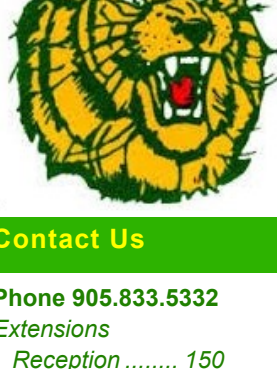
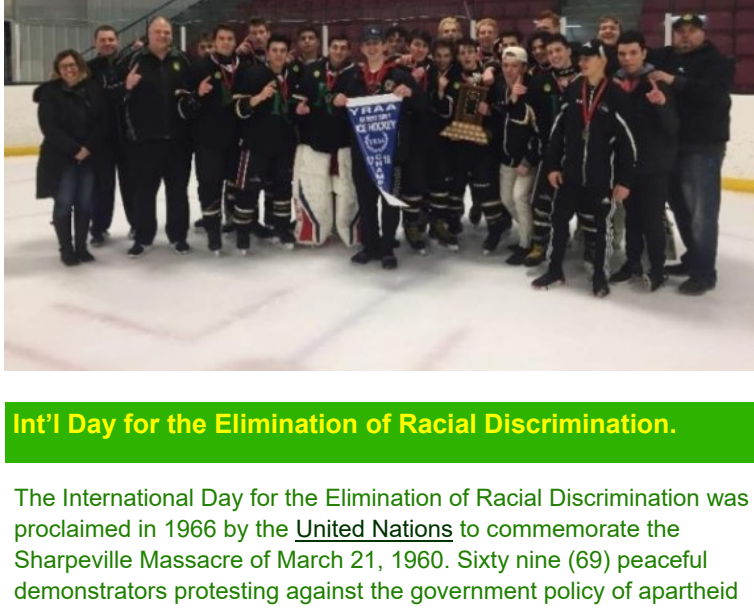




KCSS Hockey

Monday, March 19, 2018

Good luck to the KCSS Ice Hockey Team who, as YRAA Champions, are participating in the OFSAA A/AA tournament this week!
GO LIONS!



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Int'l Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was proclaimed in 1966 by the United Nations to commemorate the Sharpeville Massacre of March 21, 1960. Sixty nine (69) peaceful demonstrators protesting against the government policy of apartheid were killed in South Africa. Please take a moment on March 21 to reflect upon and support in some way the worldwide need to end racism.

Student Summer Jobs with MNRF

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) has opportunities available for youth summer jobs, providing young people with experience, job skills, an opportunity to explore career options and a chance to build professional networks. Programs include the Stewardship Youth Ranger Program with an opportunity for participants to obtain two high school co-op credits; the Summer Employment Opportunities for jobs in Ontario parks; the Indigenous Youth Work Exchange Program for youth who self-identify as Indigenous; and the First Nations Natural Resources Youth Employment Program (FNNRYEP) with the opportunity to earn two senior-level high school co-op credits. Deadlines vary. For more information on all of these programs, [click here](#).

Interim Report Cards and Teacher Interview Night

Teacher Interview Night is on March 22, 2018 from 6:15-8:15.

We are happy to announce that we will be using an online process to manage our Teacher Interview Night scheduling.

Edsby is an intuitive, cloud-based platform that will allow families to easily reserve times to meet with their child's teachers.

Families will need to create an Edsby account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Teacher Interview Night. For help signing up for Teacher interviews, please visit <https://goo.gl/X38UqE>.

You should have received an email from the York Region District School Board on March 1 with instructions on how to create an Edsby account. Please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity. All families are asked to ensure that we have a valid email address on file to receive this information.

Important Timelines

- March 1, 2018 Reminder to parents and/or guardians to create accounts
- March 9, 2018 Teacher Interview Night schedule was opened for booking, an invitation to book appointments was sent to your email inbox
- March 9, 2018 Interim Report Cards sent home
- March 22, 2018 Teacher Interview Night, 6:15-8:15 pm**

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test - April 10, 2018

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will be written on **April 10th**. The test will be a "pen and paper" test with no online option this year. Accommodations for students with SEA equipment will be arranged through the Special Education Department as per usual practice.

April 10th is the only time the test is offered during this school year so **student attendance is essential**. As this graduation requirement, any students who are absent from the test will forfeit the opportunity to write this year and must write in the following year.

This test is written by students pursuing the Ontario Secondary School Diploma who are in their Grade 10 year or those in their Grade 11 or 12 year who have not yet completed their literacy requirement for graduation. On April 10th there will be no classes running for students who are not writing the test, with the exception of our non-credit bearing Autism Community Class program.

This year EQAO has removed previous restrictions around extra time for the test. Students no longer need to be English Language Learners or have an IEP to be allowed additional time to write the test. Test writers will receive a letter today or tomorrow in homeroom to share with parents regarding extra time. **If you and your son/daughter anticipates the need for extra time, please complete the letter and return it to Ms. Morris (Student Success) or Ms. Littlejohn (Library) by Friday, March 23rd.**

The Literacy Committee is working to ensure our students feel well prepared for the test. Students writing the test met with our Literacy Teachers to register on the "KCSS Literacy Learning" Moodle in September. This Moodle is a one-stop-shop for at-home literacy test preparation. Students are highly encouraged to use the Moodle for practice and preparation for the test. Parents are encouraged to look at this Moodle with their students and to support their practice while at home.

In September, students wrote an online practice test. This provided a sample of their work to the Literacy Committee. These tests were marked and feedback was provided by email to each student. Parents are encouraged to discuss the results with their student, and to encourage practice in any areas that require improvement.

At school classroom teachers will be working with students to review the necessary skills for successful completion of the test. Our "Lit Blitz" will kick off on March 20th. Students will be participating in a series of six lessons focusing on areas of the test that students have traditionally found challenging. This will include: writing a series of paragraphs expressing an opinion, writing an objective news report, writing short open response questions, and examining graphic texts. Throughout these lessons, students will focus on topic development, making connections to the text, and identifying inferred information. The booklets provided to students contain more samples of OSSLT questions, than can be covered during the Lit Blitz. Please encourage your son/daughter to use the additional materials to practice and prepare for the test.

Parents are invited to join Ms. Morris and Ms. Littlejohn in the library on Parents' Night (March 22nd) for an information session regarding the Literacy Test. The presentation will take place at 6:00 PM and be repeated at 7:00 PM. Each session will run for approximately half an hour.

Any questions regarding the OSSLT can be directed to Ms. Morris (Julie.morris@yrdsb.ca).

Summer COOP Opportunities

Summer Co-operative Education 2018

Information and Application: bit.ly/SummerCoop2018

NEW!

1 Credit Summer Co-op

SHSM and Non-SHSM students

Program Dates: July 3 - July 27

Application Deadline: **June 1, 2018**

Interview Dates: June 4 - 15

SHSM Mackenzie Health 2 Credit Summer Co-op

SHSM H&W and Business Students

Program Dates: May 9 - Aug 3

Application Deadline: **March 23, 2018**

Interviews Dates: April 5 -6

Required Volunteer Week: August 6th-10th

2 Credit Summer Co-op

SHSM and Non-SHSM students

Program Dates: May 9th-Aug 3rd

Application Deadline: **March 23, 2018**

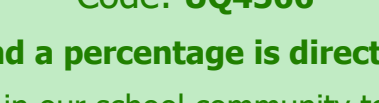
Interview Dates: April 9th-20th

Contribute to Strategic Planning at YRDSB - Upcoming Town Halls

York Region District School Board is re-visioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7 - 9 p.m.	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6 - 9 p.m.	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2 - 4 p.m.	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

New CommTech Lab & Fund Scrip



Help support the purchase of computers and related equipment for our new Communications Technology lab. Click on the [FundScrip logo](#) to access the 'Support a Group' page.

Code: **UQ4566**

Purchase gift cards and a percentage is directed to KCSS.

Please encourage others in our school community to assist in this *no cost* fundraising initiative.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

School Council Dates 2017- 2018

- ◆ April 18
- ◆ May 16
- ◆ June 13

All parents are welcome to School Council meetings. Our council vision is to enhance the learning experience of every child at King City SS. Our school is even better when parents, guardians and the community are involved.

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the library.

School council elections will be held during the first meeting.

Upcoming Events

- March 22 Parent Interview Night
- 22 Art Show
- 22 Post-Secondary Planning Seminar
- 22 OSSLT Parent Information Sessions
- 29 Graduation Awards Applications Available
- 30 Good Friday (No Classes)
- April 2 Easter Monday (No Classes)
- 10 OSSLT
- 11 Euclid Math Contest
- 12 Fryer Galois Hypatia Math Contests
- 17 Last day of Term 3



[School Website](#) (featuring school calendar)