After 30 years as a teacher and leader in the York Region District School Board, our principal, Catherine McGinley, will be leaving King City Secondary at the end of April as she begins her retirement. Ms. McGinley has made a positive impact across the board working in several different schools, in a variety of roles. On behalf of the entire King City Secondary community we wish Ms. McGinley the best of luck in the next chapter of her life. She will be missed.

Melissa Schmidt, our current vice principal, will be stepping into the role of principal. We will have a new vice principal join our admin team to fill Ms. Schmidt’s role.

Congratulations Jessica Somerville

Congratulations to grade 12 student Jessica Somerville who won a Giveback Award from Magna’s Neighbourhood Network. The prize was in recognition of Jessica’s deep commitment to serving her community. Over her high school career, Jessica has accumulated more than 900 community service hours. Way to go Jessica!

For those looking for volunteer opportunities, the Neighbourhood Network is a great resource. Click this link to view several volunteer opportunities.
School News

The Mayor’s Celebration of the Arts

Last night, KCSS artists and their fabulous artwork were recognized at The Mayor’s Celebration of the Arts at the King Municipal office.

Student work will be on display at The Municipal Office until May 3. Visitors have the opportunity to vote for the artwork they enjoy the most. Nominations will be tallied on May 3rd and the winning artist will be notified.

One of our very own, Sarah Ashworth, received the “Fearless Artist” Award. Congratulations Sarah and a job well done to ALL of our KCSS talent. You make us all very proud.

Important Dates

To view our entire school calendar online click here.

Monday April 15th
- Term 2 Begins
- Outdoor Ed @ Elgin West CC - Mr. Schoenhardt
- Commencement Awards Applications Available

Tuesday April 16th
- Music Field Trip to Metalworks Studio - Mr. Walker

Wednesday April 23rd
- African Drumming Workshop - Ms. Borzi & Ms. Mortley
- Outdoor Ed @ Scanlon Creek - Mr. Schoenhardt
- Transportation Technology Tour of Georgian College - Mr. Quadrini

Thursday April 25th
- Mid Term Report Cards Go Home
- Stop the Bleed Science Trip to Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre - Ms. Gaspar
- U of T Biology Contest
- Outdoor Ed @ Seneca King Campus - Mr. Schoenhardt

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York Region Vaping Information Sessions

Acknowledging the growing issue of vaping in our schools and the health risks associated with e-cigarettes and vaping, Caring and Safe Schools and York Region Public Health are hosting Vaping Information Sessions for families and members of your school communities.

The session will discuss:
- What are vapes and e-cigarettes?
- Why do youth vape and try e-cigarettes?
- What are the negative health effects of vaping?
- Vaping and the law and school progressive discipline

Two sessions are available:

April 15, 2019, 7PM at Vaughan Secondary School

April 29, 2019, 7PM at Newmarket High School

To register, please RSVP by April 8 using bit.ly/aprilvaping.

Our Board is committed to creating and maintaining caring, safe and inclusive environments that support the social and emotional well-being of all our students and employees. As outlined in the Board Plan (BIPSA): Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, schools are ideal settings for mental health promotion, addiction awareness education, resiliency development, and connecting those in need to care pathways.

If you have any questions about these presentations, please contact Dawn Laliberte, Principal of Caring and Safe Schools, or John Shep, Caring and Safe Schools Consultant.
Reminder of Mentor Applications

Grade 10 and 11 students who are NOT currently mentors, are invited to apply for the 2019-20 school year. Applications can be accessed using the link below. Please note that students must be signed in to their Gapps account for the link to work.

Grade 10 and 11 link: https://forms.gle/JFKg1yi6FJQiGEg9

Today, Grade 9 students nominated by staff received invitations to apply to be Mentors for the 2019-20 school year. Application can be accessed using the link at the bottom of this notice. Please note that students must be signed in to their Gapps account for the link to work.

Grade 9 link: https://forms.gle/QaigGV9xuJmEGK4X7

Applications are due APRIL 22ND by MIDNIGHT.
All applicants must plan to attend ONE of the the two tryouts after school on either April 25th OR April 29th. Please see Ms. Morris in Student Success (room 93) if you have any questions.

Kerry’s Place Autism Services & Community Living York South
Present the following workshop:

Understanding Sensory Processing

Do you ever wonder how sensory needs affect people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)? Do you see or experience behaviours that just don’t make sense? It may be sensory related!

Many people with ASD process sensory information from the world around them differently from others. Come to this informative workshop to learn more about the sensory system and how it affects people with ASD every day. Come and learn how to support yourself/your child day to day, with a variety of examples and sensory strategies.

Date: Tuesday May 7, 2019
Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Location: Richmond Hill Welcome Centre
9325 Yonge St. #31a, Richmond Hill

This workshop is being offered in both English and Cantonese

If registering for the English Session, please visit www.kerrysplace.org/calendar or call 905-713-6808 ext 350

If registering for the Cantonese Session, please contact Annie Zhang, Community Support Coordinator at azhang@communitylivingyorksouth.ca or call 905-294-4971 ext 382 or 1-877-737-3475 ext 382
FAMILY NETWORK MEETING
APRIL 29, 2019
TIME: 630-830PM
LOCATION: 5665 14TH AVENUE, MARKHAM ON, L3S 3K5

Topic: Mindfulness and Stress reduction for Caregivers

Join Community Living York South and Lululemon for an evening dedicated to caregivers. The workshop will be held at the Aaniin community center where representatives from Lululemon will demonstrate stress reducing techniques, and will discuss the importance of mental health.

Please note that spaces are limited and RSVP is required.

If you are interested, please RSVP at the email listed below.

RSVP:
KAMAL GREWAL
KGREWAL@COMMUNITYLIVINGYORKSOUTH.CA
905 294 4971 EXT 640

This is a great opportunity for you to meet other families and receive information on resources available in your community.
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](http://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:

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