



# The PRIME

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## SCHOOL DAY TIMES

For all Students JK-8

**7:50-8:00 a.m.**  
Yard Supervision

**7:55 a.m.**  
Entry Bell

**8:05-9:45 a.m.**  
Learning Block

**9:45-10:15 a.m.**  
Recess

**10:15-11:55 a.m.**  
Learning Block

**11:55 a.m.-12:55 p.m.**  
Lunch (all students  
outside from 11:55 a.m.-  
12:30 p.m.)

**12:55-2:35 p.m.**  
Learning Block

**2:35 p.m.**  
Dismissal

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## Administrator's Message

The peaceful society we in Canada enjoy today, is only a dream to the many people in the world who live in countries torn apart by violence. This peace is possible only because it has been protected by the efforts and sacrifices of generations of Canadians over the years who have put their lives on the line. Remembering all that these men and women have done during times of war, military conflict and peace helps us understand the country we live in today and how we can build a better future together. Remembrance Day is an opportunity to honour those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

We would like to invite all interested parents and grandparents to join us for our SJAM Remembrance Day Service on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM.



**REMINDERS:** Outdoor play time is part of every child's day and it's important that your children come to school prepared to be outside. Warm coats are a must, and at this time of year we recommend sending your child to school with a hat, gloves or mittens, and even boots to help keep her/his feet warm. Once the snow season is here additional clothing such as scarves, snow pants, and more are also suggested. School staff do monitor daily weather forecasts and conditions when deciding whether or not students should go outside, we consider shortened recesses when temperatures are very low, or when heavy rain is occurring.

**Progress Report Cards:** Progress Reports will be sent home with all students on November 22nd. The purpose of this Progress Report is to communicate the progress your child has been making since the beginning of the school year. The Progress Report also indicates how well your child is demonstrating the various learning skills and work habits and identifies areas where you may be able to support your child. This report is not an evaluation or a record of achievement levels and doesn't include any achievement grades. The Progress Report Card at this time of year reflects preliminary observations of your child's learning to date. It is our hope that the Progress Report will serve as a central part of rich discussions between home and school.

## Administrator's Message (cont'd)

### 2017-2018 Professional Activity & Training Days (No School for Students)

Friday, November 24,  
2017

Friday, January 19, 2018

Friday, February 2, 2018

Friday, June 4, 2018

Thursday, June 28, 2018  
11:05 a.m. DISMISSAL  
FOR ALL STUDENTS

Friday, June 29, 2018

### 2017-18 School Holidays (School Closed)

#### Winter Break

December 25, 2017-  
January 5, 2018

#### Family Day

Monday, February 19,  
2018

#### March Break

March 12-16, 2018

#### Good Friday

Friday, March 30, 2018

#### Easter Monday

Monday, April 2, 2018

#### Victoria Day

Monday, May 21, 2018

**Parent-Teacher Interviews and Student-Led Conferences:** As you know, all parents will be invited to attend an interview or a student-led conference being held on November 23<sup>rd</sup> (PM) and November 24<sup>th</sup> (AM). Parents of students in JK have been invited to attend a classroom observation mid-November. This year all bookings for students from SK to grade 8 are to be made online using our new YRDSB Edsby platform. At this time, all families have been invited to set up an Edsby account and bookings will open to our school community beginning the morning of November 13<sup>th</sup>. You will receive an email notifying you that Edsby bookings are now open. If you have any trouble at all, please contact the school office and we will gladly lead you through the steps or complete the booking for you. By using this platform all families will have the chance to select interview times most appropriate for them. In addition to scheduling interviews with your child's core classroom teacher, you will also be able to schedule interviews with any other teachers in the school as well.

As always, if the interview dates do not work for you, a quick phone call to your child's teacher can often help alleviate your concerns, or it can act as the first step toward further discussion and planning for your child's success. Regardless, I encourage you to be in contact with your child's teachers at any time if questions or concerns arise.

### DID YOU KNOW?

There is a new school opening for September 2018. Here is a photo of the new unnamed Cathedral #2 Elementary School on the NE corner of Woodbine and Elgin Mills. Information on French Immersion program locations and boundaries will be coming in the new year.



### CROSSING GUARD NEEDED!

**Intersection:** Murison & Russell Dawson

**Hours:** Morning shift: 7:30am – 8:30am; Afternoon shift: 2:30pm – 3:30pm

**Pay rate:** \$17.00/hour

Please call 905-737-1600 if interested.

## **Grade 8 – 9 Transition Day at Richmond Green Secondary School**

November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 – all grade 8 students attended a student transition day to Richmond Green SS. Students were greeted by teachers, administration and student leaders called 'The Green Team' who work and plan together support for all students moving on to high school. Our students participated in mixed groups with other grade 8 students to have the opportunity to learn more about the elective options in grade 9 (Music, Drama, Tech, Art, Family Studies). Pictured here is a performance by the Grade 11/12 Drama class for students upon their arrival. Students will be asked to complete their course selection in [Career Cruising](#) for grade 9 by February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lots of opportunities for discussions will take place before then! A resource you can explore with your child to learn more about transition from grade 8 – 9 is on the YRDSB site [here](#) for your reference.



## **SJAM CROSS COUNTRY**

A big congratulations goes out to the SJAM Cross-Country Team! This team of dedicated runners flew across the finish line at our area meet on September 29<sup>th</sup>. They braved the rain and cold and represented our school well. Three students went on as qualifiers for the first ever regional meet at the ROC in Georgina. These runners trekked across the difficult terrain and didn't give up. A big thank you goes out to teachers and parents who came to help out at the area meet as well as the SJAM office staff for helping to get the students to the events. We can't wait to see what these amazing athletes have in store next year!

## **TERRY FOX RUN**

What a great turnout we had for our Terry Fox Run in September! As a school and a community, we exceeded our school fundraising goal and raised a total of \$ 4701.60! A HUGE thank you to all students, parents, and staff for their participation and generous hearts.

Thank you for making this year's Terry Fox Run such an incredible day! You are truly keeping Terry's dream alive.

Team Terry

Ms. Chiu, Ms. Lau, Ms. Mathew, & Ms. Welikala



## **GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE**

Alexander Mackenzie High School is running its **Grade 8 Open House Night on November 9<sup>th</sup> from 7- 9 pm**. The evening will begin with a parent assembly in the cafeteria followed by a school tour. There will also be 4 breakout sessions to highlight our specialized programs. AMHS looks forward to welcoming our future student and parent community on November 9<sup>th</sup>.



# PHOTO RETAKE DAY

Reminder to parents, photo retake day is Thursday, November 16th.

## SJAM STORYBOOK PUMPKINS! Thanks to all for your participation and creativity!



# School Bus Cancellations and Delays

School bus service may be delayed or cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with school bus companies servicing York Region. Decisions are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature and road conditions.

## **BUS DELAYS:**

Buses that are delayed on their morning or afternoon route are listed under the “Late Bus Report” tab at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com). Under this tab you will find all routes that are running late, listed by route number, along with the number of minutes they are late. **It is critical that you know the bus route number for your child’s morning and afternoon buses in order to read the late bus report!**

## **BUS CANCELLATIONS:**

- A decision to cancel school bus transportation may be **system wide** (where all buses in York Region are cancelled) **or municipality specific** (where buses in one or more municipalities are cancelled).
- If school bus transportation in your municipality is cancelled and your child attends school in a different municipality where service is operational, your child **will not** be transported to/from school.
- If school bus transportation in your municipality is operational and your child attends school in a different municipality where service is cancelled, your child **will not** be transported to/from school.
- **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.**

Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

| <b><u>F.M. RADIO</u></b> |          | <b><u>A.M. RADIO</u></b> | <b><u>TELEVISION</u></b> |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 88.5 FM                  | 98.1 FM  | 590 AM                   | CITY TV                  |
| 89.9 FM                  | 99.1 FM  | 640 AM                   | THE A-CHANNEL            |
| 92.5 FM                  | 99.9 FM  | 680 AM                   | CFTO TV                  |
| 93.1 FM                  | 101.1 FM | 860 AM                   | THE WEATHER NETWORK      |
| 94.1 FM                  | 102.1 FM | 1010 AM                  | GLOBAL NEWS              |
| 94.9 FM                  | 104.5 FM | 1050 AM                  |                          |
| 95.9 FM                  | 100.7 FM | 1540 AM                  |                          |
| 97.3 FM                  | 107.1 FM | 1580 AM                  |                          |

A bus cancellation message will also be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) and by calling 1-877-330-3001.

Helping kids eat well and perform better

### NOVEMBER SPECIALS

For the month of November your child can enjoy any of the following:

**Meat lasagna**

or

**Vegetable lasagna**

or

**Gluten-friendly Meat lasagna**

or

**Turkey burger**



These items are available as a combo or entrée only. Visit us on-line to see our full menu.

Our November specials are available only until November 30<sup>th</sup>. Place your orders today!

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It is never too late to order. The Kid's Kitchen hot lunch program is fully flexible and convenient. Place orders at any time for as many days as you like that suits your lifestyle.

Please visit [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca) to view our full menu.



**Do you need a sweet treat for a special occasion?**

Our in-house, nut free bakery can create whatever you require!

Need something different to wow your guests? Ask about our novelty cake jars and push pops! Call us to order for your next event.



**905.604.6447 | [thesweetdish.ca](http://thesweetdish.ca) | [mytreats@thesweetdish.ca](mailto:mytreats@thesweetdish.ca)**

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Made from scratch every day.

Your child(ren)'s lunches will always be made fresh in the morning. If we can't make something, we only use suppliers that share our passion for high quality food.

### Ordering is easy!

Login to place your orders at [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca)

Orders are accepted until 10am the previous business day (on Friday for Monday orders).



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**Spend more quality time with your kids. Leave the lunches to us!**

905.944.0210 | [www.kidskitchen.ca](http://www.kidskitchen.ca) | [information@kidskitchen.ca](mailto:information@kidskitchen.ca)

## Flu Season is on its way – are you ready?



Flu season is nearly here. Be prepared by getting the flu shot as early as possible.

The first and best step to preventing influenza (the flu), is to get the flu shot every year. Influenza spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others.

Everyone six months of age and older can get the flu shot. Flu shots are available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

Visit [ontario.ca/flu](http://ontario.ca/flu) to find where you can get the flu shot.

### How can the flu be avoided?

- Get the flu shot!
- [Wash your hands](#) well and often with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based [hand sanitizer](#)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterward. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid large crowds and stay home when you are sick

Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected To learn more about flu and the flu vaccine visit [york.ca/flu](http://york.ca/flu)



# Give the Gift of School Spirit Wear

Dear Parents,

The holiday season is fast approaching, and we can think of no better way to celebrate than with school spirit wear! We've partnered with Entripy.com, Canada's leader in custom apparel, and set up an online school spirit wear shop.

Our shop features dozens of items – from t-shirts, to hooded sweatshirts, jackets, toques and more from name brands including Gildan, and Under Armour. You can order as few as one item, choose from pre-approved school logos and even personalize with your child's name.



By giving the gift of school spirit wear, you're also helping our school. Entripy provides a **10% rebate** on our shop's sales back to our school.

**PLUS, until November 19<sup>th</sup>, Entripy is offering \$10 off your order of \$40 or more (before tax). Use promo code HOLIDAYGIFT to receive this offer.**

School spirit wear is a great gift for students, parents and grandparents, too, so you can cross nearly everyone off your holiday shopping list!

**SHOP**

[sirjohnamacdonaldps.entripyshops.com](http://sirjohnamacdonaldps.entripyshops.com)

