



**Message from Guidance: College and University Presentations**

**Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
2<sup>nd</sup> period (10 a.m.)  
College Panel Presentation in the MPR**

Toronto-area colleges (Seneca, Humber, George Brown, Centennial, and Georgian) will present a workshop to college bound students. Students who intend to apply to college for next September are encouraged to attend.

**Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> OR Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> period (1:40 p.m.)  
University Application seminar in the MPR**

University-bound students will be presented with the Next Steps of the Application Process.

**Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>  
4<sup>th</sup> period (1:40 p.m.)  
College Application seminar in the MPR**

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**S-Trip**

A reminder that KCSS and YRDSB are in no way affiliated with S-Trip. We advise parents considering permitting their student to participate in this activity to fully research the company and the supervision provided.

**YRDSB Arts Camp**

Interested students can now apply to be an Arts Camp Counsellor and Counsellor-in-Training using their GAPPS email via the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJ-7wZd1Nij2Xqb1ZfaR6YhViiSKc9J5iVvteRdBFqBGlg/viewform>

For more information, please visit <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/arts/Pages/Arts-Camp.aspx>



**Cross Country**

The KCSS Cross Country team competed at the YRAA Championships October 25 at Boyd CA in Woodbridge. This was the teams first race of the season in dry conditions and most runners took advantage and ran personal bests (Josh, Matthew, Christian, Codie, Cyrus, William, Guilia and Sarah) under ideal race conditions.



**Semi-Formal**

The Semi-Formal dinner and dance is quickly approaching, and King City Secondary School staff and Students' Council organizers are pleased to celebrate this occasion with students on Thursday November 23, 2017 at Le Jardin Event Centre (8440 Hwy 27, Woodbridge). The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 11:00 p.m.; students will not be admitted after 6:45 pm. As the Semi-Formal is a school-sponsored event, the school's code of conduct, YRDSB Caring & Safe Schools Policy and all rules and procedures are in effect during the dance.

This year the tickets will be sold on School Cash Online. Once purchased through School Cash Online, students can pick up their Semi-Formal ticket in front of the cafeteria starting on Monday November 13. In order for your student to pick up their semi formal ticket, they MUST bring in a signed copy of the permission form that has been provided to students (or can be found at [http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/kingcity.ss/NewsEvents/Documents/2017\\_18%20Attachments/Semi%20Permission%20Letter%20November%202017.pdf](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/kingcity.ss/NewsEvents/Documents/2017_18%20Attachments/Semi%20Permission%20Letter%20November%202017.pdf)).

**Asbestos Remediation**

**KING CITY SECONDARY SCHOOL**

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November 6, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to advise you that asbestos remediation work will take place at our school. Asbestos was used as an insulating material in the construction of all buildings up until the mid 1980s.

As a result of health concerns, provincial legislation was created to manage asbestos in buildings. The York Region District School Board has an Asbestos Management Program in place. The Board has been actively monitoring the condition of existing asbestos in schools, and safely securing and removing asbestos for nearly two decades.

Any repair or removal of asbestos from our schools is in full compliance with government regulations. Upon completion of the remediation work, the area of work will be inspected to ensure that it is safe for all staff and students.

If you have any questions or concerns about the safety of the school, please feel free to contact me during normal school hours. For health information related to asbestos, please contact the York Region Health Services Department Hotline at 1-800-361-5653.

Sincerely,  
*C. McGinley*  
Catherine McGinley  
Principal

**OHIP+**

**Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care**

**OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare Key Facts for Patients and Families**

**What is OHIP+: Children and Youth Pharmacare?**

Beginning January 1, 2018, the province will provide free prescription drug coverage for children and youth aged 24 and under, regardless of family income.

Under OHIP+, over four million Ontario children and youth will have access to over 4,400 medications and other drug products. This will help many families access medications their children need to stay healthy at no cost – no co-payment or annual deductible.

Enrollment in OHIP+ will be automatic, based on age. There are no upfront costs for eligible medications. Those who are eligible for OHIP+ will only need their health card number and a valid prescription from their doctor or nurse practitioner when they visit their pharmacist.

**What drugs will be covered?**

OHIP+ will cover all drugs currently covered through the Ontario Drug Benefit Program. This includes more than 4,400 drug products listed on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary/Comparative Drug Index. Additional drugs are also eligible for funding through the Exceptional Access Program.

**Examples of common drug products used by children and youth, age 24 and under that will be covered by OHIP+ include:**

- Antibiotics to treat infections
- Inhalers for asthma
- Various insulins, oral diabetic medications and diabetes test strips
- Antidepressants
- Epilepsy drugs
- Medications to treat mental health conditions
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) drugs
- Drugs to treat some childhood cancers and other rare conditions

Visit the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary/Comparative Drug Index at [www.formulary.health.gov.on.ca/formulary/](http://www.formulary.health.gov.on.ca/formulary/) to find out if a drug is listed on the formulary or ask your pharmacist for help.

**What is the Exceptional Access Program?**

The Exceptional Access Program enables access to drugs not funded on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary, for example, some medications used to treat inflammatory bowel disease, juvenile arthritis, cancer and other conditions, or where no appropriate alternative is available on the Ontario Drug Benefit Formulary.

**How does OHIP+ affect the Trillium Drug Program?**

The Trillium Drug Program is for people who spend approximately 3 to 4 per cent or more of their after-tax household income on prescription-drug costs. For Trillium Drug Program recipients, there would be no change to their annual deductible as a result of the introduction of OHIP+.

Trillium Drug Program households with members age 24 and under would still have their incomes factored into deductible calculations (income of all household members will count towards establishing the deductible). However, Trillium Drug Program households would have no out-of-pocket expenses for children age 24 and under to contribute toward meeting the deductible.

Individuals who are 24 years of age and are currently enrolled in the Trillium Drug Program.



**5-Week Explore Language Program Opportunity**

**EXPLORE LIVE THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE**

Explore is a five-week intensive language-immersion program, adapted to your level. You can take the course in the spring or summer.

Covers tuition fees for the program, instructional materials, meals and accommodations, workshops, and other mandatory activities. The educational institution you will be attending receives the bursary directly. Since it is considered taxable income, you will need to have your personal Social Insurance Number (SIN).

Bursaries are awarded by random draw. Priority is given to first-time applicants, and every effort is made to place you at one of the schools you have chosen.

**Eligibility**  
To be eligible to apply, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- be at least in Grade 11 (Secondary 3 in Quebec) during the current school year or be at the post-secondary level;
- have been a full-time student for at least one term during the current school year.

**NOTE:** you must also be at least 16 years old on the first day of the course.

**Accommodation**  
Participants live in a student residence on campus or with a homestay family whose members speak French.

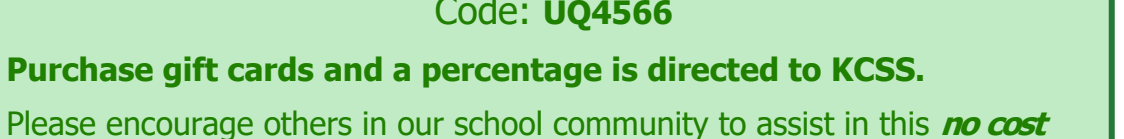
**Costs**  
The bursary does not cover:

- registration fee (non-refundable and payable only if you receive a bursary)
- travel costs and optional activities
- spending money
- deposit, if any, refundable under certain conditions

**Educational Institutions**  
Please visit our web site for a detailed list of the participating colleges and universities across Canada, and the program dates.

Visit [www.myexplore.ca](http://www.myexplore.ca) for the latest information and to apply on-line.

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**A Message from the KCSS Green Team**

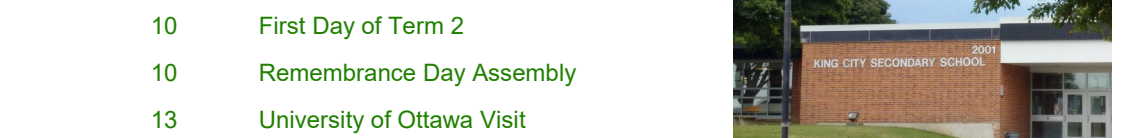
**OLD BATTERIES ARE A HAZARDOUS WASTE!**

Just a reminder that old batteries do not go in the recycling or garbage bin. Batteries are a hazardous waste. Instead, please bring them to school to Room 12 and Mrs. Strong will bring them to a Hazardous Waste Drop off location. This should make it easier for the KCSS's community to dispose of old batteries and help our precious environment! Remember to REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE properly. Thank you.

**A Message from Your Region Public Health: Flu Season**

**York Region**

**Flu Season is on its way – are you ready?**



Flu season is nearly here. Be prepared by getting the flu shot as early as possible. The first and best step to preventing influenza (the flu), is to get the flu shot every year. Influenza spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others.

Everyone six months of age and older can get the flu shot.

Flu shots are available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

Visit [ontario.ca/flu](http://ontario.ca/flu) to find where you can get the flu shot.

**How can the flu be avoided?**

- Get the flu shot!
- Wash your hands well and often with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover your mouth and nose with tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterward. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid large crowds and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected

To learn more about flu and the flu vaccine visit [york.ca/flu](http://york.ca/flu)

**Community and Health Services** Public Health [york.ca](http://york.ca)

**Immunizations - York Region Public Health**

If you recently received a letter from York Region Public Health requesting immunization information, community clinics are a great way for your child to get immunized. Clinics are offered in Keswick, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill and Vaughan. To book an appointment, visit [york.ca/immunizations](http://york.ca/immunizations) and click on **Community Immunization Clinics** or call 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73044.

If your child has received their vaccines, please update your child's immunization records in one of the following ways:

- Online at <https://eimmunization.york.ca>
- Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

**New CommTech Lab & Fund Scrip**

**FundScrip**

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**



- ◆ November 15
- ◆ February 21
- ◆ 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**

November 6	Trent University Visit
7	Ontario College Panel
8	Queen's University Visit
8&9	University Applicant Workshop
9	Last Day of Term 1
9	University of Ontario Visit
10	First Day of Term 2
10	Remembrance Day Assembly
13	University of Ottawa Visit
14	Ryerson University Visit
15	College Applicant Workshop
15	School Council
17	Immunization Clinic

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

