



KING CITY SECONDARY SCHOOL



WELCOMES CLASS OF 2024!



HI! I'M MS. MORRIS!

I'M HERE TO GUIDE YOU THROUGH TODAY'S PRESENTATION! ENJOY!



THE GRADE 9 EXPERIENCE



GETTING TO KNOW KING CITY SECONDARY

TODAY'S AGENDA:

- ★ INTRODUCING OUR ADMIN TEAM
AND THE MENTORS
- ★ WHAT TO EXPECT IN GRADE 9
- ★ THE GRADE 9 VOICE







TRANSITIONS

WE'LL MAKE YOUR TRANSITION
FROM ELEMENTARY TO SECONDARY
SCHOOL AN EASY ONE. WE ARE HERE
TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE WELL
INFORMED AND WELCOME!



MEET OUR ADMIN TEAM!



MR. D'AMICO



MME. VISCOMI



MR. WESSON



MR. D'AMICO!



MME. VISCOMI!

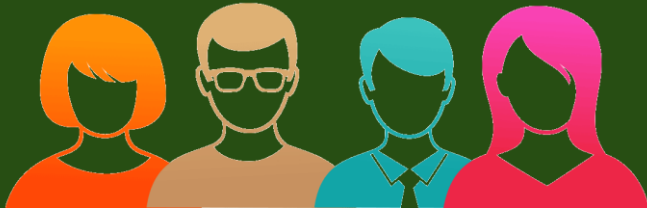


MR. WESSON!



MENTORS!

KCSS HAS AN EXCELLENT MENTORSHIP PROGRAM. GRADE TEN TO TWELVE STUDENTS WILL HELP YOU TRANSITION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IF YOU EVER NEED SOMETHING JUST ASK!



TRANSITION INITIATIVES

IN JULY YOU WILL GET AN EMAIL ABOUT IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND SPECIAL DATES!

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



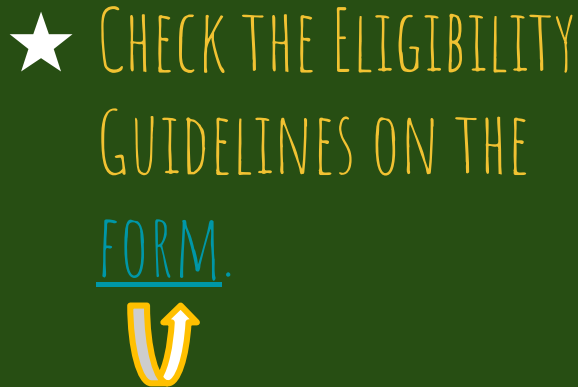
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS

- ★ YOU REQUIRE 40 HOURS TO GRADUATE
- ★ YOU CAN START THIS SUMMER IF SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES ALLOW
- ★ FILL IN THE [FORM](#).





COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT HOURS



SAFETY

What types of activities are ineligible?

Ineligible Activities are activities that may not be included in community involvement hours by students as outlined by both the Ministry of Education and the York Region District School Board. An ineligible activity is an activity that:

- involves any work for a for-profit organization;
- is a requirement of a class or course in which the student is enrolled;
- takes place during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day with the exception of an activity that takes place during the student's lunch breaks or "spare" periods, which is permissible;
- takes place in a logging or mining environment, if the student is under 16 years of age;
- takes place in a factory, if the student is under 15 years of age;
- takes place in a workplace other than a factory, if the student is under 14 years of age and is not accompanied by an adult;
- would normally be performed for wages by a person in the workplace;
- involves the operation of a vehicle, power tools, or scaffolding;
- involves the administration of any type or form of medication or medical procedure to other persons;
- involves handling of substances classed as "designated substances" under the Occupational Health and Safety Act;
- requires the knowledge of a tradesperson whose trade is regulated by the provincial government;
- involves banking or the handling of securities, or the handling of jewellery, works of art, antiques, or other valuables;
- consists of duties normally performed in the home or personal recreational activities;
- involves a court-ordered program;
- involves any volunteer work for a York Region District School Board Trustee; or
- involves participation in extra-curricular activities at secondary school, or any position for which a student stands for school-wide election.

What types of activities are eligible?

Eligible Activities are volunteer activities that may be counted towards 40 community involvement hours that must be accumulated by students as a graduation requirement. Eligible activities are those activities that provide services to improve the community or well-being of its members and may be performed for not-for-profit organizations. If an activity does not fall within the categories approved by the Board, and is not on the list of ineligible activities students must obtain written approval from the principal before beginning the activity.

Elementary Schools – assist with school events, assist School Councils, activities for children;

Secondary Schools – organization and leadership of school activities that benefit the community;

Animal Care – volunteering in a zoo, animal shelter, or on a farm;

Arts and Culture – volunteering in galleries, libraries, community productions;

Charitable Organizations – assisting with special events, programs, clerical tasks;

Children/Youth Programs – assisting with children/youth programs, volunteering in a not-for-profit child care centre or camp;

Community Organizations – assisting with special events, food banks, community support services, shelters, clerical tasks;

Community Service for Individuals – assisting community members in need;

Environmental Projects – flower/tree planting, beautification projects, recycling projects, recycling depot;

Health Agencies – volunteering in hospitals, hospices, Canadian Blood Services (volunteering to organize or assist with a blood donor clinic), donating blood (time required to donate);

Law Enforcement Agencies – volunteering for activities sponsored by the police;

Political Organizations – activities related to legitimate and recognized political organizations; municipal, provincial and federal political activities except for those supporting York Region District School Board Trustees;

Religious Organizations – assisting with programs, special events;

Senior Citizens – assisting in seniors' residences, providing services for seniors in the community;

Sports and Recreation – coaching, organizing special events, assisting with projects/events; or

Service-Focused Club Activities – activities that expand community service to others beyond the school day (holiday dinner participation, environmental action activities, etc.).

If an eligible activity also falls within the definition of ineligible activities, the activity will be deemed ineligible.

Where a blood donor clinic takes place during the school day, hours will only be provided to students volunteering during their lunch, spare periods or before and after school.

Activities at for-profit organizations such as private camps, child care centres, or farms, will not be eligible.

Liability Insurance

Students and community sponsors are only covered by the Board's insurance plan for liability losses arising from the students' defined activities within the 40 hours of community involvement or other limit set by the high school if the Notification and Completion of Planned Community Involvement Activities form is completed.

Community sponsors will be responsible for ensuring that their liability insurance will protect them for their involvement in this program.

For more information, visit the YRDSB website <http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/communityinvolvement>

REGISTRATION

- ★ REGISTRATION IS ONLINE.. YOU WILL GET YOUR TIMETABLE, LOCKER NUMBER AND COMBINATION
- ★ PAY FOR YOUR GYM UNIFORM AND STUDENT FEE



OPEN HOUSE

- ★ OPEN HOUSE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS
- ★ YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EXPLORE THE SCHOOL ON YOUR OWN OR WITH A MENTOR
- ★ PRACTICE FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND AND OPENING UP YOUR LOCKER

OPEN
HOUSE



WHO WILL BE JOINING YOU AT KCSS?

OUR FAMILY OF SCHOOLS INCLUDE:

- ★ BENYON FIELDS P.S
- ★ KETTLEBY P.S
- ★ KETTLE LAKES P.S
- ★ KING CITY P.S
- ★ MACLEOD'S LANDING P.S
- ★ NOBLETON P.S
- ★ OAK RIDGES P.S
- ★ WINDHAM RIDGE P.S



KING CITY SECONDARY STUDENT POPULATION:
APPROXIMATELY 1000 STUDENTS!



DUAL TRACK FRENCH IMMERSION



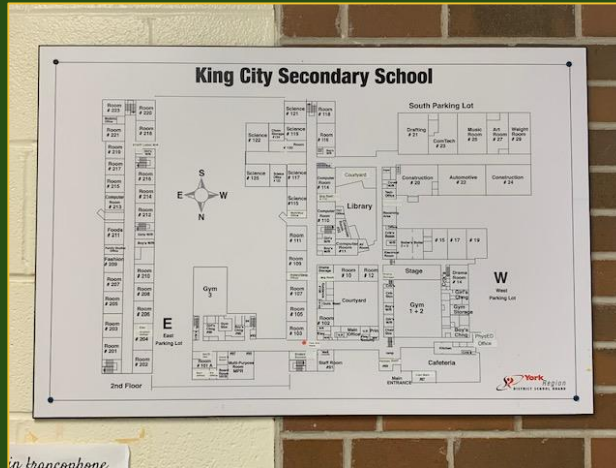
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

THE VERY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL WILL BE GRADE
9'S AND THE MENTOR'S ONLY

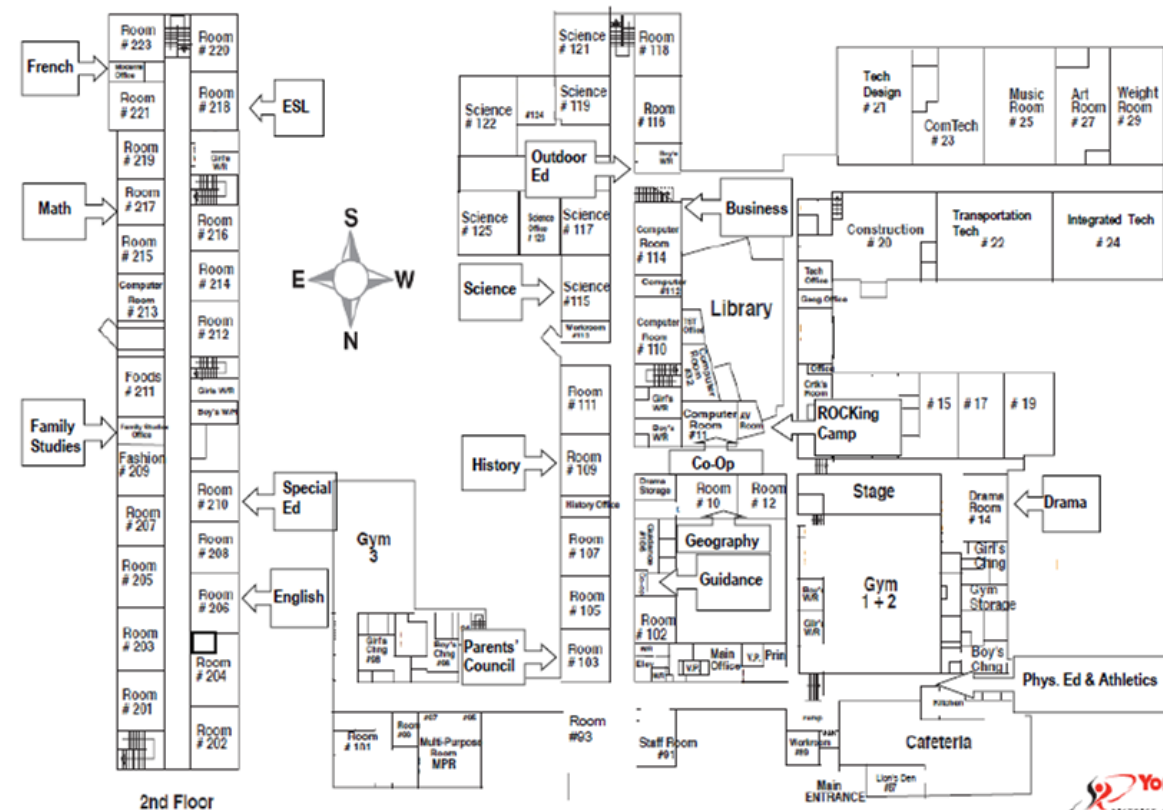


FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND ON DAY 1!

- ★ MENTORS WILL GREET AND GUIDE YOU TO YOUR HOMEROOM CLASSES
- ★ YOUR LOCKER WILL BE RELATIVELY CLOSE TO YOUR HOMEROOM
- ★ YOU WILL BE PROVIDED A MAP OF THE SCHOOL



King City Secondary School



GETTING INTO A ROUTINE: WEEK 1

ASK MENTORS WHENEVER YOU NEED HELP!





GETTING INTO ROUTINE: WEEK 1

- ★ SEMESTERED CLASSES BEGIN. YOU WILL HAVE 4, 75 MIN CLASSES.
- ★ FOR CLASS: MAKE SURE TO BRING BINDERS, TEXTBOOKS, PENS, PENCILS, CALCULATORS, ETC.
- ★ BACKPACKS AND PERSONAL DEVICES ARE ALLOWED AT TEACHER'S DISCRETION





GETTING INTO A ROUTINE - WEEK 1

★ SEPARATE AREA OF THE CAF AT LUNCH

★ LUNCH - CAF, LION'S MANE LOUNGE, FIRST FLOOR, OUTSIDE, GO OUT



GETTING INTO ROUTINE: WEEK 1

- ★ CLASSES END AT 2:30
- ★ BUSES LEAVE AT 2:45



THINGS TO DO AT KING...



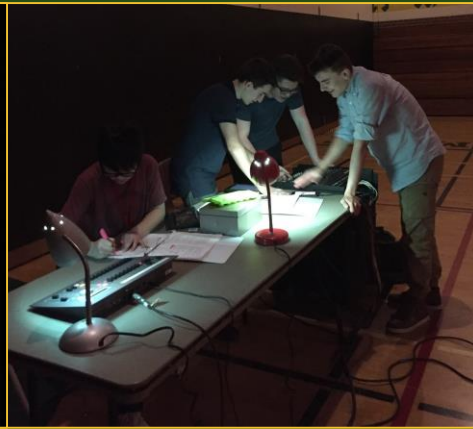
THE ARTS: MUSIC EDITION

- ★ JUNIOR AND SENIOR
CONCERT BANDS
- ★ JUNIOR AND SENIOR
JAZZ BANDS
- ★ NUMEROUS ENSEMBLES



THE ARTS: DRAMA EDITION

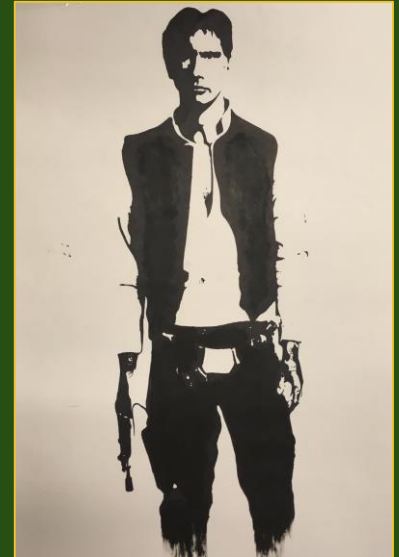
- ★ DRAMA CLUBS
- ★ PERFORMANCES
- ★ COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



THE ARTS: VISUAL ARTS EDITION



- ★ TRADITIONAL AND DIGITAL ARTS
- ★ ART CLUBS
- ★ INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
- ★ COMPETITIONS AND ART SHOWS



CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS




STUDENT
ATHLETIC
COUNCIL

THE **GREEN
TEAM**

A green plant sprout with two leaves growing from the center of the word 'TEAM'.

GSA

YEARBOOK
CLUB

A line drawing of a camera with a green cord. A green paw print is on the lens.

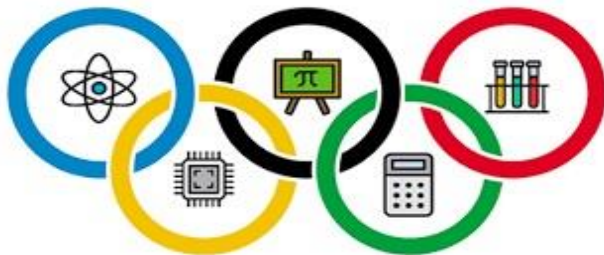
The
Arts
Council

A black musical staff with a treble clef, and a black pen or quill is drawn over it.

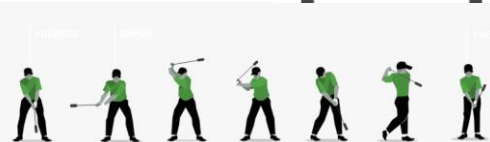
A blue crescent moon with a blue star above it and three orange triangles to its right.
**RELAY
FOR LIFE**

A yellow flower with a white center on a blue square background.

Canadian
Cancer
Society



ATHLETICS



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

TIPS!

- ★ DO YOUR HOMEWORK ←
- ★ USE CLASS TIME EFFECTIVELY ←
- ★ ASK FOR HELP ←
- ★ CLASSROOM TEACHERS, STUDENT SUCCESS, THE LIBRARY, GUIDANCE, SPECIAL EDUCATION AND PEER TUTORS ARE ALL HERE TO HELP :)

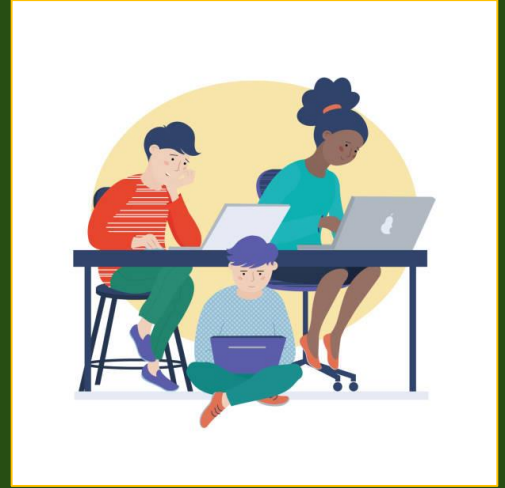


ACADEMIC SUCCESS

★ HOMEWORK:

- GRADE 9 - APPROX. 50 MINUTES PER NIGHT
- GRADES 10-12 - APPROX. 90 MINUTES PER NIGHT

★ COURSE PATHWAYS CAN AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF HOMEWORK EXPECTED.

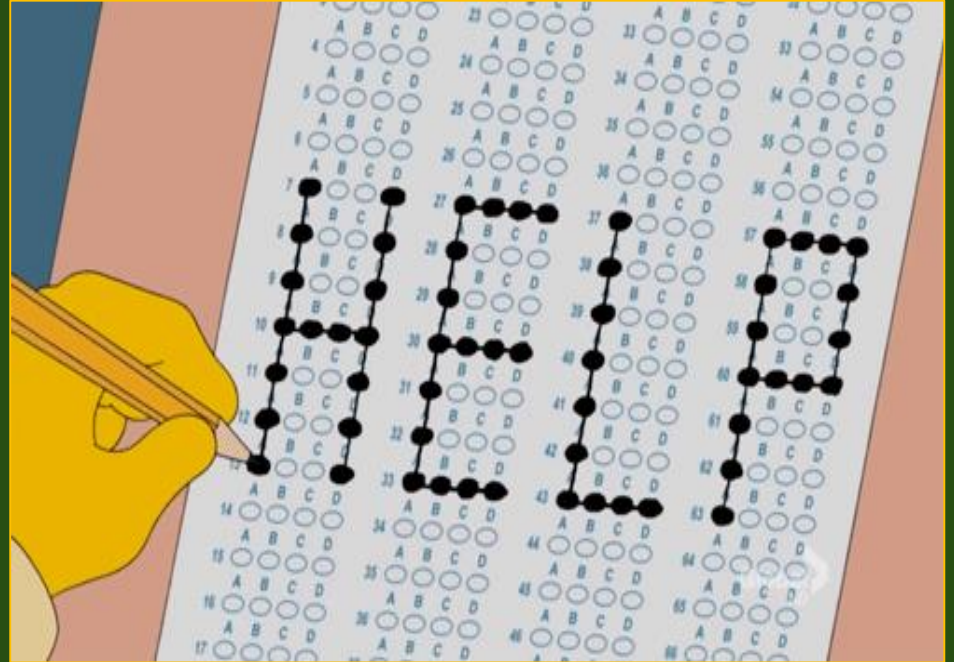


ACADEMIC SUPPORT

SEMESTER 1 WORKSHOPS!

THIS WILL INCLUDE:

- ★ TIME MANAGEMENT
- ★ STUDY TIPS
- ★ STRESS REDUCTION
- ★ EXAM INFORMATION





WELLNESS SUPPORT!

THE GRAB AND GO SNACK PROGRAM





WELLNESS SUPPORT

- ★ GUIDANCE
- ★ STUDENT SUCCESS
- ★ CYW
- ★ SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER
- ★ MOBYSS





THE GRADE 9 EXPERIENCE

WE ASKED CURRENT GRADE 9 STUDENTS, WHAT THEY WISH THEY'D KNOWN THIS TIME LAST YEAR. HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID.

YOU'LL SEE THEY NOT ONLY SURVIVED; THEY THRIVED! AND SO WILL YOU!



THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

If you're open to new things, it
will be a lot more fun and more
awesome.

- Alyssa

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

To make new friends. Don't be shy or care about what others think about you. Don't be scared to try new things!

- Jessica

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

To come out of your comfort zone!

- **Thishan**

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

Don't be afraid to talk, and include yourself. You will make friends!

- Joseph

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

Get into a study and homework routine so the work is easier to do!

– Riah

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

You're not alone!

- Beckah

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

Don't be afraid to join clubs or sports teams!

- Domenic

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

It's not as big a jump from elementary school as everyone says it is. Don't be scared!

- Samantha

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

School is not hard at all IF you try and do your best. You'll be fine!

– Alyssa

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

I didn't know that trying new things would make the high school experience so much better. I definitely recommend it!

- Campbell

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

Mentors matter! Having good and fun mentors will make your time here 100X better!

- **Andy**

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

The workload isn't too unimaginable!

- **Talia**

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

High school is the time to make NEW friends, and to enjoy and make new memories. And to not care about other people's opinions. Also just to be yourself and other will love you for who you are!

- Taylor

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

That there will be trials and challenges along the way, but you WILL succeed!

- Unknown

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

*That there is no one out to get you and
people will not peer pressure you just because
they're older.*

- Calista

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

Grade 9 is very different but you'll
adjust!

– Ben

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

Grade Nine/High School isn't just constant homework and studying; it's also having fun and enjoying yourself.

- Nikki

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

Everyone is nervous; you're not the only one!

- Audrey

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

High school really isn't scary and no matter who you are, or what school you came from, you will always find a friend.

- Olivia

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

Don't be afraid to ask for help!
Make new friends.

- Matthew

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

That Grade 9, and high school in general, isn't all that different than elementary school. The teachers and the lessons are similar!

- Elias

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

How good the mentors are!

- *Patrick*

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

People aren't scary. Be open to talk to different people and make new friends. Don't be shy. Be you!

- Esther

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

That you should put yourself out there and
don't care what anyone thinks!

- Justin

THIS TIME LAST YEAR I WISH I KNEW...

I wish I knew that Grade 9 was going to be amazing and that I was going to meet amazing people!

- Edris

QUESTION AND ANSWER!

IT'S YOUR TURN! WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE AT KCSS?



- USE THIS GOOGLE [FORM](#) TO SUBMIT YOUR QUESTION.
- ANSWERS WILL POSTED ON THIS GOOGLE [DOC](#).
- KING.CITY.SS@YRDSB.CA



THANKS FOR JOINING US!

SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

KING CITY
SECONDARY SCHOOL 



