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Important Dates

- March 7 –
March 14..... March Break Holiday
March 19..... Honours Assembly
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 25..... Graduation Ceremony
July 2..... Final Report Card

Important Links

York Region District School Board
<http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca>

INSPIRATION

“I have found the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it.”

- Harry S. Truman

LITERACY NEWS

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has scheduled **Thursday March 27, 2008** as the day for students across the province to complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). To assist in creating the best environment possible for the students writing the test, the Board has agreed to a modified school day structure for the day in which the OSSLT will be written.

This practice is very similar to that followed by other GTA school boards.

Keswick High School has a regular start time of **9:10**. This year, students writing the test will come to school as per their normal start time and complete the test. Students **not** writing the OSSLT would be asked to commence their school day approximately 3.5 hours later to coincide with the conclusion of the OSSLT on Thursday March 27, 2008. Students requiring accommodation will continue to write their test during an extended test-taking period. School will finish for all students at the normal time. Keswick High School will post the schedule for the day once it becomes available.

Please note students in Self-Contained Special Education Classes (Developmentally Delayed, Autistic, Orthopedic, Section 23, Intensive Support, and Acquired Brain Injury) and Elementary Music will follow their normal schedule.

Student Transportation Services has been advised of these arrangements and will adjust their bus schedules accordingly.

We anticipate that student achievement will be

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 receiving e-mails from the school.

Parents interested in receiving the

enhanced by this modification since the entire school staff will be available to administer the test and supervise students; ample classroom space will be available, eliminating the need to write in specialty rooms; and sufficient technology will be available to support students receiving accommodation. In addition, a calmer student environment during the OSSLT designated writing time will result as only students writing the test will be in school.

We wish every student success on the OSSLT.

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

HONOURS ASSEMBLY

The weather forced us to reschedule our Honours Assembly to **Wednesday March 19, 2008**. We hope that parents will be able to join us for this celebration of excellence.

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The school year calendar for 2008-2009 has been approved by the Trustees of the York Region District School Board, as follows:

Keswick High School will commence school on Monday, August 25, 2008 and take a one-week mid-term break commencing Monday, October 27 to Friday, October 31, 2008.

School holidays will be as follows:

Thanksgiving Day: Monday, October 13, 2008

Christmas Vacation: Monday, December 22, 2008 to Friday, January 2, 2009 inclusive

Family Day: February 16, 2009

Mid-Winter Break: Monday, March 16, 2009 to Friday, March 20, 2009 inclusive

Good Friday: Friday, April 10, 2009

Easter Monday: Monday, April 13, 2009

Victoria Day: Monday, May 18, 2009

SECONDARY PA days will be as follows:

1. Friday, October 24, 2008 (In-school PA)

2. Monday, November 10, 2008 (Student Success)

3. Friday, November 28, 2008 (Student Success)

4. Friday, January 30, 2009 (Promotion Meetings)

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.

5. Thursday, June 25, 2009 (Promotion Meetings)
6. Friday, June 26, 2009 (In-school PA)

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

STUDENT HANDBOOK REMINDERS

Attendance Policy

The Attendance Office phone number is (905) 476-7823

Academic success is linked to attendance. Valuable class time missed cannot be replaced when students are absent. A valid absence is one approved by parents/guardians (or a student, if the student is over 18 years old), resulting from illness, medical, dental or legal appointments, family emergency or family vacation. Any absence must be excused by a note or phone call from a parent/guardian (or a student, if the student is over 18 years old). It is the student's responsibility to ask parents/guardians to call or write a note.

When students return to school, they must:

- report to the Attendance Office to obtain an Admit Slip;
- bring a note from home or be certain a parent or guardian has called in;
- expect consequences, such as detentions, for invalid absences.

After a student returns from an absence, he or she should make arrangements to speak to the teachers as soon as possible and find out what work was missed. Students are responsible for making up missed work in a timely fashion. Students should recognize that not all missed work can necessarily be made up. Group activities and labs, for example, are difficult to complete outside of class time. For this reason, absences should be kept to a minimum.

Lates

It is the responsibility of all students to be in class on time in order to minimize classroom disturbances. Students are required to obtain a late slip from the Attendance Office if they are more than 15 minutes late. If students are more than 30 minutes late, they must be excused by a note or phone call from a parent/guardian (or a student if the student is 18 or

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

older). Teachers will assign consequences to students
for late arrivals to class.

Sign-In/Out

If a student should arrive at school part way through
the day, they are required to sign in at the
Attendance Office before going to their next class. It
is expected the student arrive with a note or a call
from a parent/guardian to excuse the absence. If the
Attendance Office does not receive either, they will
make the effort to contact the parent/guardian.

A special procedure for students over 18 years old
has been set up in the Attendance Office. These
students must follow the procedure outlined in the
policy for 18 year old students. Failure to do so will
require these students to sign in and out with an
Administrator.

NOTES FROM GUIDANCE

OUAC university applicants' grades have been
processed and students are advised to log on to
"Review and Change Your Completed Application" to
verify their academic information. Any errors or
omissions need to be reported to Guidance as soon as
possible.

Course selection for the 2008/2009 year is almost
completed. We are only chasing a few stragglers at
this point. The students have done an excellent job
this year choosing courses and handing their
selection sheets in on time. Thank you to all you
parents who helped make this a smooth process.

Community Involvement

Are you willing to **shovel snow** for a senior? Two
women have requested assistance as required. Please
call Debbie at 289.231.3299 and / or Mrs. Stojceski at
905.476.2348 if you can help.

The **YMCA** offers various volunteer opportunities
through their Youth Leadership Corps. Call 905-989-
9622 to learn more.

Both **Big Sisters** and **Big Brothers** are looking for
students to mentor younger students at local
elementary schools. Contact Kathy Good to become a

of minced beef, served on a fresh white 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

Big sister, or Jay Rahme to be a Big Brother at 905-895-0289.

April is cancer month and the **Canadian Cancer Society** is seeking help with their activities. Visit <http://www.cancer.ca/volunteerpower>, or call 905.830.0447 to get involved.

Whipper’s Kids Child Care at W.J.Watson Public School needs volunteers to help with their summer program. This not-for-profit organization offers programming for elementary students during school holidays. Contact the center at 905.476.5437 if you would like to volunteer and gain experience working with children.

Would you **Walk for ALS**? Would you volunteer to help organize and run this event in Toronto on June 7, or in Newmarket on June 22? Email Corina Chevalier at corina@ALSOnt.ca or call her at 416.497.8545 x 218 for more info.

Summer Employment

Canada’s Wonderland is holding a job fair on March 7, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at York Region Learning Connections, 10909 Yonge St., 2nd Floor, Richmond Hill, (Loblaws Plaza). Call for info: 1-866-992-9930 for more info, or visit <http://www.yorkyouth.ca/> <http://www.roadtoemployment.ca>. Anyone age 15 or older is invited to attend and apply.

Employment Ontario is offering a March Break Discover Workshop on career exploration for young adults (15 – 30) from March 10 – 13. This workshop is free, but space is limited. Call 1.866.992.9930 to reserve your seat.

MATH HELP ROOM

The Math Help Room is open.

MATH HELP ROOM

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Monday – Friday
8:15 – 9:00 am

TOSSED – a lightly tossed salad 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.

3:10 – 4:00 pm

* Tutoring is also available. Please contact your son or daughter's math teacher*

EARTH HOUR

February 11, 2008 **OPEN LETTER**

Dear Students, Families and Staff:

RE: Earth Hour 60 – March 29, 2008 8-9pm

Last year, Sydney, Australia hosted Earth Hour to inspire people to take action on climate change. The people of Sydney were asked to turn off their lights for one hour. And they did. On March 31, 2007, 2.2 million people and 2,100 Sydney businesses turned off their lights for one hour - Earth Hour.

What was the result? This effort reduced Sydney's energy consumption by 10.2% for one hour, which is the equivalent effect of taking 48,000 cars off the road for one hour.

Many major global cities are joining Earth Hour 2008, including Toronto, Ottawa and Montréal.

On **March 29, 2008 at 8pm**, Toronto will be the lead city in Canada participating in Earth Hour. In addition, people in cities around the world will unite and switch off for Earth Hour.

The goal in Toronto is to get at least one million Torontonians to participate in this event and to make the city as dark as possible for one hour. All City of Toronto buildings and other major businesses have committed to powering down for Earth Hour. Toronto Hydro will measure the drop of the collective electricity use during the event.

Even though we don't live in Toronto, we can still participate.

Everyone in Canada is encouraged to participate. Let's support the efforts of the World Wildlife Fund Canada. Participating in Earth Hour is a simple way to show that you want to be part of the solution.

Region's municipalities and citizens to take action and celebrate our existing efforts to fight climate change.

For more information, visit www.earthhour.org

Make a difference!

Bill Hogarth, Director of Education

Diane Giangrande, Chair of the Board

EVENTS

March 17, 2008

Honours Assembly Period 1

March 20, 2008

Interim Report Cards Distributed

STAFF VOICE MAIL LIST

Staff Member	DEPT.	VOICE BOX #
Catherine McGinley	Principal	1083
Brian Schouten	Vice-Principal	1082
Ellen Rass	Vice-Principal	1079
Helga Curry	Vice-Principal	1080
Mike Clements	Head Custodian	1038
Tom Gardner	Custodian	1048
April Doss	Reception	441
Karen Duncan	Attendance	1085
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Sue Wight	Budget	1001
Karen Venditti	Star	1075
Nicole Gowan	Guidance	1086
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Cook, Julie AH	SCIENCE	458
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Damji, Shailah	HISTORY	442
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Davy, Shelley	CO-OP	573
Demers, Kelley	PHE	410
Demille(Cross), 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	HISTORY	576
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Gabrielse, Vicki	BUSINESS	454
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Godfrey, Michelle H	ENGLISH	402
Griffith, Leanna	MATH	508
Hayward, Dana	SCIENCE	455
Hamilton, Andrew	SPEC. ED.	413
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	HISTORY	568
Kashmiri, Sarah	SPEC. ED.	566

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Knowles, Jason	ART	449
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Lemire, Julie	SPEC. ED.	426
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Lundrigan, Francis	MATH	512
MacDougald, Korey	ENGLISH	532
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Myers, Paul	CO-OP	425
Ostapeic, John H	SPEC. ED.	529
Papajani, Kaliopo	MATH	418
Parnham, Rick	ALT. ED.	595
Pestill, Don	TECH	514
Platt, Josh H	ALT. ED.	204 SI
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Quinn, Marg Ann	SPEC. ED.	440
Reynolds, Michael	TECH	572
Richard, Bruce	ENGLISH	423
Robinson, Adele	SP. ED.	564
Robinson, Dwight H	SCIENCE	421
Ruddle, James	ART	545
Sebastian, Heather	ENGLISH	528
Shadlock, Brad	ALT. ED.	204 SI
Sheridan, Jason	SCIENCE	597
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Simpson, Jeff	HISTORY	509
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Smeenk, Sarah	ALT. ED.	587
Smith(Marshall), Kristy	MATH/SCI	594
Sonnemann, Sabine H	LIBRARY	431
Steiner, Karing	ART	523
Thornton, Tammy	MATH	539
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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

204 Si = Personalized Alternate Education at 204 Simcoe Ave.

(905) 989-0832