

## **Keswick High School E-Bulletin – September 9, 2022**

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### **Important Upcoming Dates**

September 12-16	Safety Week
September 19	School Council Meeting
September 23	PA Day - No school for students
September 28	Terry Fox Run
September 30	Photo retake day
September 30	National Truth and Reconciliation Day - Orange T-Shirt Day
October 10	Thanksgiving - Statutory Holiday
October 20	Family Interview Night - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

### **Safety Week**

The York Region District School Board's priority is to provide and maintain safe and healthy environments for all students and staff. Each year safety week provides an opportunity to practice proper safety protocols and draw attention to our roles in providing a safe learning and working environment. This year Safety Week is scheduled from Monday, September 12-16th. During this week we will have three drills which include a fire drill, a hold & secure drill and a lock down drill.

### **Textbooks**

We need your assistance. If you have any textbooks at home from past courses, can you please send them into the school? As you may be aware, textbooks are an expensive item and we have lost many over the last two years due to circumstances where students were learning from home. We appreciate your help.

### **Math Help**

Does your child need extra help with Math? We are pleased to offer some additional support outside of class time. Students can drop by room 2027 on the days and times listed below.

Tuesday 8:30am - 8:55am

Wednesday @ Lunch 11:50am 12:20pm

Thursday 3:15pm - 3:45pm

No appointment is necessary. Please reach out to your child's math teacher or [kristie.miller@yrdsb.ca](mailto:kristie.miller@yrdsb.ca) for more information.

### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Orange T-Shirt Day**

Orange T-Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". The orange t-shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On September 30, we encourage all Canadians to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

### **Fridays are Spirit Days**

Staff and students are encouraged to wear red and/or black or KHS clothing 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.

Girls Golf Signup - Mon. Sept 12th Room 1014

Jr Boys Volleyball Tryouts - Tues. Sept 13 & Thurs. Sept 15- after school in large gym

Sr Boys Volleyball Tryouts - Mon. Sept 12 & Tues. Sept 13-after school in large gym

Boys and Girls Rugby tryouts - Mon. Sept 12 and Thurs. Sept 15 -after school - back field

Girls Basketball tryouts - Wed. Sept 14 & Thurs. Sept 15-after school-large gym

### **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.

### **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

## **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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