

## Keswick High School E-Bulletin - May 26, 2023

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### Important Upcoming Dates

May 29	Mountain Biking Team Race @ Coulson's Hill
May 29	Boys Lacrosse Playoff Tournament @ Aurora H.S.
May 29	Girls Soccer Team @ Sir William Mulock
May 30	Women in Trades Symposium in Vaughan
May 30	Boys Lacrosse YRAA Finals @ Aurora H.S.
May 31	Red Shirt Day - Easter Seals
May 31	Therapy Dog Visits in the Library
May 31	Boys & Girls Rugby @ St. Theresa CHS
June 1	Indigenous History Month
June 2	3 on 3 Basketball Tournament & Buy-In
June 5	Service Canada Social Insurance Clinic @ K.H.S.
June 7	Girls & Boys Rugby @ Dr. G.W. Williams S.S.
June 8	Fine Arts Banquet 7:00 p.m.
June 13	Grad Breakfast for Grade 12 Graduates 8:30 a.m.

June 14	Athletic Banquet - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m..
June 15	Fine Arts Showcase
June 15	Online Learning Examinations in Room 1040 - 12:00 p.m.
June 15	Fine Arts Showcase 7:00 p.m.
June 19	Grade 12 Period 3 Exams
June 20	Grade 12 Period 4 Exams
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 21	All Grades Period 1 Exams
June 22	All Grades Period 2 Exams
June 23	Period 3 Exams Grades 9 - 11
June 26	Period 4 Exams Grades 9 - 11
June 26	KHS Graduation 7:00 p.m. in the Large Gym
June 28	Instructional Day
June 30	P.A. Day

### **Trustee Greetings**

Please see the attached trustee greetings from Carolyn Butterworth - Trustee for Georgina and East Gwillimbury and the Indigenous Trustee Greeting - Lauri Hoeg.

[Carolyn Butterworth Letter](#)

[Lauri Hoeg Letter](#)

### **BFCN Scholarship Applications Workshop**

Black students and their families are invited to join us for a virtual edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on Friday, June 2, 2023, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Registration via Eventbrite is mandatory in order to participate. A Zoom link and further details will be sent to all those who register.

[Link to Register](#)

### **Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools**

Parents/guardians and students are invited to attend a virtual workshop with Dr. Howard C. Stevenson, author of Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools on June 19 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. See the attached flyer for more details.

## **Student Attendance Expectations**

As we get closer to the end of the school year, we would really appreciate your support with student attendance in their classes. It is the expectation that all students are to be in their classes by the time the bell rings at the beginning of the period. If your child arrives after the bell, they will be marked late. The purpose of the 5 min. between classes is to give students time to travel between classes, go to the washroom, and fill up their water bottle.

It is very important that students stay in class for the entire period. This is where the learning happens. We want students to maximize the amount of time that they spend in class. If your child needs to go to the washroom, they must ask permission from their teacher and then go to the washroom that is closest to their classroom, and return immediately. Students are not allowed to hang out in the hallways during class time. No walking breaks. No laps around the school. Movement breaks can occur in the classroom. If your child has a spare, they are expected to go to the library, the cafeteria or the student success room or be at home.

Finally, food delivery services are not allowed to deliver food during class time. Food delivery can only happen between 11:45 and 12:25 pm.

There are just over 4 weeks before the beginning of the exam period. Let's make every minute count. Be in class. Be awesome.

## **Recreation Subsidies**

Free and/or Subsidized Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps For Children and Youth ages 4-18 whose families participate in one of the following:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Child Care Fee Subsidy (income below \$36,000) Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities
- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing

For More Program Information and Eligibility: Call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 or visit [york.ca/recreationsubsidies](http://york.ca/recreationsubsidies)

## **Bike to School Week**

Bike to School Week is May 29-June 2

[Bike to School Week.pdf](#)

## **Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletters**

May and June's Mental Health Newsletter for families and caregivers. Newsletter translations available on <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/mental-health>.

[MH Newsletter June 2023.pdf](#)

## **Grad Breakfast - Save the Date**

Save the date! We are pleased to invite all KHS 2023 graduating students to attend a Grad breakfast on Tuesday, June 13th at KHS from 8:15 a.m. -10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. We will be celebrating our graduates and their accomplishments as well as reviewing graduation expectations, ceremony procedures, and the agenda for the evening on June 26. We look forward to seeing all our Grads there.

## **Guidance Information**

### **OUAC and OCAS Important Dates**

The following are a few important dates for Grade 12 graduating students who have applied to either college or university through OUAC and/or OCAS:

- OUAC
- May 29th - The latest date all high school applicants who submitted their application by the January application deadline can expect a response from an Ontario university. This includes an offer of admission, a refusal or a deferral, once additional information is received.
- June 1st - The earliest date an Ontario high school student may be required to respond to an Ontario university offer of admission and give a financial commitment (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.).
- OCAS
  - June 1st - The earliest date that colleges may require payment of tuition fees"

## **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 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.

### **KHS Service Canada Social Insurance Clinic for Students**

Service Canada representatives will be at KHS from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on June 5, 2023 to help students apply for their Social Insurance Numbers and learn about the Canada Job Bank and Summer Program for Youth. Please see the attached link for more information:

[Keswick HS -June 5 2023 SIN Clinic.pdf](#)

### **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](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.

### **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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