

King City SS e-Newsletter



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February 22, 2019

Important OSSLT Update

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will be written on **March 27th**. The test will be a “pen and paper” test with no online option. Accommodations for students with SEA equipment will be arranged through the Special Education Department as per usual practice.

March 27th is the only time the test is offered during this school year so **student attendance is essential**. As this is a graduation requirement, any students eligible to write this year who are absent from the test will forfeit the opportunity to write this year and **must** write the following year.

This test is written by students pursuing an 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 March 27th, 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.

[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 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).

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.

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Important Dates

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

Saturday February 23rd

- Outdoor Ed. at Haliburton Forest overnight returns

Sunday February 24th

- Alpine Ski & Snowboard - Ski OFSSA Championships

Monday February 25th

- Jr. Girls Volleyball at KCSS

Tuesday February 26th

- Chef A L'ecole
- Outdoor Ed. at Seneca King Campus

Wednesday February 27th

- Jr. Girls Volleyball at Woodbridge College

Thursday February 28th

- Alpine Ski & Snowboard - Snowboard OFSSA Championships
- Skills Canada Competitions at Seneca College

Monday March 4th

- OSSLT Opening Assembly
- Alt. Ed trip to Seneca College

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

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OSSLT Update Continued...

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 and parents/guardians. Parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss the results with their student, and to encourage practice in any areas that require improvement.

All 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 4th. Grade 10 students will be participating in a series of lessons, including a full day in-school event on March 6th, focusing on areas of the test that students traditionally find challenging. This will include: the three reading and the three writing criteria evaluated on the test.

Full details regarding these test criteria can be found at:

- Getting Ready Guide - <http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/OSSLT/assessment-docs/getting-ready-guide-osslt.pdf>
- Planning and Preparation Guide: <http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/OSSLT/assessment-docs/planning-preparation-guide-osslt.pdf>
- "Questions and Answers for Parents" AND "Guide to EQAO Assessments in Secondary School" are both available in multiple languages. (<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/OSSLT/parents/Pages/parents.aspx>)

Parents are invited to join Ms. Morris and Ms. Littlejohn in the library on Parents' Night (March 21st) 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).



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If your child is writing the OSSLT this year, please encourage them to participate in one of these informative Lunch & Learn Sessions



OSSLT “Lunch and Learn” Sessions

- Bring your lunch to the Library computer lab on the following days for informative OSSLT preparation workshops.
- Have a question? Drop by to get helpful information.

OSSLT

March 27th, 2019

Be informed.
Be ready!

Date	Topic
February 28 th	Writing: 3 Paragraph Opinion Piece
March 4 th	Reading and Writing: Short Answer Questions
March 7 th	Writing: News Reports
March 18 th	Reading: Graphic Texts
March 21 st	Multiple Choice Questions



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Nordic Skiing Championships

Congratulations to the KCSS Nordic Ski Team who raced at the YRAA Championships last Friday, February 15th. The senior boys team of Andrew Mitchell, Justin Baird, Josh Longa, Jack Miller and Ruifeng Huang won the YRAA Senior Boys Championship by placing as 4 of the top 5 skiers! Not to be outdone by the boys, Dalia Frank-Kamenetski came in 4th and Ruth Schoenhardt was first in the senior girls race.

The team qualified 9 athletes for the OFSAA Provincial Championships, which take place at Highlands Nordic at the end of the month. Coach Schoenhardt is already on the recruitment path for next year's season with the goal of regaining the YRAA Nordic Ski Pennant.

Well done team.





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Outdoor Education Class at Cedar Glen

KCSS' Outdoor Education class spent their Valentine's day at YMCA Cedar Glen building their team connection on the high ropes and initiatives course. (Editor's note - and by taking very dramatic selfies!) The class was preparing for their winter camping trip at Haliburton Forest, which they left for yesterday. We cannot wait to hear about their adventures when they return tomorrow. Stay warm!





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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:

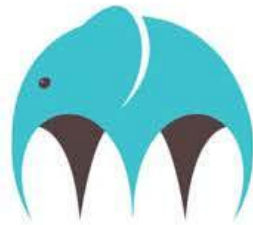
- make-up
- men's socks
- nail polish
- toiletries
(combs, soap, brushes, etc.)

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

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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 15th <u>Guest Speaker P. Marra-Stapleton</u> Mental Health Lead York Region District School Board Topic: Four Pillars of Mental Health Monday, May 13th topic TBA (note special date due to the next week stat holiday) Monday, June 17th 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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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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