

SCHOOL COUNCIL

7:00 PM

December 13, 2021







Beginning in a Good Way

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.



2021-2022 School Council

Executive:

- Chair/Co-Chair: Pamela Tuininga and Erin Terveld
- Vice-Chair: Stephanie Grant
- **Treasurer**: Corrine D'Angelo
- Secretary: Shelly Grieve
- Members: Lesley Smith, Robert Baynit





Agenda

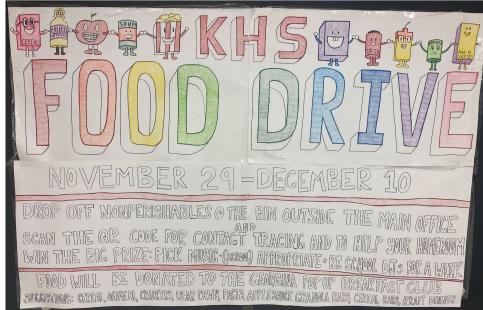
Topic/Focus	Facilitator	Timing
Land Acknowledgement Standing Items: Student Council Report Teacher Report Principal Report	Lael Croft Kelley Demers Candice Mott	20 minutes
Indigenous Student Study Centre	Victoria Raymer	10 minutes
Supporting Our Mental Health - Guest Speaker	Melanie Beckford	30 minutes
Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant Update	Pam and Erin	5 minutes
Any Other Business and Future Dates	Pam and Erin	10 minutes



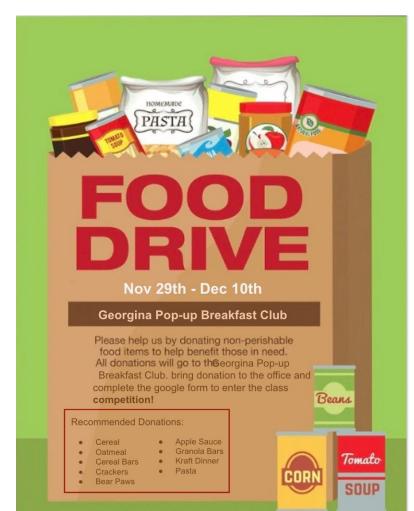
Student Council Report - Lael Croft

- Food Drive
- Spirit Week















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BRIGHT COLOURS, ETC)

FRIDAY

FESTIVE SWEATER/COZY PJ PAY

WEEKLONG HOLDAY SCAVENCER HUNT-LIBTER TO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DETAILS!

DECEMBER 13:17





Teacher Report - Kelley Demers

Spirit Wear: We will be handing out the spirit wear this Thursday & Friday in the main hall. Announcements will run Mon- Wed to remind students to stop by:)

Remembrance Day: Huge thanks to Mr. Simpson for the virtual assembly and hallway interactive display.

Violence against Women: Ms. Eros and her class created an informative display highlighting the women whose lives were taken in the Montreal attack on Dec 6, 1989.





Teacher Report - Kelley Demers

Kindness Calendar: How many acts of kindness can we do through the month of December? Great positive challenge to enter into Winter break:) Now displayed in the front foyer.

Sports: Varsity boys Hockey, Boys Jr/Sr. Basketball, Ski/Snowboard are underway.





Distribution of Rapid Antigen Tests to all students last Thursday, Dec. 9 - Ministry mandated initiative

Confirmation of Covid Screening will Resume in January 2022 after break



School Budgets - Overall 25% deduction from all secondary schools

Board offering \$500 to School Councils

Cafeteria can re-open with Covid restrictions and protocols January 2022

Cougar Eats will end in the new year.

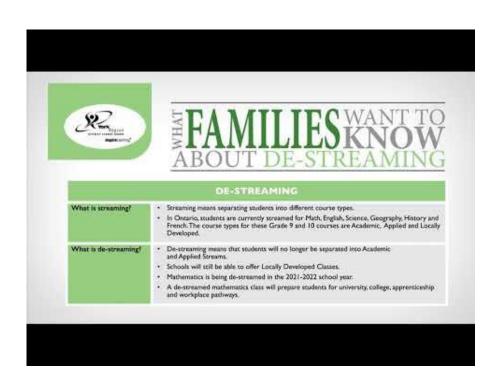




Destreaming Update -

Schools in Ontario will no longer stream students into Academic and Applied courses in Grade 9. Most students entering Grade 9 will take Academic English, French and Geography and will take de-streamed Math and Science.

Course selections for 2022-2023 school year will commence in February.



https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/de-streaming



Exciting News!

Technology Department - \$40,00 Mini Mill to support our manufacturing program

Computers - \$30,000 - to support purchase of 92 Chromebooks for our students

Science Department - First Robotics kits (valued at over \$8,000)







Construction Projects this summer at KHS

Special Education Department:

- Classroom to support Autism Program calming space, washroom
- Classroom to support Students with Complex Needs calming spaces, washroom and kitchen

New Space opening in January 2022

-Student Support Center- where students who have an IEP can get one-one or small group support from their SERTS; engage in academic testing; have private conversations about their IEP; alternative setting for tests, etc. (where attendance office currently is located)



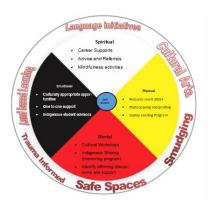


Elevating Student Voice and Creating Identity-Affirming Supports for our Students

- York Region Presidents' Council (6 students)
- GSA/Pride group
- RISE brothers mentorship program (7 students)
- Indigenous Student Study Center introduce Victoria Raymer









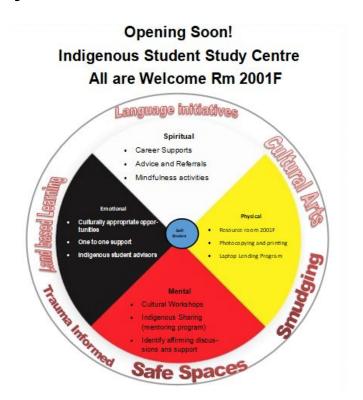
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Indigenous Student Advisors seek out, cultivate and support opportunities for Indigenous students to participate in leadership, cultural gatherings and workshops, support opportunities for Indigenous student mentoring; facilitate connections to support services, community organizations, and cultural supports for students and families; reach out to and facilitate relationships with crisis prevention and management services; provide opportunities for Indigenous students to learn traditions from Elders, knowledge keepers and other community members; and offer school support for Indigenous students who are living away from home.



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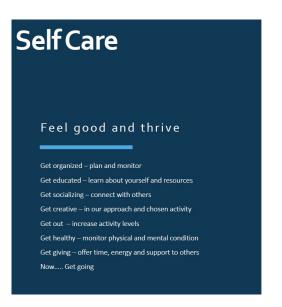




Mental Health Supports

Melanie Beckford, School Social Worker

Please see pdf for information





Be authentic - no-one does you, better than you.



Make any necessary adjustments to current routine



Set yourself realistic and achievable targets



Always set a timeline for goals and adjust where necessary.

Compiled by: Melanie Beckford RSW (SSW)



School Council Goals for this year

- Collaborate and interact more with Student groups
 - School Council, Athletic Council, etc
- Wider Parental Involvement; Grow membership by encouraging participation from other parents
- Increase Communication
 - Spread the word using Social Media



FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Date	Topics
Monday, February 28th - 7:00 p.m.	SHSM; Scholarships; Graduation
Monday, April 25th - 7:00 p.m.	TBA
Monday May 16th - 7:00 p.m.	TBA