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Important Dates

- Jan. 18, 21....EQAO Math Test
.....(Semester I Math Students)
- Jan. 24 –
- Jan. 30.....Semester 1 Final Exams
- Feb. 8.....Course Change Deadline
- Feb. 8.....Final Report Card
- March 7 –
- March 14.....March Break Holiday
- March 20.....Interim Report Card
- March 27.....Literacy Test
- March 27.....Parents’ Night
- April 25.....Mid-Term Report Card
- June 12, 13...EQAO Math Test
.....(Semester II Math Students)
- June 18 –
- June 24.....Semester II Final Exams
- June 25.....Exam Review Day
- June 26.....Graduation Ceremony
- July 2.....Final Report Card

Important Links

York Region District School Board

INSPIRATION

“It is not where we stand,
but in which direction we are going.”

LITERACY NEWS

This year’s Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will be written on March 27, 2008. More details will be provided as they become available.

Check out www.eqao.com for resources including practice questions.

All parents of Grade 10 students are invited to attend our annual OSSLT information night on February 21, 2008 at 7 p.m.

IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Over the course of the year, we will be introducing you to Marzano’s Nine, a series of instructional strategies designed to improve student achievement across all content areas and grade levels.

January’s Focus: Reinforcing Effort and Providing Recognition

Research and Theory on Providing Recognition

- Rewards do not have a negative effect on intrinsic motivation
- Rewards are most effective when contingent upon the attainment of some standard of performance
- Abstract symbolic recognition (like praise) is more effective than tangible rewards

<http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca>
www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/guidance.services

The Attribute Character e-newsletter

<http://theattribute.ca>

The Family Cybermall
www.FamilyCybermall.org

Library Links

Home access for data portals is now a reality for our students.

Grolier - <http://go-ontario.grolier.com>
Username:dsbyork Password:dsby7692

EBSCO – <http://trial.epnet.com>
Username:s5794263
Password: password

The Library Resource Centre Catalogue
<http://library.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/ipac20/jsp?profile=n107#focus>

Contact Us

<http://www.keswick.hs.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/>
keswick.hs@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Phone (905)476-0933

Attendance Direct Line (905) 476-7823

Fax (905) 476-0929

Reporting a student absence

Please use the Attendance Direct Line (905) 476-7823 when informing the school of a student absence. Be sure to give the child's name, reason for absence, and length of absence.

Share the Update

Please forward this message to other parents that may be interested in

“How Can I Help?” - Practical Tips for Parents

As a parent or guardian, you can help increase achievement through providing appropriate recognition. Some ideas for providing recognition are as follows:

- While your child is working on a difficult task, employ the “Pause, Prompt and Praise” strategy: pause to debrief, prompt with suggestions, then revisit and praise efforts
- Provide symbolic tokens of recognition (stickers, small prizes, special privileges, etc.) for accomplishing specific performance goals.
- Use praise effectively. Effective praise is specific to the task, attributes success to effort and ability, and fosters the belief that time was spent on the task because it was enjoyable and developed skills essential to future success.

Reinforcing effort can help teach students one of the most valuable lessons they can learn – the harder you try, the more successful you are. In addition, providing recognition for attainment of specific goals not only enhances motivation, but it stimulates achievement.

JANUARY 2008 SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATIONS - GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS

[Check Your Examination Schedule](#)

Copies of the examination schedule are available in the main office and online at :

<http://www.keswick.hs.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/Jan2008ExamSchedule.htm>

First Semester Exams are scheduled for **Thursday, January 24, 2008 to Wednesday, January 30, 2008**. Make sure that you know the time and date of all your examinations and have recorded them in your agenda book. The room assigned may not be your regular classroom. Know your room assignments before the day of the examination. **If you have an examination conflict, please see Ms. Love in the Main Office prior to January 11, 2008.**

receiving e-mails from the school.

Parents interested in receiving the weekly bulletin should send an email to keswick.hs@yrdsb.edu.on.ca with 'Parent email' in the Title line. In the message, please include student name and your name.

KHS Cafeteria

MENU PRICES

BEVERAGES

CREAMY HOT CHOCOLATE COFFEE:

- REGULAR
- 100% COLOMBIAN
- DECAF
- BUTTERED PECAN
- FRENCH VANILLA

TEA:

- REGULAR
- HERBAL

SMALL	\$0.75
LARGE	\$1.00
IN OWN MUG/CUP.....	\$0.50
IN OWN TRAVEL MUG	\$0.75

MILK

SMALL – WHITE & CHOC.....	\$1.00
LARGE – WHITE & CHOC.....	\$1.50
MILK SHAKES – ALL FLAVORS ..	\$1.50
CANNED JUCIE – ALL FLAVORS	\$1.00
GATORADE – ALL FLAVORS	\$2.00
WATER.....	\$1.00

FOUNTAIN DRINKS

SLUSHIE CUP	\$1.25
LARGE STYRO CUP	\$1.00
SMALL STYRO CUP	\$0.75
SMOOTHIES	\$1.75

BREAKFAST ITEMS

BLT'S	\$2.50
EGG BAGELS	\$2.50
PEAMEAL BLT	\$2.75

Missing an Examination

If you are absent for an examination for medical reasons, a medical certificate will be requested. **Illness and extreme family emergencies are the only valid reasons for missing an examination. Family vacations do not constitute a valid excuse.**

Arrival Time

Try to arrive about 20-30 minutes prior to your exam. This will give you time to organize yourself and your thoughts. **If you arrive late for an examination, report immediately to the Main Office. Please call the school 905-476-0933 to inform us of your absence.**

Places to Gather

Students may not be in the hallways while examinations are being written. The only places where students are permitted (for quiet study) when not actually writing an examination are: **LIBRARY, CAFETERIA OR HOME.**

Entry to the Examination Room

Make sure that you know your course code and section number so that you may verify your examination room. The Examination Supervisor will not permit entry to the examination room until five minutes before you write. You must be at the examination room no later than five minutes before the examination begins.

What to Bring to the Examination

Bring extra pens, pencils, an eraser, ruler and a non-programmable calculator if permitted (check with your teachers). All these items must be brought into the examination room loose or in a clear plastic bag. Everything else that you have with you is not permitted at your seat. Leave bags, coats, notebooks, etc. in your locker, remembering that you cannot access your locker until examinations are over, other than in cases of emergency, you will then need to find a teacher to escort you to your locker. **CELL PHONES, PAGERS, IPODS OR MP3 PLAYERS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE EXAMINATION CLASSROOMS.**

Examination Procedures

1. Presiding teacher will open the door and ask you to take a seat.
2. The exam will be face down on your desk. **DO NOT TOUCH IT.**
3. The teacher may have some preliminary instructions. Please listen.
4. When the presiding teacher announces “begin”, turn the paper over.
5. The presiding teacher will ask you to sign the attendance sheet within the first ten minutes.
6. Remain absolutely quiet during the examination. Any and all questions must be directed to the presiding teacher. If your pencil breaks, if you need a Kleenex, extra paper, etc., you must **RAISE** your hand and speak to the presiding teacher.

EXTRA BACON OR CHESSE.....\$0.25
EACH

DESSERTS

COOKIES – ALL VARIETIES\$0.50
MUFFINS – ALL VARIETIES.....\$0.75
JELL-O – ALL VARIETIES\$0.75
PUDDINGS – ALL FLAVOURS\$1.00
CHEESECAKE\$1.25
TARTS – FRUIT FLAVOURS.....\$0.75
– BUTTER\$0.75
BROWNIES.....\$0.75
RICE KRISPIES SQUARE.....\$0.75
FRUIT CUPS\$1.00
FRUIT CRUMBLE.....\$0.75
DOUGHNUTS – ALL VARIETIES..\$1.00
FRUIT BREADS– BY THE SLICE
ALL VARIETIES\$0.50
CINNAMON BUNS\$1.25
FREEZIES – ALL VARIETIES.....\$0.50
SUCKERS – ALL VARIETIES\$0.25
HALLS – ALL VARIETIES.....\$1.00

HOT FOOD ITEMS

SOUPS – ALL VARIETIES.....\$1.25

HOT ENTRIES – MAIL ENTRÉE WITH
STARCH & VEGETABLE
CHANGING DAILY\$4.00

PASTA ITEMS ALL SERVED WITH
MARINARA SAUCE

REGULAR.....\$2.00
WITH MEAT.....\$2.50
WITH VEGETABLES.....\$2.50
WITH MEAT AND VEGETABLES \$3.00

FAST FOOD ITEMS

HAMBURGER – a grilled sandwich
consisting of a white bun, with a cooked
ground meat beef patty.....\$1.25

CHEESEBURGER – a grilled hamburger
topped with a slice of melted cheddar
cheese.....\$1.50

HOTDOGS - a smooth-textured sausage
of minced beef, served on a fresh white

Speaking to other students during an examination places you in jeopardy. You may be accused of cheating. The best advice is to refrain from talking, face the front and look only at your paper.

7. When the teacher announces that the examination is over, you must immediately put your pen down and wait for instructions.
8. The teacher will explain how to fold the examination and where to place your name and the name of your subject teacher.
9. The teacher will individually collect all the examination papers. Do not leave your seat until the teacher announces that you may leave the room.

Washrooms

You are not allowed to leave the classroom at any time during the examination. Be sure to go to the washroom before the examination. If it is an absolute emergency, then speak to the presiding teacher. An escort will be arranged to take you to the washroom.

Leaving the Examination Early

You must remain in the examination room for the first hour. At this time, you may quietly and immediately leave the examination room when the teacher instructs you to do so. **If you leave your examination before it is over,** you must report to the Cafeteria or the Library or leave the building promptly, and **will not be allowed to go to your locker until examinations are finished.**

Telephones

The phone in the Attendance Office will not be available for student use during the examination period. Please make sure that you bring change for the pay phone or arrange for a ride before leaving for school that day.

Performance Examinations

Students who have examinations that require a performance task are to make an individual appointment with their teacher so that no other scheduled exam (s) would result in a conflict.

Bussing and Inclement Weather Day

All busses are on normal pick-up and drop-off times. If an **inclement weather (snow) day** takes place that day's examinations will move to **Wednesday, January 30th.**

PREMIER'S AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

Nominate an outstanding teacher

The Premier's Awards for Teaching Excellence recognize outstanding teachers, and school and board staff. Do you know an exceptional educator?

bread roll\$1.25

CHICKEN FINGERS - breaded strips of fried chicken\$2.00

ONION RINGS – deep fried battered onion rings, made with onions and an egg batter\$1.25

JAMAICAN PATTIES – a food that contains various fillings and spices backed inside a flakey pastry shell ..\$1.00

FRENCH FRIES\$1.00
(WITH GRAVY)\$1.25

POUTINE – a serving of French fries topped with fresh cheese curds and covered with hot gravy\$2.50

**COLD SANDWICHES (PRE-WRAPPED, VARIOUS VARIETIES)
COLD SANDWICH WRAPS (PRE-WRAPPED, VARIOUS VARIETIES)**

SUBMARINE SANDWICHES

Veggie\$3.00
Ham\$3.50
Salami.....\$3.25
Assorted.....\$3.25
Club.....\$4.00
Rib.....\$3.50
Chicken.....\$4.00
B.L.T.....\$3.50
Wraps.....\$3.00

EXTRA ITEMS

Bacon\$0.25
Chicken.....\$0.75

NACHOES WITH CHEESE.....\$1.00
EXTRA SAUCE.....\$0.25

SALADS AND COLD PLATES

SALADS

PASTA – a cold salad of tri-color pasta, Veggies, with a light dressing and seasoning\$1.50

TOSSED – a lightly tossed salad

Nominate one for a Premier’s Award for Teaching Excellence.

Perhaps it’s someone who...

- Inspires kids to read and to love reading; to write and to love writing; and to communicate with more than just words
- Teaches students to be good citizens, by encouraging them to think locally and globally and showing them the importance of strong values
- Supports struggling students – helping discouraged kids to get back in the game and motivating them to aim high.

These are just a few of the ways Ontario's educators make a difference in the lives of students, families and communities across the province. But they aren't the only ways.

Share your stories of how that special teacher made learning come to life. How that support staff member made a difference for students. Or when that school or board leader rallied a community to make a difference in the lives of their kids.

Visit www.ontario.ca/teachingawards to learn more and download a nomination form. Nominations close January 28, 2008.

STUDENT EVENTS

Exams January 24-30, 2008

MATH HELP ROOM

The Math Help Room is open.

MATH HELP ROOM

2006

Monday – Friday

8:15 – 9:00 am

3:10 – 4:00 pm

* Tutoring is also available. Please contact your son

involving a variety of veggies
\$1.50
 COBB – finely chopped chicken or turkey,
 tomatoes, cheddar cheese, and lettuce, as
 well as several other light toppings,
 served with vinaigrette dressing
\$2.25
 CAESAR – fresh Romaine lettuce, Caesar
 dressing, bacon bits, and croutons made
 to order
 BOWL\$1.00
 LARGE PLATE\$2.25

VEGETABLE PLATES

SMALL

Veggies only- various Vegetable served
 fresh on a plate
\$1.00
 Cheese or Meat – Freshly sliced cheese
 and sliced meat served with crackers
\$1.50

**We strive to create a tradition of
 excellence in a fair and
 understanding community of
 learning.**

We do this by:

- embracing literacy as the foundation of successful citizens;
- recognizing the importance of regular attendance and punctuality as a key to school success;
- providing opportunities for success through innovative programs, structured around experiential learning;
- recognizing the importance of strong school spirit and inviting all community members to participate;
- recognizing the 10 YRDSB Character Education Traits as the basis of our school community.

or daughter’s math teacher*

STAFF VOICE MAIL LIST

TEACHER NAME	DEPT.	VM BOX
GLEZAKOS, JOHN	Principal	1083
MCGINLEY, CATHERINE	Vice-Prin	1080
RASS, ELLEN	Vice-Prin	1079
SCHOUTEN, BRIAN	Vice-Prin	1082
CLEMENTS, MIKE	Head Cust.	1038
GARDNER, TOM	Cust.	1048
Angela Jones	Spec. EA	543
Barr, Janette	Café EA	404
Barron, Rusty	Computers	
Cheryl Dollery	Café EA	415
Day, Diane	Spec. EA	400
Doss, April	Reception	441
Downe, Ellen	Café EA	438
Duncan, Karen	Attendance	1085
Gowan, Nicole	Guidance	1086
Jennifer McCreight	CYW	416
Love, Lisa	SAS	1091
MacFarlane, Teresa	Library Tech.	422
McNally, Shannon	CYW	557
Paquette, Vivienne	Spec. EA	518
Pompilio, Katie	INTERVENOR	571
Shelley, Smith	Office Supv.	1081
Thomas, Kelvin	CYW-989-0832	437
Venditti, Karen	Star	1075
Wight, Sue	Budget	1001
Anderson, Karl	MATH /SCI	580
Ball, GayleAnne	SCIENCE	569
Banks, Nicholas	ENG/ART	592
Black, Ian	PHYS ED	403
Brimble, Erin	ENGLISH	579
Brown, Diane	GEO/STEP	549
Brown, Rod H	CO-OP	405
Brunet, Julie	MODERNS	590
Buch, Judy(L-Q)	GUIDANCE	1099
Buch, Gordon	TECH	561
Cameron, Jenny H	ENG/MOD	446
Cameron, Scott	MUSIC	544
Caravasilis, Steve	GEOG-	585
Card, Judy H	SP. ED.	417
Card, Kevin	MATH	582
Charrette, Michelle	MODERNS	548
Christie, David	PE	507

Civello, Charlene	MATH	444
Clarida, Tim	CAFETERIA	443
Cordner, Heidi	MATH	419
Cook, Julie AH	SCIENCE	458
Crummey, Steve	ALT. ED.	989-0832
Curry, Helga H	GUIDANCE	1088
Daniels, Sue	FAM. ST.	586
Davy, Shelley	CO-OP	573
Demers, Kelley	PHE	410
Demille, Lesley	VIS. ART	550
Denney, Wade	TECH	534
Douglas, Sean	ENGLISH	414
Durrant, Gary -476-1484	ACCESS	204 SI
Edge, Andrew	MATH/ALT.ED	407
Esposito, Michelle	SPEC. ED.	576
Falzarano, Janet	ESTHETICS	554
Fahey, Bonnie(H)	FAM. ST.	577
Faubert, Ellie	BUS/CIV/CAR	424
Filoso, Manuela	GUIDANCE	1049
Flannery, Nicole	ENGLISH	501
Gabrielse, Vicki	BUS./MATH	454
Gans, Mary Anne	BUSINESS	531
Godfrey, Michelle H	ENGLISH	402
Griffith, Leanna	MATH	508
Hayward, Dana	SCIENCE	455
Hamilton	SPEC. ED.	440
Heath, Rob	GEO	567
Hickey, Doug	MATH	583
Hope, Darryl	HISTORY	589
Horstead, Dawn(E-K)	GUIDANCE	1090
Howard, Julianne	ENGLISH	520
Howland, Doug	SCIENCE	506
Hunter, John	MATH	568
Kashmiri, Sarah	SPEC. ED.	566
Kaufman, O'Had	MATH	409
Kemp, Heather-476-1484	SALEP	204 SI
Knowles, Jason	ART	449
Laliberte, Dawn H	MATH	456
LeBlanc, Brett	TECH	563
Lemire, Julie	SPEC. ED.	426
Lemmon, Katie	HISTORY	588
Lewington, Mark	HISTORY	558
Ludwig, Karl	TECH	565
Lundrigan, Francis	MATH	512
MacDougald, Korey	ENGLISH	532
Manning, Heather	PHY ED	436
Mayali, Nadia	SCI/ENG	581
McCue, Mary	ENGLISH	503
McInnis, Karen H	BUSINESS	450
McKnight-Sisco, Erin	HISTORY	453

Miele, Christina		ESTHETICS	553
Miller, Amanda	H	VIS. ARTS	521
Miller, Kristie		MATH	551
Milne, Peter	H	MUSIC	541
Murray(Biro), Ildiko		ENGLISH	427
Myers, Paul		CO-OP	425
Ostapeic, John	AH	SPEC. ED.	529
Parnham, Rick		ALT. ED.	989-0832
Pestill, Don		TECH	514
Platt, Josh	H	ALT. ED.	989-0832
Pocock, Nancy		FAM. ST.	593
Potosky, Kate		ENGLISH	430
Reynolds, Michael		TECH	572
Richard, Bruce		ENGLISH	423
Robinson, Adele		SP. ED.	564
Robinson, Dwight	H	SCIENCE	429
Ruddle, James		ART	545
Sebastian, Heather		ENGLISH	528
Shadlock, Brad		ALT. ED.	989-0832
Sheridan, Jason		SCIENCE	597
Shore, Geoff		SCIENCE	445
Simpson, Jeff		HISTORY	509
Smeenck, Sarah		ALT. ED.	587
Smith(Marshall), Kristy		MATH/SCI	594
Sonnemann, Sabine	H	LIBRARY	431
Steiner, Karing		ART	523
Thornton, Tammy		MATH	539
Townsend, Diane		CO-OP	536
Vallejo, Andrew		STEP	574
Vultaggio, Anthony		GUIDANCE	538
West, Scott		SCIENCE	433
Willick, Martin		PHYS ED	537
Wilton, Laura		ENGLISH	556
Wood, Charmaine		MODERNS	547
Wright, Alex	H	GEO/HIS	434
Yapp, Ann Marie	H	PHYS ED	435