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Important Upcoming Dates

March 24-27	Electronic Distribution of Interim Report Cards
March 27	School Council Meeting 7:00pm @ KHS
March 28	Field Trip to Ripley's Aquarium
March 30	Parent Teacher Interview Night
March 30	Sr. Badminton Tournament @ KHS
April 4	Toronto Symphony Orchestra Field Trip
April 4	University of Waterloo Math Contest
April 5	KHS Formal Wear Share Event 6:00pm - 8:30pm
April 7	Good Friday (no school)
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 28

AGO Field Trip

Parent Teacher Interview Night

KHS will be hosting our Parent Teacher Interview Night on Thursday March 30th. Interviews can be booked from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Families can make appointments on Teach Assist starting March 23rd - March 29th. On March 22nd all families will receive detailed instructions on how to book appointments.

During that evening our Guidance Department will be hosting a "Paying for Post-Secondary Presentation" from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the Cafeteria.

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

This presentation is available to all students and families from Grade 9 to 12. It's never too early to start planning and gathering information. Hope to see you there!

Formal Wear Share Event

On Wednesday, April 5 from 6-8:30 pm, the KHS Prom Committee will be hosting the KHS Formal Wear Share event in the cafeteria. Students in grade 12 and grade 8 are invited to browse our large selection of gently used formal wear that would be appropriate for a school prom or graduation event. We have over 200 short and long dresses, a small selection of suits, and ~25 pairs of women's shoes.

Pictures of some of the outfits will be shared on the KHS Instagram account (@YRDSB_KeswickHS) shortly.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

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.

SCHULICH BUILDERS Scholarship for Skilled Trades

Schulich Foundation is thrilled to announce a new scholarship program focused on skilled trades. They are awarding 100 scholarships for skilled trades at 10 colleges, with a value of \$40,000 per award for two-year diploma programs and \$20,000 per award for one-year certificate programs.

KHS can nominate up to 5 students for this scholarship. Applicants must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, meet college requirements and are enrolling in a full-time, eligible skilled trades one-year certificate or two-year diploma program at a participating college starting in Fall 2023. (Each college has their own list of eligible programs, which can be found on their respective websites)

Participating colleges include: Algonquin, Centennial, Conestoga, Durham, Fanshawe, George Brown, Humber, Loyalist, Mohawk and Sheridan College.

If you are interested please contact your Guidance counselor to be considered for nomination.

Deadline to contact Guidance and express interest is March 31, 2023.

Every Student Counts Survey

Student and family input is important to us. The York Region District School Board will be conducting the Every Student Counts Survey with students (Grades K-12) to help us better understand our student population and school communities.

In the Spring of 2023, students in Grades 4-12 will be invited to complete the student survey and will be provided with in-class time to complete it. Translated versions of the survey will be available. Contact us at 905-476-0933 or keswick.hs@yrdsb.ca for more information.

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)

Extended Absence Form

If your student is going to be absent from school for three or more consecutive days an Extended Absence Form should be picked up from the Main Office. The student will take the form to each teacher to document the work and/or assignments they are responsible for during the time of the absence. The form is to be signed by the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s) and then returned to the Main Office. The form will be reviewed and signed by the Vice Principal. The attendance system is also updated accordingly. The student should pick up the form about 1 week prior to the first day of their absence.

Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List

As part of our commitment to dismantling anti-Black racism, YRDSB is launching the Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List.

Family members subscribed the mailing list will receive information about:

- Updates and programs from the Centre for Black Student Excellence
- Information about Board programs that would benefit Black students, families with Black children
- Community flyers and programs that would benefit Black students and families with Black children

Families can sign up for the mailing list using this subscription form, available at www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence, and can unsubscribe at any time.

The mailing list is one of the key commitments outlined in our Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy. For more information please visit the Centre for Black Student Excellence.

Keswick High School is in the process of starting a Black Student Association--an affinity group to provide space for self-identifying Black students to speak with their fellow peers and elevate student voice in our school community. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Renee Grant (renee.grant@yrdsb.ca) or Stephanie Ross (stephanie.ross@yrdsb.ca). As a family member, if you are interested in getting involved with the group or have any questions, please contact Casey Daleman, VP (casey.daleman@yrdsb.ca).

The Black Student Association will be meeting every Wednesday after school in Room 1014 at 3:15 p.m.

Moving Forward Hand in Hand

York Region District School Board, in collaboration with The Alliance of Educators for Black Students presents: Moving Forward Hand in Hand. Family workshops supporting students of African Caribbean Canada Heritage. This virtual workshop series is free. Please see the [Registration Link](#) for more information. The workshop is on March 29, 2023.

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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