

King City SS e-Newsletter



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

May 3, 2019

Welcome to Our New Vice Principal Ms. Viscombi

The King City SS community is happy to welcome our new Vice Principal, Pina Viscombi. Ms. Viscombi is joining us from Newmarket HS. She will be working with students with last names beginning with A through K. Her contact information can be found to the right.

Welcome Ms. Viscombi! We are looking forward to all you will add to our school community.

Parent Council Cancelled

Parent Council, originally scheduled for Thursday, May 8th, has been cancelled. If you were planning on attending, please consider attending our Coffee House event instead. Details are below.

Coffee House is Next Week!



Coffee House is coming up on Wednesday May 8 from 7-9 pm in our Multi-Purpose Room! If your child is performing and you would like to come see them, we would love to have you! Come enjoy a variety of artistic performances while sipping a coffee and enjoying a sweet treat. Tickets for your child, as well as for yourself, can be purchased via [School Cash Online](#). Hurry though, as limited spots available!

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Extensions

Reception 150

Attendance 158

Guidance 106

Busing 152

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[School website](#)

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Principal

[Melissa Schmidt](#)

Vice Principals

[Pina Viscombi](#) (A-K)

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

School Council

[Rose Pallotto](#)

[Luisa Gale](#)

Superintendent

Becky Green

Trustee

Bob McRoberts



School News

AEBS Award Winners

Last night, two of our King City students received awards at the Alliance of Educators for Black Students - Celebrating Student Success Awards Ceremony. Zakaria Muse was recognized for his academic achievements. Dotun Onumah was honoured for athletics. Congratulations to them both for this achievement.

Tamil Student Award Winners

This week, Educators for Tamil Students' Success of YRDSB presented Uukkamathu Kaividaile Excellence Awards for the year. Two King City students were celebrated for their success. Vashnavi Nagulendranathan was recognized in the category of Academics. Arjun Ganeswaran was celebrated for his success in the category of Perseverance. Congratulations on this achievement!

Slam Poetry Champions!



It has been an excellent year for championships here at KCSS and this week was no exception. On Monday, our Slam Poetry Team won the Secondary York Region Championship, which took place at Markham HS.

Congratulations to the team and Mr. Mlinarski on this achievement and for their hard work this year.

In future parent bulletins we hope to include some video of our team in action, so stay tuned!

Important Dates

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

Monday May 6th

- ☐ Varsity Baseball @ KCSS vs. Westmount - 12:45
- ☐ Varsity Frisbee @ Stephen Lewis vs. Stephen Lewis & Renaissance

Tuesday May 7th

- ☐ Skills Ontario - Young Women's Conference @ Toronto Congress Centre - Ms. Itzkovitch

Wednesday May 8th

- ☐ Coffee House 7:00-9:00 pm

Thursday May 9th

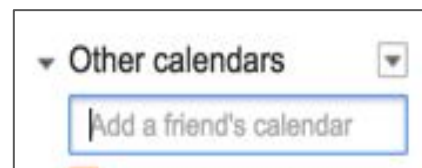
- ☐ Chem 13 News Exam
- ☐ Women in Trades Student Symposium @ Centennial College - Ms. Itzkovitch & Ms. Trenton
- ☐ Varsity Girls Soccer @ KCSS vs. St. Theresa of Lisieux - 3:30
- ☐ Varsity Baseball @ KCSS vs. St. Elizabeth - 12:45

Friday May 9th

- ☐ Young People's Theatre - Ms. Marco & Ms. Szentgyorgyi

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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Eco News from the Green Team

November Eco Theme: Conserve Water

For water-saving tips, please click this [link](#). Try filling a jug with tap water and place this in your fridge. This will mean you do not have to leave the cold tap running for the water to run cold before you fill your glass.

Volunteering Opportunity

Students wanting to help the environment and earn four volunteer hours, could help to clean up Oak Ridges on Saturday, May 4th, 2019. They are to meet at the Royal Oak Plaza at 60 King Road, northwest corner at Yonge Street, before 9:00 a.m. It runs until 1:00 p.m.

Update from KCSS European Trip

The Music, Art and History Eastern European trip has been a great success!! After a long first day of travel (35 hours), students have gone on to visit Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Austria. The first stop was in Prague where students were able to take in the Olde Town Square, the Jewish Quarter, Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, Charles Bridge and a Jazz cruise along the Vltava River. The tour guide provided students an opportunity to leave their mark in Prague when he surprised them with two cans of spray paint to contribute graffiti to the John Lennon Peace Wall.

Next the trip continued onto Krakow, Poland where despite the rainy weather students took in the Market Square, the Underground Museum, Wawel Castle and St. Mary's Basilica. Students were put to work that evening learning how to make their own pierogi and enjoyed the fruits of their labour along with traditional Polish appetizers for dinner. Up early the next morning for a long drive to Budapest, Hungary with a stop along the way for lunch in a ski resort town in Slovakia. The weather improved greatly and students enjoyed the sunshine while touring the "Pest" side of Budapest including the Liszt Museum, Heroes Square and wrapping up the evening with a traditional goulash meal at a restaurant in the downtown park.

The next day a local guide toured the students through Matias Cathedral and the Castle Hill District. Students were shown many sites along the "Pest" and "Buda" sides of the Danube River and had the opportunity to take in Memento Park (site where retired Communist statues are kept). The evening was wrapped up with an elegant four course dinner cruise on Danube River.

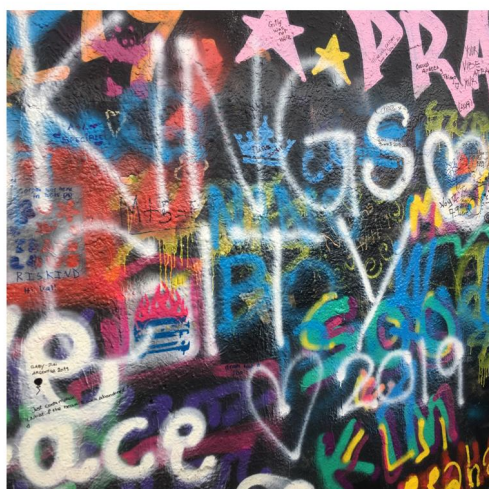
Finally, the students headed onto Vienna, Austria and visited the Schonbrunn Palace (the summer home of the Habsburg family), had a local guide bus tour of the vast palaces along the Ring Road in Vienna and the day ended with a traditional Weiner Schnitzel dinner in an old wine cellar of a former palace. The last day in Vienna allowed students to learn the Viennese waltz as well as take in the Fine Arts Museum and a Mozart concert. Students have had an amazing opportunity to enhance their learning outside the classroom and will not soon forget the experiences, learning and memories that they have made while travelling with the school.

Thank you to Mr. Walker, Head of Music, for organizing the trip and Ms. Headon, Ms. Williamson and Mrs. Schmidt for supervising the students while away.

Pictures from the trip can be found on the following page.



School News





Parents for Children's
Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, May 13th

PARENTS' Support Group-all are welcome!
Special Guest: Children's Treatment Network- community resources

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, May 13th Guest Speaker: Children's Treatment Network community resources Monday, June 17th Self-Care and Parent discussion and resources sharing No meetings July and August Monday, Sept 16th Guest Speaker: YRDSB IEP Individual Education Plans & IPRC understanding what is the process and how to advocate for your student
	6:30-8:00 pm No pre-registration is needed. All are welcome. 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. Lots of free parking

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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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 or 1-877-737-3475 ext 382