

Keswick High School E-Bulletin - April 21, 2023

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Important Upcoming Dates

April 25	Lacrosse Tournament at The ROC
April 26	Human Trafficking Awareness Presentation for Gr 9 Phys Ed students
April 27	Grade 12 Presentation "Paying for Post Secondary"
April 28	AGO Field Trip
May 2	Ontario Skills Competition @ Toronto Congress Centre
May 2	Dance Field Trip to York University
May 2	Lacrosse Team @ Bill Crothers SS
May 3	Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament @ Father Redmond CHS
May 4	Sr. Girls Soccer Team @ Sacred Heart CHS
May 4-5	Art-A-Thon at KHS
May 5	PA Day (no school)
May 8	Boys Rugby Team @ Williams SS
May 9	Lacrosse Team @ Sutton HS
May 11	Lacrosse Team @ Huron Heights SS
May 12	Sr Girls Soccer Team @ Woodbridge SS
May 12	Lacrosse Tournament in Huntsville
May 12	York Region Health Vaccination Clinic

May 15	Rugby @ Huron Heights SS
May 16	Sr Girls Soccer Team @ Huron Heights SS
May 16	Lacrosse Team @ Mullock SS
May 22	Art Field Trip to Clearwater Farms
May 22	Victoria Day (no school)
May 23	MADD Canada Presentation for Grade 11 & 12 students
May 25	Prom @ The Manor 5:30pm - 11:00pm

Guidance Information

YRDSB Summer School Registration

YRDSB Summer School registration is now OPEN! Registration opened April 11th and will close on June 16th. YRDSB students can register online on via [My Pathway Planner](#), please refer to the [my Pathway Planner Student Tip Sheet](#) on how to register. See course offerings and locations below:

- [2023 Secondary Summer School Courses and Locations](#)
- [2023 Online Learning \(Asynchronous\) Secondary Summer School Course List](#)

Please book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor to discuss summer school registrations. Your Guidance Counsellor will need to approve your summer school registration.

2023 KHS Graduation Awards and Bursary Application

This is a message for GRADE 12 GRADUATING STUDENTS.

If your child would like to be considered for Keswick High School's annual graduation awards and bursaries, please have them fill out and submit the following form: [2023 KHS Graduation Awards and Bursary Application](#)

The deadline to submit an application is: Friday, April 28th by 11:59pm.

Once the deadline has past the KHS Bursary Committee will meet to discuss student applications and make final decisions regarding awards for the upcoming June graduation. All students who apply will be considered. However, there is no guarantee that an award or bursary will be awarded. Students must meet the criteria for one of the available awards but also have submitted a complete, well documented application and demonstrated financial need.

If you or your child have questions, please contact the Guidance office or have them book an appointment with their guidance counsellor.

2023 KHS Valedictorian Nominations

This is a message for GRADE 12 GRADUATING STUDENTS.

Being selected as Valedictorian to represent Keswick High School's 2023 graduating class is considered an honour. Your child can either nominate themselves or a peer who meet the following criteria:

- Active in school life beyond the classroom
- Strong academic abilities
- Good citizen of Keswick High School – supported by staff and students
- Demonstrates the principles of character education
- Ability to speak publicly

If you feel this is your child or another Grade 12 graduating student they know, please have them fill out and submit the following form: [2023 KHS Valedictorian Nomination](#)

The deadline to submit an application is: Friday, April 28th by 11:59pm.

Once the deadline has past the KHS Graduation Committee will meet to discuss nominations. From Tuesday, May 9th to Friday, May 13th, voting will occur through student GAPPs account. Once a Valedictorian is chosen, they must agree to have a rough draft of their speech prepared well in advance of graduation. Dates will be discussed with the Valedictorian. The speech will need to be approved by the Principal.

If you or your child have questions, please contact the Guidance office or have them book an appointment with their guidance counsellor.

Community Involvement Hours

Students in Ontario are required to complete 40 Hours of Community Involvement activities to graduate in June 2023 with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. If you are a Grade 12 graduating student, please submit to KHS Guidance the documentation of any outstanding/unrecorded hours as soon as possible or by the latest June 16th.

A useful resource is 'Neighbourhood Network' which provides a directory of activities in our community requiring volunteers: www.neighbourhoodnetwork.org. In addition, the parameters for obtaining community involvement hours has been extended to include, 10 hours from employment with a reflection and/or for duties normally performed in the home.

Grade 12 Presentation - Paying for Post Secondary Education

Keswick High School is hosting a guest speaker on Thursday April 27th during Period 4 (1:50pm - 3:05pm) to deliver a presentation on "Paying for Post Secondary Education".

Useful for both college and university-bound students, this presentation dives into tackling the many costs of post-secondary and exploring the solutions available to those hoping to pursue further education in Ontario. The topics covered will include:

- Costs and Fees of Post-Secondary
- Financial Aid Definitions
- OSAP & LoC Breakdowns
- Exploring Scholarships & Bursaries: How to Apply and Where to Look
- Budgeting Best Practices
- Saving with Pathways
- Important Timelines and Tips

There are limited seats available for this presentation. Parents must complete the permission form on [School Cash Online](#) to reserve a spot for their student. Paper copies of the permission form can be obtained from Ms. Daniels in the Guidance Office. Only those students who complete the permission form will be permitted to attend the presentation.

Human Trafficking Awareness Presentation facilitated by Covenant House for Grade 9 Phys Ed students

On Wednesday April 26, Keswick High School will be hosting a representative from Covenant House who will be providing an educational workshop/presentation on the topic of Homelessness and sex-trafficking. The presentation will be approximately 1 hour in length and will take place in the cafeteria at KHS during period 2.

All students currently enrolled in a Grade 9 Phys Ed course have been invited to attend as an in-school field trip.

Parents must complete the permission form on [School Cash Online](#) to reserve a spot for their student to attend.

Prom 2023 Tickets.

Keswick High School is hosting our 2023 Prom on May 25, 2023 at The Manor in King Township. The evening will begin at 5:30 pm and end at 11:00 pm. The evening's events will include dinner, prom awards, and dancing. Tickets are \$100 each. **Thursday April 27th is the last day to purchase Prom tickets on [School Cash Online](#).**

Graduation 2023

The Keswick High School Graduation will take place on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00pm. Students must wear a cap & gown to cross the stage to receive their diploma. **The last day to purchase the cap & gown on [School Cash Online](#) is Thursday April 27th.**

Each student attending Graduation will receive 4 tickets for their guests. We will not issue more than four tickets per graduate and these tickets must be picked up by the graduating students. Tickets will be available for pickup on Friday June 23rd after 3:00pm and 8:00 - 4:00pm on the day of graduation

Yearbook 2022/2023

The Yearbook Club is hard at work creating a senior yearbook for 2022/2023 grade 11's and 12's. We would love your support in making the yearbook a success!

We will need signed permission forms from parents in order to feature any student in the book who is under 18. This includes grad photos, prom and teams/clubs. If this form has already been filled out, it is not necessary to complete another one.

The ***Use of Student Personal Information Consent Form*** can be requested through the main office.

All sales are online through the link below:

School's Order Number: 9276

[Yearbook Order Centre](#)

We need a minimum of 150 orders in the next few weeks to make the book financially viable. If we don't reach that by the end of April all money will be fully refunded. Contact Jason Knowles at jason.knowles@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions.

Vaping in the Washrooms

We need your support. Several students are reporting that they feel unsafe within our washrooms as other students are vaping. As we monitor and find students vaping we do speak to them, reach out to families and follow progressive discipline. We are worried about the safety and the health concerns caused by vaping. Here is some information that we will be sharing with students and would like your support in having these dialogues at home too: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/caring-and-safe-schools/substance-use-and-misuse/vaping-and-e-cigarettes>

Please do not permit your children to bring vapes or vape cartridges to school. We will be working with Tobacco Enforcement Officers to provide information to your children around the health concerns associated with vaping and the consequences for breaking the by-law around vaping on school property. This may include being issued a ticket or summons.

Please refer to the link below to discuss vaping with your teen.

[TALKING WITH YOUR TEEN ABOUT VAPING](#)

Food Pantry Program at Keswick High School

We are proud to announce that Keswick High School will be a pick-up location for students and families to access food that has been donated from the food bank of York Region. Any student can access and take part in this program, no questions asked.

Students can scan the QR code around the school to sign up or contact Mrs. Sedgwick or Mrs. Tweddle for more information.

Another option is that families may email Mrs. Sedgwick directly at pamela.sedgwick@yrdsb.ca

Distribution will occur on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:10 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. for those picking up by vehicle or large quantities.

Non perishable food donations are also welcome. Please bring any donations to the main office.

News and Events

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, including:

Managing Negative Self Talk, Fostering Your Child's Emotional Resilience - Mandarin Session, Triple P Parenting Sessions for March, Parenting Program for Farsi/Dari Speaking Families: Fostering positive relationships with children with looking at self-esteem enhancement strategies, Raising Resilient Children, Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter for March, Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter for March, Homestay Families Needed, York Region Traveller Safety Plan Virtual Information Session.

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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