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Important Dates

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

“The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty.”

~ Winston Churchill

EVENTS

December 8, 2008

9:10 AM - 3:05 PM Beyond The Hurt - People Taking Action -- In School Edge / Damji

1:30 PM - 5:00 PM Sr. Boys Hockey -- Bond Lake Heath / Christie Game time is 3 pm

2:45 PM - 6:00 PM Jr. Boys Basketball -- KHS Lundrigan

December 9, 2008

9:10 AM - 3:05 PM Beyond The Hurt - People Taking Action -- In School Edge / Damji

10:00 AM - 4:45 PM Grade 9 and 10 Dance -- Four Seasons Centre Potosky / Brunet

10:30 AM - 3:00 PM In School Entrepreneurship Fair – Hall Faubert

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Italy 2009 Study Tour Information Meeting – Library Wright / West

December 10, 2008

8:50 AM - 3:00 PM Grade 9 French to Zoo - Metro Zoo Charrette / Wood

10:30 AM - 3:00 PM In School Marketing Fair – Hall Faubert

2:30 PM - 5:00 PM Jr. Girls Volleyball - KHS Wood

The Family Cybermall
www.FamilyCybermall.org

Library Links

LIBRARY HAS ITS OWN WEB-SITE!!!!

Our website is accessible both from home and school. It can be accessed using the following URL:

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

OR You can also use Google to access the Keswick High School website, and then under the **STUDENT** pull down menu, click on **LIBRARY** to access the library web site.

Our dataportals, Grolier, EBSCO and Knowledge-Ontario are now available on the homepage of the library web site

Grolier

Username:dsbyork Password:dsby7692

EBSCO

Username:s5794263 Password:password

Knowledge Ontario

Username: Password:trillium

The Library Resource Centre Catalogue can be accessed via the library website under **CATALOGUES**.

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

Contact Us

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

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

Phone (905) 476-0933

December 11, 2008

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sr. Boys Hockey Tournament –
Whitby Heath / Christie

2:45 PM - 7:00 PM Jr. Boys Basketball -- Sutton
DHS Lundrigan

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Music Concert

December 12, 2008

7:00 AM - 6:00 PM Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament -
Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS Wood

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sr. Boys Hockey Tournament –
Whitby Heath / Christie

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Sr. Girls Volleyball Tournament --
Richmond Hill HS Robinson / Black

9:15 AM - 3:00 PM Special Education Intensive class
to Upper Canada Mall -- Upper Canada Mall
Lemire

ATTENDANCE PHONE CALLS

We are happy to report that the problem we were experiencing with our daily automatic attendance phone calls home has been resolved. Parents and guardians will no longer receive calls for student absences that have been approved. We thank you for your patience with the difficulties.

GUIDANCE NOTES

An Important Message for all Parents of Graduating Students...

University PIN numbers are ready for pick-up 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.

University-bound students are strongly

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 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
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university application by Friday, December 12th. Students are reminded that applying early enables them to avoid delays with OUAC computer system, and gives them time to deal with any problems that they may encounter with their on-line application in advance of the equal consideration application deadline on January 14th, 2009.

Post-secondary Information

- Grade 12 students who have already submitted their **COLLEGE** application can review their semester one mid-term marks and final grade 11 and 12 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 the equal consideration application deadline of February 2nd, 2009.**
- Grade 12 students who have already submitted their **UNIVERSITY** application can now review their final grade 11 and 12 marks from previous years on the OUAC website. Students should check their marks for accuracy and report any errors to their guidance counsellor ASAP.
- 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.

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

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	\$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

PASTA ITEMS ALL SERVED WITH MARINARA SAUCE	
REGULAR.....	\$2.00
WITH MEAT	\$2.50

- 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 brainstorming and planning theme events for the 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**.
- The application deadline for the **Toyota Earth Day Scholarships** is January 31, 2009. There are fifteen awards of \$5000 available to graduating students from across Canada who have achieved excellence in academic and extracurricular activities, and have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to the environment. The scholarship application and online information are available at www.earthday.ca/scholarship.
- **Queen’s University** offers a variety of major

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 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

scholarships and awards which require applications. Applications must be received by Queen’s University no later than **December 1st, 2008**.

- The **Seventh Annual Talk About Canada! Scholarship Quiz** will be on the Internet January 19th to March 23, 2009. To win the scholarships (1-\$5000 prize, 20-\$1000 prizes, 40-\$500 prizes) students must correctly answer fifty multiple-choice questions about Canada. For more information please go to www.talkaboutcanada.ca.

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.

HOLIDAY AND OBSERVANCES CALENDAR

The board’s holiday and observances calendar is presently being drafted for the 2009-2010 school year. Included again this year will be student artwork from elementary and secondary schools for the calendar cover and for each month. Artwork includes photographs, original works and student digitally generated images.

This year we would like to continue to request that artwork / photographs reflect the faith / religious / cultural diversity of the York Region community. Students may wish to consult the calendar and consider the different types of celebrations and the different manner in which they could be celebrated.

Artwork should be submitted by Friday Feb. 27, 2009 to Jose Fernandes, Community and Cultural Services. Each piece must include on the back: student’s name, age, grade and school. Students

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 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

from Keswick H. S. that wish to make a submission, may forward their artwork to Mrs. Curry by Fri. Feb. 20 in order to allow sufficient time to reach the Community and Cultural Services office

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND 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

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.

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

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
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

Caravasilis, Steve	GEOGRAPHY	585
Card, Judy	SPEC. ED.	447
Charrette, Michelle H	MODERNS	548
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

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)

STUDENT HANDBOOK REMINDERS

Electronic Devices

Students are not allowed to have their cell phones in the classrooms. Students must ensure that personal stereos do not interrupt the learning environment at any time. During formal evaluations students may not use any electronic devices except for a traditional calculator. Cameras and camera cell phones are not allowed to be used in any form in the school without permission from a teacher or administrator. Laser pointers are not permitted at Keswick High School.

SIGNIFICANT FAITH DAY

Eid-ul-Adha

Muslims in Canada will join Muslims throughout the world in celebrating the festival of Eid-ul-Adha (the festival of sacrifice, often called simply "Eid"). This major festival celebrates the supreme example of sacrifice and submission to God shown by Prophet Abraham.

The festival of Eid-ul-Adha commemorates the time, 4,000 years ago, when the Prophet Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son, at the command of God. This is held by Muslims as a supreme act of obedience, devotion and submission to the will of God.

Eid-ul-Adha also coincides with the completion of Hajj, the annual pilgrimage of Muslims to Mecca in Saudi Arabia. Muslims are required to perform Hajj at least once in their lifetime, if they can afford it and if they can physically endure it.

This is both a community and a family celebration. On Eid day Muslims, in the morning, go to Mosques/Islamic Centres (or other larger places) to offer prayers. Also traditional meals are prepared,

McKnight-Sisco, Erin	HISTORY	453
McLaughlin, Gord	TECHNOLOGY	408
Miele, Christina	FAMILY STUDIES	553
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**

family gatherings take place and they visit each other.

Those who can afford, it, make arrangements for an animal such as a lamb to be sacrificed and the meat distributed to the needy, relatives and friends. The distribution of meat to the needy is a special charity of this festival.

We join you in wishing staff, students and members of the Islamic community, a very happy holiday.

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 speak up and get more engaged in their learning with 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

IMMUNIZATION SURVEY REMINDER

This is a reminder for parents of students who received immunization surveys from Public Health in their homeroom classes: surveys must be returned to the Public Health office as directed on the forms, by Mon. Dec. 1, 2008.