

## **Keswick High School E-Bulletin – September 2, 2022**

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### **Important Upcoming Dates**

September 5	Labour Day - Statutory Holiday
September 6	PA Day - No school for students
September 19	School Council Meeting
September 23	PA Day - No School for students
September 30	Photo retake day
October 10	Thanksgiving - Statutory Holiday

### **Fridays are Spirit Days**

Staff and students are encouraged to wear red and/or black on Fridays to show your school spirit.

Coming soon.....Keswick High School will offer Spirit Wear items such as hoodies, long sleeve shirts and sweatpants for sale on School Cash Online in the Fall.

### **KHS Athletics**

Fall sports are about to begin at Keswick High School. See below for information for various teams.

Boys and Girls Rugby (all grades) - Sign up meeting Wed. Sept 7th @ 3:05pm, small gym and practice Thurs. Sept 8th after school

Jr. Boys Volleyball (grades 9 & 10) - sign up meeting Thurs. Sept 8th at 3:10pm, small gym

Girls Basketball (all grades) - sign up meeting Thurs. Sept 8th at 3:15pm, large gym

Boys Golf - (all grades) sign up meeting Thurs. Sept 8th at 3:15pm, room 1014

### **Attendance**

Parent(s)/guardian(s) and students aged 18 and older and students who have declared their independence must report all absences, late arrivals and/or changes to departure plans to the school in a timely manner. Where possible, notify the school in advance by phone 905-476-7823 or by email [keswick.hs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:keswick.hs@yrdsb.ca)

### **School Calendar**

Attached is our school calendar for the 22-23 school year. Please note that our first PA Day is Tuesday September 6th.

### **Communication between school and home**

Parents/guardians are our most important partners in educating children. We communicate with you in a variety of ways throughout the year. It is important that the school has your correct contact information (email, cell phone, home phone and alternate number is applicable). Please contact the school if your contact information has changed/changes throughout the school year.

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### **Guidance Department**

The Guidance Department offers a number of services, including support for academic and career planning, personal counseling, referrals to community resources, and support for the development of study habits and life skills. For more information, contact the Guidance Department.

#### Our Staff:

Nicole Gowan	- Guidance Secretary Ext 1086
Sue Daniels	- students with surnames A-G Ext 1099
Stephanie Ross	- students with surnames H-P Ext 1049
Spencer Ward (Head of Guidance)	- students with surnames Q-Z Ext 1088

## **Drop Off and Pick Up at School**

Keswick HS has a large parking lot for both staff and students. We do ask that you adhere to the following rules. The bus loop is to be used only by buses and taxis. Please note the stop signs and the no parking signs within our parking lot.

## **Homework**

The Ministry of Education defines homework as “work that students do at home to practise skills, consolidate knowledge and skills, and /or prepare for the next class.”

The Board has a homework policy that supports student learning and recognizes the importance of personal and family well-being. The amount, frequency and nature of assigned homework will vary depending on the student’s strengths and needs, well-being, grade, subject and other factors. For more information about time guidelines and how parents can provide support, please see the Guide to the

School Year and the Board Homework Policy and Procedure.

## **School Council**

As parents/guardians, there are many ways you can be engaged in your child’s learning at home and at school. This includes getting involved with the school council.

Elections shall occur within the first thirty days of the start of each school year. School Council Nomination Forms are due by September 19, 2022 which is also our first council meeting.

### **School Council Meeting Dates:**

September 19, 2022

November 21, 2022

January 23, 2023

March 27, 2023

May 15, 2023

All meetings will be hybrid, meaning you can attend at the school face-to-face or join us through Zoom.

## **Dress Code**

At Keswick High School, students are expected to dress appropriately to demonstrate respect for self and others at all times. In selecting clothing to wear to school, students should ensure that their choices support a safe and inclusive learning environment and are free from hate speech/imagery, alcohol or drug logos/slogans. Students must wear foot wear at all times.

Please note that this policy is currently under review by the Board and the school.

### **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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