

## Keswick High School E-Bulletin - April 28, 2023

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### **Important Upcoming Dates**

May 2	Lacrosse Team @ Bill Crothers SS 3:00pm game
May 2	Ontario Skills Competition @ Toronto Congress Centre
May 2	Dance Field Trip to York University
May 3-5	Electronic Distribution of Mid Term Report Cards
May 3	Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament @ Father Redmond CHS
May 3	Parent/Student Meeting for 2024 Japan Trip
May 4-5	Art-A-Thon at KHS
May 5	PA Day (no school)
May 8	Boys Rugby Team @ Williams SS 3:25pm & 4:40pm games
May 8	Girls Soccer @ KHS 4:00pm game
May 9	Girls Rugby @ KHS 3:25pm & 5:30pm games
May 9	Lacrosse Team @ Sutton HS 2:00pm game
May 11	Baseball Team @ Whipper Watson Park 3:00pm game
May 11	Lacrosse Team @ Huron Heights SS 2:00pm game
May 12	Lacrosse Tournament in Huntsville
May 12	Sr Girls Soccer Tournament in Woodbridge
May 12	York Region Health Vaccination Clinic

May 15	Girls & Boys Rugby Team @ Huron Heights SS, girls @ 3:05pm & 4:45pm; boys @ 2:15 & 3:55pm
May 15	Baseball Team @ The ROC 1:00pm game
May 16	Sr Girls Soccer @ Huron Heights SS 3:00pm game
May 17	Baseball Team @ The ROC 3:00pm game
May 18 & 19	York Region Public Health Vaping Presentation
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 11<sup>th</sup> and will close on June 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

A useful resource is 'Neighbourhood Network' which provides a directory of activities in our community requiring volunteers: [www.neighbourhoodnetwork.org](http://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.

## 2024 Japan Trip

KHS students are invited to participate in a unique travel experience next year: join the Science department on a 9 Day Trip to Japan: Land of the Rising Sun, with EF Tours for March Break of

2024. This trip is open to all Grade 10, 11 and 12 students (as of next year). Entering grade 9 students can attend on a case by case basis. This tour will include visits to 4 cities in Japan: Tokyo, Hakone, Kyoto, Osaka. Some of the important locations we will visit include the Shibuya district, the Meiji Shinto shrine, the Asakusa Temple, the Izu National Park, and many more. A parent/student meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 3 in the Keswick High School library, from 6:30-7:30 pm. At this meeting, a detailed itinerary will be shared, as well as other important details about this exciting opportunity. Supervising teachers and tour representatives will be available to field all your questions. No commitment is necessary.

We look forward to seeing you all there. Should you not be able to attend the meeting, please contact the teacher organizers, [Mr. Shore](#) or [Ms. Mayali](#)

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