

King City SS e-Newsletter



[2001 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1K2](#)

February 15, 2019

Course Selection Due in One Week

A reminder to students returning to KCSS in September to log into [my blueprint](#) to select courses by **Friday, February 22**. To support our students in their course selection, guidance has visited classes to familiarize students with the process. Please click [this link](#) to view the Powerpoint presentation that was shared with students. All next week at lunch in room 110, our guidance department will be supporting students in their course selection.

The selections made by students are the basis for the timetable for the 2019-2020 school year, so students should carefully consider which courses they wish to select. Students are encouraged to research possible post-secondary destinations, including prerequisites, and plan their course selection accordingly. It is important to remember that course changes are not always possible after course selection.

King City Varsity Hockey Continues its Playoff Run

The King City Lions Varsity Hockey team continue to roar through the playoffs after a very successful season. The Tier 1 team, who went 4-1-1 in the regular season, is preparing for it's next playoff game against St. Brother Andre CHS on Tuesday. On Monday, in the first round of the playoffs King City beat St. Elizabeth 8-2 to sweep the two game series. Anthony Macedo scored a hat trick in the winning effort, with additional goals by Nick and Matthew De Angelis. Keep up the good work. We are all cheering for you!

Lots of Information in this Newsletter!

Please make sure to look over the following pages in this newsletter for information on:

- March 27th OSSLT Modified School Day
- Parents for Children's Mental Health Support Group
- Maple's Closet - Providing formal clothes for students in need
- Youth Speak Mental Health Event
- Aquatic Leadership Program
- Art the Link

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School News

Important Dates

To view our entire school calendar online click [here](#).

Tuesday February 19th

- ☐ Curling Team at Bayview Curling Club
- ☐ Jr. Girls Volleyball at St. Joan of Arc
- ☐ Hockey Semi Final vs. Br. Andre at Nobleton Arena

Thursday February 21st

- ☐ Pacal, Cayley & Fermat Math Contests
- ☐ Alpine Ski and Snowboard at Georgian Peak
- ☐ Outdoor Ed. at Haliburton Forest overnight departs

Friday February 22nd

- ☐ Course Selection Materials for 2019-20 Due in Home Room
- ☐ SHSM - Health & Wellness P.A.R.T.Y. tour at Southlake

Saturday February 23rd

- ☐ Outdoor Ed. at Haliburton Forest overnight returns

Monday February 25th

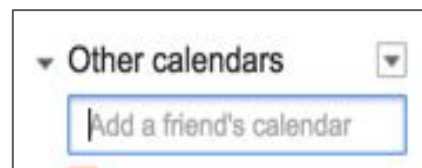
- ☐ Jr. Girls Volleyball at KCSS

Tuesday February 26th

- ☐ Chef A L'ecole

Do you use Google Calendar?

Add our email address to add our calendar to your calendar, and never miss an event again!



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FEBRUARY 20, 2019 • 7PM-9PM

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS FOR PARENTS AND CARING ADULTS
NEWMARKET THEATRE • 505 PICKERING CRESCENT, NEWMARKET

Hear from our **YOUTH SPEAKERS**, who will share their personal stories and how they were able to cope with mental health challenges, bullying and substance misuse

LEARN MEANINGFUL WAYS TO CREATE A **SAFE SPACE** FOR YOUTH TO TALK

Hear from **YORK REGIONAL POLICE** how we can protect youth from cyberbullying

SEE A PERFORMANCE BY **UNITY Charity**, FOCUSED ON IMPROVING YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Visit **AGENCY BOOTHS** to access valuable information and resources

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"APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 5 CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN ONTARIO HAS FACED OR WILL FACE A MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGE"

Canadian Mental Health Association Ontario (2019).



As a parent or caring adult, it is important that you know how to identify these challenges and help youth cope and face life's challenges with resilience and self-confidence

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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test – Modified School Day Wednesday, March 27, 2019

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has scheduled **Wednesday, March 27, 2019** as the day for students across the province to complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). To assist in creating the best possible environment for students writing the test, and as a result of changes to EQAO policy, the Board will implement a modified school day. **On March 27, secondary schools will follow an exam-style day in which:**

- **only grade 10 and Previously Eligible students who are writing the test are required to be at school** (no regular classes for students in grades 9, 11, and 12 will occur);
- students will be dismissed upon completion of the test;
- school bus and taxi service will run on their normal schedules; and
- self-contained special education classes [e.g., developmentally delayed, autism, complex needs, multiple exceptionalities, PEAK, York Academy-Section 23 (Care and Treatment) programs, Intensive, Intensive Resource Support, and Acquired Brain Injury] and Elementary Music will follow their regular schedule.

For Students Writing the OSSLT

Students writing the test will come to school on March 27 at their normal start time, 8:20, to write the OSSLT. Based on EQAO timelines for the test, we anticipate that many students will finish writing in about 3 hours. Students will be dismissed upon their completion of the test; however space will be made available in the school for those who need to remain until regular dismissal time. Students requiring extra time will continue to write their test during an extended test-taking period. Modifying the school day in this way allows schools to maximize teacher supervision and support, availability of classroom space and, access to technology.

For Students Not Writing the OSSLT

Although schools will be open, regular classes will not be running. Students are encouraged to use the time on this day to review or complete coursework, prepare for upcoming assessments, engage in Individual Pathways Planning, or complete community involvement hours.

We wish every student success on the OSSLT, and appreciate your ongoing support for student achievement and well-being.

If you have any questions, please contact the school's administrative team.



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Donations for Maple's Closet

Maple High School is proud to be hosting the 13th annual Maple's Closet Diva and GQ Balls events in the spring of 2019. Maple's Closet has helped provide graduation attire to over 600 grade 8 and 12 students.

Our objective is to provide a graduation dress, suit and accessories to every York Region student in need.

We accept donations of gently used formal wear and accessories for the event. We are in need of the following items:

- Prom / Graduation dresses
- Purses / Clutches
- Jewelry
- Dress pants
- Ties
- Shoes (Men and Women)
- Toiletry / Make-Up bags
- Suits (Boys and Men)
- Shirts
- Belts

Guests receive a takeaway package as a thank you for their participation.

To support us with this we also accept donations of unused:

- make-up
- men's socks
- nail polish
- toiletries
(combs, soap, brushes, etc.)

To make a donation please contact Maria Luongo-Cassar @
maria.luongo-cassar@yrdsb.ca

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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Parents for Children's Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, March 18th

PARENTS' Support Group

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

Future Meetings 3 rd Monday of each month NOTE some dates change due to statutory holiday conflict.	Monday, April 15 th <u>Guest Speaker P. Marra-Stapleton</u> Mental Health Lead York Region District School Board Topic: Four Pillars of Mental Health
	Monday, May 13 th topic TBA (note special date due to the next week stat holiday)
	Monday, June 17 th topic TBA
	No meetings July and August
	6:30-8:00 pm No pre-registration is needed Sorry no child minding available. Young children cannot safely be left unattended.
Where	*NEW* Aurora Kinark Office 218 Earl Stewart Drive, Unit 7, Aurora, ON L4G 6V7. One block south of St. John's Sideroad. One block west of Bayview Ave.

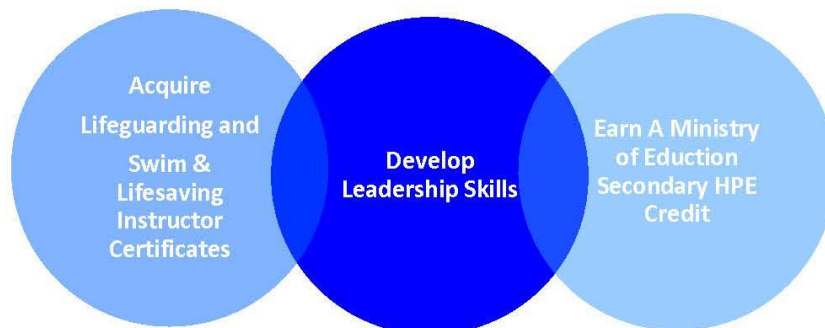
PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.



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Aquatic Leadership Program – Part 2

Be certified as a lifeguard ready for employment



Program Information:

The Aquatic Leadership Program – Part 2 has been extended to include partnerships between the York Region District School Board, Continuing Education and the City of Markham and the City of Vaughan. The program uses a blended learning format consisting of pool instruction, face-to-face instruction in class and on-line learning. Upon completion, successful students may earn the following courses and certifications:

- Secondary School Grade 12 Credit - Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership - PLF4M
- Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard Certification
- Lifesaving Society Swim and Lifesaving Instructor

An examiner from the Lifesaving Society will evaluate the final aquatic skills examinations for the lifeguarding and swim and lifesaving instructor certifications. Students must pass the final exam for each aquatic course including the in-water examinations in order to receive their lifeguarding and swim and lifesaving instructor qualifications. Credits and certifications may be granted independently.

Cost: \$250 includes all course materials and training manuals.

City of Markham Milliken Mills Community Centre 7600 Kennedy Road, Markham ON. L3R 9S5	City of Vaughan Woodbridge Pool 5020 Highway 7, Woodbridge, ON. L4L 1T1
Tuesdays and Thursdays February 19, 2019 – June 20, 2019 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. One online Saturday class	Mondays and Wednesdays February 20, 2019 – June 24, 2019 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Three online Saturday classes
Participants must be 16 years or older by June 13, 2019, hold Bronze Cross certification and Standard First Aid.	Participants must be 16 years or older by June 17, 2019, hold Bronze Cross certification and Standard First Aid.

For more information, contact YRDSB Continuing Education Services at (905) 884-3434 or aquaticleadership@yrdsb.ca

Website information: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/ALP-Part-2.aspx>

For specific details about the Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, Standard First Aid, Lifesaving Instructors, Swim Instructors and National Lifeguard Qualifications, visit the [City of Markham](#), [City of Vaughan](#) or the [Lifesaving Society](#) websites.



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ART THE LINK

**Are you a budding artist?
Just love to draw?
Here's your chance to leave your mark.**

Young people aged 12 to 24 who live in York Region are invited to submit a design for *Art the Link*, a contest for youth to show off their artistic skills.

Interested?

- Review the contest rules and get an application form at yrp.ca/ArtTheLink
- Submit your design and application form by **3 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2019** to thelink@georgina.ca or youthevents@yrp.ca
- Judges will select up to 20 artists to showcase their work on **Saturday, May 11, 2019** at The Link located at 20849 Dalton Road in Sutton.





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Information on School Bus Cancellation

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

A bus cancellation message will be available at www.schoolbuscity.com, by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM
1010 AM	1050 AM	1540 AM	1580 AM
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM
99.1 FM	99.9 FM	101.1 FM	102.1 FM
104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

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