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Important Dates

November 28.....Professional Activity Day
December 11.....Holiday Concert
December 22 – January 2....Christmas
Vacation
January 21 – 23, 27, 28.....Semester 1 Exams

Important Links

York Region District School Board

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

www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/guidance.services

The Attribute Character e-newsletter

<http://theattribute.ca>

INSPIRATION

“Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine.”

~ Anthony J. D'Angelo

EVENTS

November 24, 2008

1:45 PM - 5:00 PM Sr. Boys Hockey -- Hollingsworth
– Newmarket Heath, Christie Game time is 3 pm

November 25, 2008

8:30 AM - 3:00 PM Hair and Esthetics Field Trip
Davy, Miele

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM SNAP (Special Needs Athletic Program) Basketball Tournament -- Large Gym
Yapp

2:20 PM - 5:00 PM Girls Hockey – Keswick
Shadlock, Griffith Game time 3:30

November 26, 2008

12:00 PM - 6:30 PM Grade 9 English Trip Romeo and
Juliet -- Hart House UofT Murray, Howard

1:30 PM - 4:00 PM Jr. Boys Hockey -- Keswick
Hamilton, Richard Game starts 2:30 pm

November 27, 2008

8:30 AM - 3:15 PM Grade 11 Native Studies Grade 12
Visual Arts -- McMichael Canadian Art Collection
Demille, Miller

1:20 PM - 4:40 PM Girls Hockey -- Aurora Recreation
Centre Shadlock, Griffith Game time 3 pm

November 28, 2008

Library Links

Library has its own web-site

Library staff has been working diligently to create its own website for student and staff use. It has about 500 links and contains all of the data portals to which students were introduced last year. The website is accessible both from home and school. It will be very helpful with homework assignments. It can be accessed through the KHS website and using the following URL:

<http://keswicklibrary.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=624070&pageId=624080>

Student passwords are now available through their homeroom teachers (sharefile). Yes, once again, they have changed from last year for security purposes.

Other useful links:

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

Website: www.keswick.hs.yrdsb.edu.on.ca

E-mail: keswick.hs@yrdsb.edu.on.ca

Phone (905) 476-0933

Attendance Direct Line (905) 476-7823

Fax (905) 476-0929

BECAUSE YOU'RE THE TYPE TO SAVE A LIFE

By: Meagan Pearce

On November 14, 2008, CBS (Canadian Blood Services of Canada) visited Keswick High School; students from both Keswick High, and Our Lady of The Lake Catholic High School participated.

"It's awesome, the turn out is always fabulous here, we were to capacity, we actually had to send people away. We have a lot of new donors, and it's great to see students so excited to save lives." - Jayne, CBS Donor Service Rep.

This year, blood was at an all time low... there was only enough blood for a 2 day supply, when there should be enough blood for a 4 ~ 6 day supply. Some of the main reasons for this are that people aren't keeping appointments, not enough new donors are being recruited, and hospitals are at a 3.3 percent higher demand for blood.

"1 unit of blood can go to 3 different people." - Amanda Richardson, CBS Clinic Assistant

"I was nervous at the beginning, but then I thought of all the people I was helping, and I got over it." - Mathew Winch, grade 12 donor.



This was the fourth annual K.H.S blood donor clinic. CBS visits twice a year: once in November, and once in Feb or March.



Students from the Character Matters group visited the grade 11 and 12 class rooms to do recruiting; we had 75 people signed up to give blood. However not everyone there was giving

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 weekly bulletin should send an email to keswick.hs@yrdsb.edu.on.ca with 'Parent email' in the Title/Subject 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

blood ...some were also there to give support to their friends.



“I’m here to help Haleigh get through this, and give her support.” - Sarah Robertson, grade 12 supporter.



“I wouldn’t be able to get through this if it wasn’t for Sarah here to support me.” - Haleigh Wright grade 12 donor.



There was also the option of donating blood to help our soldiers fighting over seas in Afghanistan. Grade 12 student Matthew Winch was one of the students who donated

blood to help out our brave men and women, in the Canadian Armed Forces.

“It’s something that I feel strongly about, because I have a lot of close friends who are in the military.”- Mathew Winch grade 12, “Canadian Armed Forces Donator.”

We would like to thank the staff and volunteers from *Canadian Blood Services* for coming in and giving students and staff the chance to give blood. Thanks also to the donors for giving blood ...because of all of you, we provided 60 units of blood enough to save the lives of up to 180 people.

“IT’S COOL TO CARE ...AT K.H.S!”

REPORT CARD CLARIFICATION

Mid-term report cards were distributed last Friday. This week we moved into the second term of our first

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.....	\$2.50
EGG BAGELS.....	\$2.50
PEAMEAL BLT	\$2.75
EXTRA BACON OR CHESSE.....	\$0.25

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
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HOT ENTRIES – MAIN ENTRÉE WITH STARCH & VEGETABLE CHANGING DAILY	\$4.00
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PASTA ITEMS ALL SERVED WITH MARINARA SAUCE	
REGULAR.....	\$2.00
WITH MEAT	\$2.50
WITH VEGETABLES.....	\$2.50
WITH MEAT AND VEGETABLES .	\$3.00

semester of 2008 – 2009.

Please note that because we have a ‘split’ lunch the number of classes has doubled during those periods. The new computer system counts period 3 / 4 or 4 / 5 as two separate classes. Therefore if a student missed 5 classes the new system counts it twice so it would show 10 classes.

ATTENDANCE PHONE CALLS

We will restart our automatic phone calls and e-mails home to report student absences on Tuesday. Under the current computer system that we are using, we are unable to isolate truancies and unexplained absences from the rest of our attendance data. Therefore, parents will be receiving daily notification for all absences, including school field trips and events, regardless of whether or not they have notified the school previously. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

GUIDANCE NOTES

An IMPORTANT Message for all Parents of Grade 12 Students...

University PIN numbers have now arrived in the Guidance department!

Students who are planning to apply to university this year should come to the Guidance department during their lunch, spare or before/after school to pick up their confidential PIN Access Letter, which contains the school number, student number and personal identification number (PIN) they need to log on to the university online application. Students are reminded to bring ID with them and to keep their PIN in a secure location.

Post-secondary Information

- Grade 12 students who have already submitted their **COLLEGE** application can now review their semester one mid-term marks and final grade 11 marks from previous years on the OCAS website. Students should check their marks for accuracy and report any errors to their guidance counsellor ASAP. Students are strongly encouraged to apply to college well in advance of

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 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 AND 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

the equal consideration application deadline of February 2nd, 2009.

- All graduating students are reminded to sign up for Keswick High School's NEW [Grad e-group](#) distribution list. Students who sign up will receive:
 - timely updates from universities, colleges and apprenticeship training institutions about new programs, changes to admission requirements, upcoming deadlines and more...
 - important information from the KHS Guidance Department about scholarship opportunities, continuing education courses and graduation

Students should send an email to khsguidance@gmail.com and ask to be added to the grad e-group.

Feeder School Information

- Grade 8 students from Jersey, W.J. Watson, Fairwood and Lakeside visited Keswick High School this week for the first in a series of high school transition activities. As the feeder school visits come to a close, the Guidance department would like to thank all of the KHS student ambassadors who did such a fantastic job serving as tour guides and group leaders for the visiting grade 8 classes. Way to go Cougars!

Community Service Opportunities

- The Pefferlaw Ice Pad Committee is looking for volunteers during the construction phase of this facility. Contact: Doug Carr 705-437-4232
- Become a Youth Leader with the YMCA to earn community service hours. Contact: Kirsten Miller 905-989-9622 ext. 304
- The Keswick Presbyterian Church is doing some building work until the end of November. Students are welcome to volunteer on weekends with the work (help move or lay sod and piping). Contact Kirk McLeod at 905-476-3485.
- The Georgina Public Library has a terrific opportunity for students to use their creativity and leadership skills by joining the Teen Advisory Group (TAG). This group will be responsible for

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 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

School Mission

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

teens in our community. This is an excellent experience to include on a résumé or scholarship application. Contact Mike Russell at 905-476-5762 ext. 121.

- The Salvation Army wants to first thank the students and parents in the community who have always given of their time to help out with their Kettle Campaign during the past holiday seasons. They are once again looking for volunteers to man the Kettles in and around Keswick this holiday season. Please contact David Jackson at 905-722-3059.

Scholarship Information – Upcoming Deadlines

- Application forms for the **Millennium Scholarship** have arrived in Guidance. This is a fantastic opportunity for students applying to either college or university. The Millennium Foundation will grant approximately 1000 scholarships valued from \$4000 to \$20,000. Criteria for these awards include academics, leadership and community service. The application deadline is **December 12, 2008**.
- **Queen’s University** offers a variety of major scholarships and awards which require applications. The deadline for applying is **December 1st, 2008**. If you wish to be nominated by Keswick High School for the **Queen’s Chancellor’s Scholarship** you must submit your application for consideration to Mrs. Daniels in the Guidance department no later than **November 20, 2008**.

Students are reminded to regularly check the Scholarship bulletin board in the Guidance department for a complete list of award criteria and upcoming deadlines. As well, students are encouraged to make use of the following websites when researching ways to finance their post-secondary education:

- www.electronicinfo.ca
(use the Searchable Scholarships tool)
- www.studentawards.com
- www.scholarshipscanada.com
- www.canlearn.ca.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND

school spirit and inviting all community members to participate;

- recognizing the 10 YRDSB Character Education Traits as the basis of our school community.

Staff Voice Mail List

STAFF MEMBER	DEPARTMENT	EXT #
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	Star	441
Lorinda Mundy	Attendance	1085
Karen Duncan	Attendance	1076
Sue Wight	Budget	1001
Debbie O'Hara	Reception	1000
Nicole Gowan	Guidance	1086
Lisa Love	Asst. Head SAS	1091
Rusty Barron	Computers	1500
Shelley Smith	Office Supervisor.	1081
Janette Barr	Café EA	404
Diane Day	Spec. EA	400
Cheryl Dollery	Café EA	415
Jennifer McCreight	CYW	416
Shannon McNally	CYW	557
Katie Pompilio	INTERVENOR	571
Vivienne Paquette	Spec. EA	518
Ellen Downe	Café EA	438
Teresa MacFarlane	Library Technician	422
Kelvin Thomas	CYW-989-0832	437
Anderson, Karl	MATH /SCI	580
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	GUIDANCE (L-R)	1099
Buch, Gordon	TECHNOLOGY	561
Cameron, Scott	MUSIC/HIST	544
Campbell, Kayla	ENGLISH	461
Caravasilis, Steve	GEOGRAPHY	585
Card, Judy	SPEC. ED.	447
Charrette, Michelle H	MODERNS	548

SCHOOL BUS CANCELLATION NOTICE

School bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Since busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m. or earlier, all cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to ensure the safety of our students. 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.

Please note the following:

- 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).
- Even though transportation in your municipality is running, if your child attends school in a different York Region municipality where transportation is cancelled, your child will **not** be transported to/from school.
- Even though your child attends school in a different York Region municipality where transportation is running, if transportation in your municipality 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:

RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM
1010 AM	1050 AM	1540 AM	1580 AM
88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM

Christie, David	PHYS. ED.	507
Civello, Charlene AH	MATH/ SUCCESS	444
Clarida, Tim	FAMILY STUDIES	443
Clarke, Bob	TECHNOLOGY	452
Cordner, Heidi H	MATH	419
Damji, Shailah	HISTORY	442
Daniels, Sue	GUIDANCE (A-D)	1049
Davy, Anne	FAMILY STUDIES	412
Davy, Shelley	CO-OP	573
Demers, Kelley	PHYS. ED.	410
DeMille, Lesley	VISUAL ART	550
Denney, Wade	TECHNOLOGY	534
Douglas, Sean	ENGLISH	414
Durrant, Gary	ACCESS 476-1484	204 SI
Edge, Andrew	MATH/ALT. ED.	407
Esposito, Michelle	SPEC. ED.	576
Fahey, Bonnie H	FAMILY STUDIES	577
Faubert, Ellie	BUSINESS	424
Gabrielse, Vicki	BUS/MATH/ YRBK	454
Gans, Mary Anne	BUS/ SPEC. ED.	531
Gardner, Doug	HIST/ SPEC. ED.	406
Godfrey, Michelle H	ENGLISH	402
Griffith, Leanna	MATH	508
Hamilton, Andrew	MATH/ GEOG.	413
Harild, Jenna	ALT. ED.	448
Heath, Rob	GEOG/ ALT. ED.	567
Hickey, Doug	MATH/PATHWAY	583
Hope, Darryl	HISTORY	589
Howard, Julianne	ENGLISH/ MUSIC	520
Howland, Doug	SCIENCE	506
Hunter, John	MATH/ HISTORY	568
Kashmiri, Sarah	SPEC. ED.	566
Kemp, Heather	STEP/ ALT. ED.	451
Knowles, Jason	VISUAL ART	449
Lansing, Peter	MODERNS	462
LeBlanc, Brett H	TECHNOLOGY	563
Lewington, Mark	HIST/ SPEC. ED.	558
Lien, Hao	MATH/ HISTORY	432
Lundrigan, Francis	MATH	512
MacDougald, Korey AH	ENGLISH	532
MacKay, Julie	SCIENCE/ LIT	458
Manning, Heather	PHYS. ED./ SCI.	436
Mayali, Nadia	SCIENCE	581
McCue, Mary 476-1484	STEP/ ALT. ED.	204 SI
McInnis, Karen H	BUSINESS/ SUCC	450
McKnight-Sisco, Erin	HISTORY	453
McLaughlin, Gord	TECHNOLOGY	408
Miele, Christina	FAMILY STUDIES	553

94.1 FM 94.9 FM 95.9 FM 97.3 FM
98.1 FM 99.1 FM 99.9 FM 101.1 FM
102.1 FM 104.5 FM 100.7 FM 107.1 FM

TELEVISION

CITY TV THE A-CHANNEL
CFTO TV THE WEATHER NETWORK
GLOBAL NEWS

A bus cancellation message will also be available at www.schoolbuscity.com and by calling 1-877-330-3001.

The above procedure is not applicable to school charters. Please confirm the cancellation of these trips with school administration.

Thank you for your support as we focus on providing safe transportation for all of our students.



SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The school year calendar for 2008-2009 has been approved by the Trustees of the York Region District School Board includes the following dates:

- Remaining school holidays will be as follows:
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

Remaining **SECONDARY PA days** include:

1. Friday, November 28, 2008 (Student Success)
2. Friday, January 30, 2009 (Promotion Meetings)
3. Thursday, June 25, 2009 (Promotion Meetings)
4. Friday, June 26, 2009 (In-school PA)

Miller, Amanda	H	VISUAL ARTS	521
Miller, Kristie		MATH	551
Milne, Peter	H	MUSIC	541
Murray, Ildiko		ENGLISH	427
Myers, Paul		CO-OP	425
Oostwoud, Jacqueline	H	GUIDANCE (E – K)	1088
Ostapeic, John	H	SPEC. ED.	529
Papajani, Kaliopi		MATH	418
Parnham, Rick		ALT. ED. 989-0832	204 SI
Platt, Josh	H	ALT. ED. 989-0832	204 SI
Pocock, Nancy		FAMILY STUDIES	593
Potosky, Kate		ENGLISH	430
Reynolds, Michael		TECHNOLOGY	572
Rice (Lemire), Julie		SPEC. ED./ LIB.	426
Ricci, Jacqueline		FAMILY STUDIES	460
Richard, Bruce		ENGLISH	423
Robinson, Adele		SPEC. ED.	564
Robinson, Dwight	H	SCIENCE	421
Ruddle, James		VISUAL ART	545
Shadlock, Brad	AH	ALT. ED.	204 SI
Sheridan, Jason		SCIENCE	597
Shore, Geoff		SCIENCE/ART	445
Simpson, Jeff		HISTORY	509
Simpson, Karen	AH	ENGLISH	535
Smeenck, Sarah		ALT. ED./ SALEP 476-1484	587
Smith, Kristy		MATH	594
Sonnemann, Sabine	H	LIBRARY	431
Thornton, Tammy		MATH	539
Townsend, Diane		CO-OP	536
Tsigaridis, Nick		SCIENCE	457
Vallejo, Andrew		ALT. ED. 989-0832	204 SI
Vultaggio, Anthony	ILC	GUIDANCE (S – Z)	1088
West, Basia		GEOGRAPHY	499
West, Scott		SCIENCE	433
Willick, Helen		ENGLISH	542
Willick, Martin		PHYS. ED. / ENG.	537
Wilton, Laura		ENGLISH	556
Wood, Charmaine		MODERNS	547
Wright, Alex		HISTORY	434
Yapp, Ann Marie	H	PHYS ED	435

**204 Si = Personalized Alternate Education
at 204 Simcoe Ave. (905) 989-0832**

STUDENT HANDBOOK REMINDERS

Dances

Dance tickets will be sold in advance of the dance, not at the door. Students will be required to show their student card in order to purchase a ticket. Each student may sign in one guest by placing them on the guest list at least 24 hours in advance of the dance. The guest list will be screened by the administration, and certain guests may be denied entry. All guests must be accompanied by the student who placed them on the guest list.

Once students are in the dance, they may not leave and return. As there is no smoking on school property, students will not be permitted to smoke outside the door or to leave the dance to smoke and return. The doors will close at 9:30 p.m. Suspended students will not be allowed to attend the dance.

As students will not be permitted to go to their locker during the dance, a coat check service will be provided. Students must check their coats and bags when they enter the dance. Coats and bags will not be permitted into the dance area. Students are asked to respect restricted areas during the dance.

Refreshments will be available at the dance, but are not permitted in the dance area.

Regular school rules and penalties regarding fighting, smoking, dress code, alcohol, and drug use apply to dances. Dances will be supervised by teachers and administrators. Police officers will be present at all school dances.

REACH EVERY STUDENT

Students Wanted To Speak Up

Do you have a child or know a student with ideas about how to make Ontario's publicly funded education system even better? Perhaps you are a student who has an idea about how to make your school a better place. Now there are new opportunities for students to [SpeakUp](#).

The Ministry of Education is encouraging students to

a new initiative called Student Voice.

Are you or do you know a student who:

- is in Grades 7 to 12 in Ontario's publicly funded school system
- will share their experiences, ideas and advice about what helps them learn
- wants a grant to lead a project at their school?

Student Voice provides a number of ways for students to express their ideas and opinions and make positive changes at their school:

Minister's Student Advisory Council

This council of 60 students from across the province will provide advice to the Minister of Education on ways to help make Ontario's publicly funded education system even better. Students must [apply](#) for the positions.

Student Projects

The Ministry of Education will give every student council that signs on up to \$800 to make their school a better place - to qualify student councils fill in a [form](#) to explain how they will use the funds to give students a louder voice. Individual students or groups of students can [apply](#) for up to \$1,500.

Student Forums

Regional student forums will allow students to meet, exchange ideas and work together to make positive changes at their schools. Their ideas will be shared with the Minister's Student Advisory Council and the Minister of Education. To [get involved](#), students should speak to the Student Success Teacher at their school.

Act now - the application deadline is November 28th, 2008!

To learn more and download application forms, visit www.ontario.ca/SpeakUp.

Questions? openlist@edu.gov.on.ca
or call 1-800-387-5514

You may **UNSUBSCRIBE** or **CHANGE YOUR OPTIONS** at any time.

Ministry of Education