

King City SS e-Newsletter



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

March 8, 2019

End of School Day Traffic Congestion



Dismissal time at King City can be very busy. There are 29 buses collecting more than 800 students, as well as student drivers leaving school and parents picking up students. To ensure the safety of all please remember the following key points:

- **Do not enter the bus loop from 2:15 until the buses depart at 2:45**
- While the buses are exiting at 2:45, they have priority over both exiting and entering vehicles at the east driveway
- **After 2:45** pick up your child in the bus loop
- When picking up your child in the east student lot, refrain from stopping in front of the east doors. Proceed to a parking spot and have your child meet you there or continuing moving in the flow of traffic and your child can meet up with you.

Interim Reports & Teacher Interview Night

Interim Report Cards will go home with students on Monday, March 18 in homeroom. Teacher Interview Night will follow on Thursday, March 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. On Sunday the 17th at 12:00 pm, you may login to [edbsy](#) to book appointment times for Teacher Interview Night. Families will need to create an Edsby account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Teacher Interview Night. For help setting up an

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Attendance 158

Guidance 106

Busing 152

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School Council

[Rose Pallotto](#)

[Luisa Gale](#)

Superintendent

Becky Green

Trustee

Bob McRoberts



School News

Another Week...Another Championship:



Boys Curling Wins YRAA Championship

Congratulations to our Boys Curling Team who won the Tier 1 YRAA Championship this week. They came from behind to beat Huron Heights SS 7-9 in extra ends in the tournament final. The Curling team will participate in the OFSAA Provincial Championship in North Bay from March 20-23. Congratulations to Codie Harris, Ben Harbridge, Matthew Murphy, Jonathan Brunato and Cameron Sheardown on a great season and good luck in North Bay.



Important Dates

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

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

Thursday April 4th

- ☐ Euclid Math Contest
- ☐ Outdoor Ed at Scanlon Creek

Friday April 5th

- ☐ Eh, Day! At King City SS

Tuesday April 9th

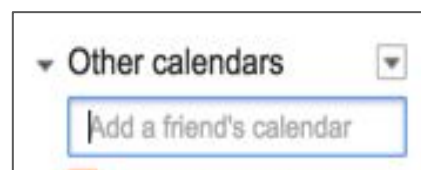
- ☐ Cadbury Factory Field Trip - Schoenhardt
- ☐ University of Guelph-Humber Field Trip - Gaspar

Wednesday April 10th

- ☐ Grade 9-11 Fryer, Galois & Hypatia Math Contests
- ☐ School Council - 7pm

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

The test is on March 27th. Mark your calendar! This is the only opportunity this year to write the test this year.

All Students:

Busses will run on their regular schedule on March 27th. There will be no food service in the cafeteria on this day.

Students NOT Writing the Test:

March 27th is scheduled like an exam day. There will be no classes, but the school will be open. Only students writing the test need attend school that day. All other students are encouraged to use the day to advance their studies independently or to complete the Community Involvement hours required for graduation.

Lit Blitz Update:

Students were introduced to the OSSLT during an assembly on March 4th. The assembly laid out the framework of the reading and writing requirements on the test. These requirements include:

Reading...

The test has multiple-choice and open-response questions that focus on the reading skills required in school and daily life:

- understanding explicitly (directly) stated ideas and information;
- understanding implicitly (indirectly) stated ideas and information and
- making connections between information and ideas in a reading selection

Writing...

The test has short- and long-writing tasks, and multiple-choice questions that focus on three writing skills required in school and daily life:

- developing a main idea with specific supporting details;
- organizing information and ideas in a coherent manner and
- using conventions (syntax, spelling, grammar, punctuation and usage) in a manner that does not distract from clear communication.

The practice sessions held at school will focus on each of these areas.

OSSLT Letters

Students in need of accommodations or provisions will receive letters outlining these personalized adjustments. Students who are deferred or exempt from the test will receive a letter verifying this information. Deferral letters are issued each year a student is deferred. Exemption letters will only be issued once throughout a student's high school career.

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



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Correction: Fashion Award

In last week's newsletter, we incorrectly listed the student who placed at the York Region Skills Challenge Fashion Design Competition. Nourhan's design won third place in the competition. Our sincerest apologies and congratulations on your achievement.



International Women's Day Message



Last Year at King

DID YOU KNOW?



\$58,000

Raised by Relay for Life

\$8,015

Raised for Sick Kids Hospital

270

Students Recognized for Volunteer Efforts

ACHIEVEMENTS AS A SCHOOL COMMUNITY

20th

Year of ROC King Camp

Toonies for Turkeys

25

Turkeys Donated to Local Families

4th

Annual One Match Swabbing Event

Me to We

427

Items Donated to Food Bank For
We Scare Halloween Hunger

\$208

Donated to Food Bank



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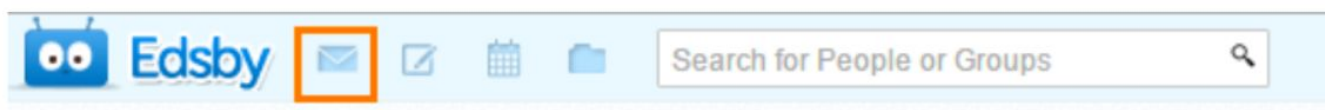
How to Book an Appointment for Teacher Interview Night

Please see below for instructions on how to book appointments for Teacher Interview Night. Instructions and a short video can be found [here](#). Instructions are available in a multitude of languages.

Booking Appointments

To book an appointment:

1. Sign into Edsby
2. Go into your Messages on the navigation bar at the top left. Select the Book Parent-Teacher Interview button.



3. To choose a time, click on any available slot. To change a time of an appointment, click on any slot labelled "change". To cancel an appointment, click unbook.

Parent-Teacher Interview Schedule: October Parent-Teacher Interview Sched

To schedule an interview with a teacher, click on any free slot. When you are finished, click done.

Done

Monday, October 5		Tuesday, October 6						
		JOSEPH LEE				ZOE LEE		
		Mr. Commer PED7A	Mrs. Dearborn ENG7B	Mrs. Hildebrandt SOC7A	M. Maupin FRC7A	Mrs. Lapp G1CORE2	Mrs. Lapp G1LANG2	Mrs. Lapp G1MATH2
3:00pm		unbook						
3:20pm						unbook		
3:40pm		change	free	free		change	free	free
4:00pm		change	free	free	free	change	free	free

4. Select Done to view a summary of the schedule.

If you need to make a change to the schedule, you will be able to click the Make Changes button until the schedule closes.



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Online Safety

As you may be aware, there has been recent media attention on an Internet challenge that may cause concern for families. The Internet provides access to many engaging learning opportunities, but requires responsible use and digital citizenship. Parents play an important role in ensuring their child's safety, including on the Internet. It's important for parents to talk to children about the importance of being safe, protecting their personal information and stressing that they should never disclose personal details that would allow someone online to contact them in real life.

Here are 12 tips to promote safe online behaviour:

- Children should never give anyone their name, address, telephone number, computer password, or any other personal information on the Internet without parental or guardian consent.
- Children should only use social media and websites approved by their parent or guardian.
- Internet use should be encouraged in a central place in your home where you can supervise children's online activities.
- Don't allow a webcam in a child's bedroom.
- Watch for children quickly minimizing sites when you enter the room.
- Reinforce that people online may not be who they say they are.
- Consider using parental controls like Internet filters or blocking software.
- Remind children that everything said online stays in cyberspace forever, whether or not it is deleted.
- Talk to your children about Internet safety and clearly define your rules.
- Never respond to messages that make them feel confused or uncomfortable.
- Pay attention to the games your children may download or copy.
- Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they meet online.

Reinforce a sense of safety. Some Internet content can evoke a sense of fear or lack of safety in your child. It can be difficult for some children to discern fact / fiction online. Try to offer reassurance that your child is safe. Children and youth take their emotional cues from the significant adults in their lives. Your reactions can help to model calmness to your child. Recognize that some children may be concerned about something bad happening to themselves, family or friends. Explain to them the safety measures in place and reassure them that you and other adults will take care of them.

Be a good listener and observer. Let children guide you to learn how concerned they are or how much information they need. If they are not focused on the issue, do not dwell on it. However, be available to answer their questions to the best of your ability. Young children may not be able to express themselves verbally. Pay attention to changes in their behaviour or social interactions.

Reach out. Reach out to the school if you feel that your child may be showing a significant reaction to online material. We may be able to offer some classroom strategies that could help reduce stress. It may also be important to seek additional support from a school mental health professional (i.e., social worker or psychologist) to cope with overwhelming feelings experienced by children and youth.



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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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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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