

King City SS e-Newsletter



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

March 1, 2019

YRAA Hockey Champions!!!



Our King City Lions won a thrilling 3-2 game, beating St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS for the YRAA Tier 1 Championship. Goals were scored by Lucas Ceccarelli, Pearce Baker, with the winning goal by Carter Diceman. Anthony Santaquida played an excellent game in net, with many important saves to help KCSS get the big win. Our hockey team is now off to the OFSAA Championship Tournament March 19th to 21st in Kincardine. Congratulations to the players and coaches, Mr. Thaine and Mr. Matwijec, on this achievement.

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Extensions

Reception

Attendance

Guidance

Busing

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106

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Online

[School website](#)

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Principal

[Catherine McGinley](#)

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[Melissa Schmidt](#) (A-K)

[Tim Wesson](#) (L-Z)

School Council

[Rose Pallotto](#)

[Luisa Gale](#)

Superintendent

Becky Green

Trustee

Bob McRoberts

Award Winning Fashion Design



Raven Delmas and Nourhan Almasri represented KCSS at the York Region Skills Challenge Fashion Design Competition. Both designed coats as part of the challenge. Raven's design won third place in the competition. Congratulations on your hard work and the great way you represented KCSS.



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Message From Our Trustee

I hope everyone has had a great start to the second half of the school year. Over the past few months, I have had an opportunity to connect with families, students, staff members and with our broader community. I have seen a lot of exciting opportunities for students to explore their interests, celebrate their identities, and develop skills and knowledge that will benefit them in the future.

Many students are participating in [skills competitions](#) or other events where they problem-solve, innovate, collaborate and further develop their technical skills. Students compete in robotics, construction, hairdressing, transportation, 3D animation and much more. These events are among the many options available to help students explore different careers and [pathways](#), and gain valuable experience. We are grateful for the support of community partners in helping to provide these great learning opportunities to our students.

I also want to express my appreciation to our broader school community. One of the priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to build collaborative relationships. The relationships that our schools have with families is so important. There are many different ways you can be involved - talking to your child's teacher, asking your child about homework, or volunteering on a field trip or the school council. Your contributions make a difference to your child's success and to the success of our schools.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable March Break.

Bob McRoberts

Trustee



Important Dates

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

Monday March 4th

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

Tuesday March 5th

- ☐ Transportation SHSM SPCE event at Alpine Ford
- ☐ Outdoor Ed. at Seneca King Campus

Thursday March 7th

- ☐ Alpine Ski & Snowboard at Beaver Valley
- ☐ Outdoor Ed at Seneca King Campus

Monday March 11th - Friday 15th

- ☐ March Break

Thursday March 21st

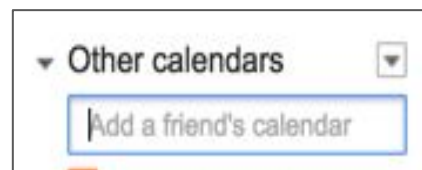
- ☐ Art Show
- ☐ Teacher Interview Night
- ☐ Post Secondary Workshop for Parents of Grade 11 students

Wednesday March 27th

- ☐ Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test - [Modified Day Schedule](#)

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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Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test – Update

Grade 10 students will begin the final phase of OSSLT preparation on March 4th with an information assembly, followed by a full day literacy focused event on March 6th. Each session will focus on areas that students have found challenging on previous tests.

Students have access to the *KCSS Literacy Learning Moodle* that offers multiple sample questions and tips for the test. Students will be focusing on various portions of the test in class, but are encouraged to use the remaining materials on the Moodle to practice at home. Preparation materials can also be accessed on-line on the EQAO website (<http://www.eqao.com/en/assessments/OSSLT/students/Pages/students.aspx>).

Whenever practicing for the test, students should keep in mind the characteristics that successful students demonstrate in their work:

Unsuccessful	Successful
The unsuccessful student's work is characterized by:	The successful student's work is characterized by:
Simplicity In ideas and sparse supporting details; in understanding and use of forms (e.g., personal essay, graphs and charts); and in vocabulary use	Complexity Big ideas, details selected to support generalizations; broad vocabulary; connects purposes, audience, and form
Repetition The small set of ideas selected from texts or chosen for writing are used repeatedly; narrow range of skill sets for choice of vocabulary and sentence structure; syntax is often drawn from oral language	Variety Range of literacy and fluency skills; navigates and adopts different types of expression; produces own ideas; syntax is that of written language where appropriate; flexibility of expression
Concreteness Focus on specifics of tasks; straight-forward purposes in reading or writing; heavy reliance on personal experience for evidence	Abstraction Uses symbols and visualization in understanding and expression; transfers skills and prior knowledge to new situations

Remember that the OSSLT is on March 27th. Attendance for those scheduled to write the test is essential.

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.

[CLICK THIS LINK FOR THE KCSS EQAO/OSSLT PAGE WITH LOTS RESOURCES TO SUPPORT TEST PREPARATION](#)



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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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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



School News



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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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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