

# King City SS e-Newsletter



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

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## Information about the Novel Coronavirus

As some of you may be aware, there has been a strong media focus on a novel coronavirus, which is reported to have originated in Wuhan, China. Some families have asked questions about how our schools and our region are dealing with these reports.

Our school board has a close working relationship with York Region Community Health Services and takes advice regarding public health matters from them. Click [this link](#) to find a fact sheet released by Community Health Services for your information. Community and Health Services have established a website where you can find the fact sheet linked above and updated information as it becomes available: [York.ca/coronavirus](http://York.ca/coronavirus).

Please be assured student and staff safety is our priority and we will continue to provide you with information as requested by Community and Health Services. At this time, there is no cause for concern or need to take additional measures, however, we appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of regular hand washing and staying home if feeling unwell.

Joe D'Amico

Principal

## Message from Our Trustee

As we enter another month of winter, this is a good time to be thinking about our health, well-being and the importance of self-care. We know that, like all of us, our students can focus better when they feel better. Our schools play an important role in health and mental health promotion and education, and fostering well-being and mental health is one of our [priorities as a school board](#).

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## Contact Us

**Phone 905.833.5332**

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[School website](#)

## Administration

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## School Council

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## Superintendent

**Neil Gunathunge**

## Trustee

**Bob McRoberts**



## School News

### Message from Our Trustee

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There is a lot of work taking place in our schools and board to create [healthy schools](#) and promote [mental health](#) and well-being, including:

- Providing training and resources for educators on strategies to support mentally healthy classrooms for all students, including holding a mental health conference.
- Hiring identity specific mental health workers and developing partnerships with [community partners](#) to serve the diverse needs of our students.
- Developing a [Student Suicide Intervention Protocol](#) to help keep students safe in the event of suicidal thoughts or actions.
- Educating students about the risks of [substance use and misuse](#), including [vaping](#) and [cannabis](#).
- Providing strategies and supports for students in [preparing for exams](#) and [managing stress](#).

This commitment is also reflected in Board policy like the [Healthy Schools and Workplaces](#) policy and procedures. Setting policy, which governs the operation of the Board, is one of the [roles of trustees](#), and we greatly value the input provided by students, staff members, family and community members. I encourage you to look at the [policies under review](#) and share your feedback.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2020. At the Board meeting in December, trustees unanimously approved the addition of [new permanent Indigenous Trustee and Indigenous Student Trustee positions](#). We are committed to Indigenous Education in our Board and it is important that these voices are represented at the table. We hope to fill the positions as soon as possible and will share more information as it becomes available.

A [message from the Chair of the Board of Trustees](#) is also available on the Board website at [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca).

I wish everyone a healthy and successful winter season.

Bob McRoberts

Trustee, Aurora and King

### Important Dates

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

#### Monday January 27th

- ☐ Period 3 Exams @ 9:00 am

#### Tuesday January 28th

- ☐ Period 4 Exams @ 9:00 am

#### Wednesday January 29th

- ☐ Performance & Practical Exams
- ☐ Grade 8 Band Project

#### Thursday January 30th

- ☐ Exam Review Day - classes are in the am only - half day

#### Friday January 31st

- ☐ PA Day
- ☐ Ontario College Applications are due - apply [here](#)

#### Monday February 3rd

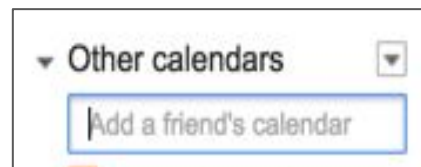
- ☐ Semester 2 Begins
- ☐ Curling @ Bayview Curling Club Departs 1:50

#### Thursday February 6th

- ☐ Safe Schools Grade Assemblies

### 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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**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

### IN CONVERSATION BEING BLACK IN CANADA

THURSDAY FEB 20 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
Q&A | Magna Room

Join journalist Brock Weir, managing editor of The Auroran, for a panel discussion about the challenges and celebrations experienced by Black people today.

Topics discussed will include race and economic mobility, systemic discrimination and the arts and culture scene.



BROCK WEIR  
THE AURORAN

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## School News



Working in partnership with King City S. S.  
**WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**  
for the Association of Iranian Canadians For Nowruz Festivals

We can only hold this fantastic event if we have volunteer from King City S. S. to help run it. We are looking for more enthusiastic & friendly volunteers to join our team.

Meet new people, learn new skills, see behind the scenes and help make **Richmond Hill Fire Festival** experience one to remember.

**Welcome Visitors**  
**Visitors Assistance**  
**Guide Support**  
**Event Activities**

So if you can help us to assist with the Richmond Hill Fire Festival, we'd like to hear from you.

Where?  
**Richmond Hill Sports Centre.**  
1300 Elgin Mills Rd E,  
Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1M5

When?  
**5:00 pm - 11:00 pm, the 17th March 2020**

Everyone from the community is welcome to volunteer and attend.

**We need you. Please join us!**

**For more information check us out on your favorite media site**



231 Millway Avenue, Unit 17, Concord, Ontario L4K 3W7, Tel: 647-933-8293 416-624-7382

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## School News - reminder

### Exam Guidelines 2020

1. There will be regular bus service during the exams; however, the cafeteria will be closed during the examination period.
2. Students should check the examination schedule carefully to locate room numbers.
3. Students arriving **more than 10 minutes** late are to report to the Main Office. **All exams begin at 9 a.m.**
4. Be sure you know your course code and section number, which is on your timetable schedule. Check with your subject teacher if you are not sure.
5. Parents of students under 18, who are absent for an exam due to illness must phone the school (905-833-5332 Ext. 176, 150, 154) prior to the exam and subsequently provide a **medical certificate** indicating that you were unable to write the exam. An alternative date will be arranged to write the exam. Students who are 18 must call if they are absent for an exam and must also provide a medical certificate indicating that they were unable to write the exam due to illness.
6. Students should go to the exam room **10 minutes** before the exam begins.
  - i. Students must remain in the exam room for the full examination period.
  - ii. **Cell phones are not permitted during exams.** Students are required to leave cell phones turned off and in their bags or lockers. Students may not access cell phones at any time in an exam room. Students found to have a cell phone in their possession during an exam may receive a mark of zero.
  - iii. Study notes, paper, books or school bags are not to be accessed by students during exams.
  - iv. Paper is provided for the exam but students must bring their own pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, calculators and math sets. Pencil cases may be opened for inspection.
  - v. Students must not leave their seats after the exam has started. If you require paper or other assistance, raise your hand and the supervision teacher will assist you.
  - vi. Students should number and sign each of their answer papers.
7. **Academic** dishonesty (e.g., having / referring to a cell phone, cheating, talking during the test, passing materials, writing on arms ...) may result in the exam paper being taken away and a **mark of "0"** given for the exam.
8. At the conclusion of their exam, students must **leave the room silently and maintain silence in the halls** so that they do not disturb students writing longer exams. Students are not to play music or be engaged in any activities which will create distractions for other students. The library is available for **quiet study**.
9. Students are **not permitted to go to their lockers** while exams are in progress. Students who plan to leave after writing an exam shorter than 2 hours in length should bring their coats, backpacks, etc. to the exam room and leave it in the area designated by the teacher, usually the front of the classroom.

#### Inclement Weather During Exams

In the event of bad weather on an examination day, the cancellation of school buses will be announced as per the information shared on page 5 of the newsletter. Examinations will be postponed for the day if the school buses have been cancelled by the Board due to inclement weather. That day's exams will be written on the morning of Thursday, January 30.



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## English as a Second Language Classes for Adults



Improve your listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.

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**Day Time, Night Time and Weekend Classes**

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