

# Keswick High School E-Bulletin - Sept 8, 2023

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## Important Upcoming Dates

September 18	School Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.(KHS Bistro)
September 21	Terry Fox Run
September 22	P.A. Day
September 23 - 24	Georgina Pow Wow (attachment)
September 25 - 29	YRDSB Safety Week
September 30	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

## 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. in our Bistro. All are welcome, please contact the school for more information.

## Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) Program

The York Region District School Board offers language learning to elementary students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 and language credit courses to secondary students in Grades 9 to 12. Please see the attachment for more information.

## Guidance News

### Semester 1 Timetable Change Requests

The KHS Guidance Department processed timetable change requests from August 28th until September 8th. If your child has a concern with their math/science/english pathway please have them book an appointment with their Guidance Counsellor through Teachassist.

### 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.

### 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 6:30pm to 9:45pm, October 5, 2023 to February 1, 2023
- [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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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