SS)

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): Online modules developed by Board-based personnel.
Facilitated by School Administration.

Description: School teams will engage in compliance training including:

- occupational health & safety;
- student safety and violent incident prevention;
- training on supporting student mental health and well-being; and
- understanding cybersecurity and online privacy.

Length: Half Day - PM

Topic 2: Literacy/Mathematics Instructional Strategies

Entity Hosting: All Secondary and Early Start Secondary Schools (except Bill Crothers SS)

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School Administration

Description:

School teams will engage School Improvement planning led by school administrators focusing on

- high-impact instructional practices to support student improvement in alignment with the curriculum,
- developing resources and learning plans to consolidate foundational knowledge and skills in de-streamed grade 9 courses including English, Mathematics and Science and across the curriculum
- supporting Multi Language Learners (MLL) in our classrooms

Additional professional learning activities for educational assistants, office support staff, and library technicians will be available

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.

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.

For more information on these and upcoming events, please visit our website at <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/keswick.hs/Pages/default.aspx>

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