

Keswick High School E-Bulletin - April 6, 2023

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Important Upcoming Dates

April 10	Easter Monday (no school)
April 11	Jr Badminton @ Sir William Mulock SS
April 12 - 13	OSSLT
April 12	Co-ed Volleyball Tournament @ Uxbridge SS
April 20	Ontario Science Centre Field Trip
April 25	Lacrosse Tournament at The ROC
April 26	Human Trafficking Presentation for Grade 9 Semester 2 Phys Ed students
April 27	Grade 12 Presentation - Paying for Post Secondary Education
April 28	AGO Field Trip
May 2	Ontario Skills Competition @ Toronto Congress Centre
May 2	Dance Field Trip to York University
May 3	Co-Ed Volleyball Tournament @ Father Redmond CHS
May 4-5	Art-A-Thon at KHS
May 5	PA Day
May 12	Lacrosse Tournament in Huntsville

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 and will be available for purchase on [School Cash Online](#) starting Monday April 3, 2023 until Thursday April 27th, 2023.

Graduation 2023

The Keswick High School Graduation will take place on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 7:00pm. Students will be able to purchase their cap & gown on [School Cash Online](#) from April 3rd-27th. Students must wear a cap & gown to cross the stage to receive their diploma.

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.

Guidance Information

Course Selection Confirmation

We hope that you have had the chance to reflect on the courses you have selected for next year. It is now time to review and confirm the courses selected in My Pathway Planner for the 2023/2024 school year. It is important to ensure that you have selected the appropriate course codes, the correct pathway, and courses of interest.

To verify your courses, please log into 'My Pathway Planner':

1. Visit the [Keswick High School website](#) and scroll down to find the 'My Pathway Planner' logo/link on the bottom right hand side. Click the link.
2. Using your school username and password, please sign in. This is the same login as your GAPPs account.
3. Click "High School" on the left hand side dashboard and review the courses you have chosen for next year.

If you would like to make a change to your course requests, including alternate courses, please complete the [Course Change Confirmation Form 2023](#) using your GAPPs account only and submit by **TUESDAY, APRIL 11th at 3pm**. If you **DO NOT NEED** to request a change, please **DO NOT** complete the google form. If we do not receive a response from you, your course selection will be confirmed as is.

YRDSB summer school information will be available in the spring and we will communicate with students and families as soon as registration information and course catalogues become available. If you have any questions, please book a guidance appointment with your counsellor through Teach Assist.

Math Help

The Mathematics Department will be offering a drop in session for extra math support starting the week of Feb 21st.

- No appointments needed – students can drop by room 2027
- Tuesday AM (8:25 a.m. to 8:55 a.m.)
- Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday @ lunch (11:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.)
- Wednesday/Thursday PM (3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.)

Another great resource is TVO Mathify <https://www.tvomathify.com/students>

- Free online 1:1 tutoring with certified teachers
- Available for grades 4 - 12
- Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday/Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Student's will need their OEN # to sign up (found on student report card)

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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