



York Humber H.S.



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE ~ A. MACLACHLAN

Welcome to York Humber High School. We have had a very busy autumn and many good things are off to a great start.

All the IEPs have been completed for every student in the building. We will have three Hydroponic towers for plant and food production installed in the next few weeks as part of our Green Industry school focus. Our sports teams are up and running, and our Cross Country team has already competed and brought home several gold, silver and bronze medals. Extra-curricular activities are resuming, the recycling program has restarted and our outdoor Fall Clean-Up is scheduled for this Friday. Great work is happening in our classrooms with much attention given to adaptive and assistive technologies and a huge focus on student engagement and student voice. We are continuing to offer breakfast to all students every morning: The nutritious choices include fruit, milk, yogurt, cheese, granola and bagels throughout the week so that our students have food for thought!

As always York Humber is conscious of the safety for and the civic responsibility of our students. We are continuing with the promotion of our 4Rs: Respect, Responsibility, Relationships and Restraint. We have already conducted two fire drills and one lockdown drill and will be continuing with our anti-bullying and positive relationships workshops with students this fall.

We want to have good communication with you, so if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us and your teachers.

Sincerely, Alison MacLachlan

GUIDANCE AT YORK HUMBER ~ HOW CAN WE HELP ~ D. BURNS

Welcome back to another year at York Humber High School. It has been a busy start in Guidance with new registrations, timetable changes and general support of all of our students. A great big thank you to Ms. Grech for

all her hard work in helping keep Guidance moving smoothly.

The Guidance Department is an important hub in a secondary school and we are here to help to support you and your child.

A Caring Place

First and foremost I am here to help students feel safe, happy and engaged in school. Many stresses happen during the high school years and I hope to be able to help students through difficult times.

Booking Appointments

Students can book appointments with me through Ms. Grech, our Guidance Office Assistant or they can find me in the halls or at lunch to just chat. Parents and Guardians are also welcome to book appointments to discuss their child's progress, social-emotional issues, stresses and future pathways.

FUTURE PATHWAYS

College/Apprenticeship

A large part of Guidance is to help students plan for their future endeavors. Students who graduate from York Humber High School follow the Apprenticeship, College or Workplace pathways. Within the last two years of school each student will need to work with their Coop, Careers and Guidance teachers to plan out a future pathway.

Workplace

Many York Humber students are working directly towards the world of work when they graduate. Students work with their Coop teacher and Guidance Counsellor to get the highest quality experiences they can to help with getting that first job. Many Coop placements lead directly to either part time or full time employment! In our area there are numerous job agencies (COSTI, YES, Community Living etc.) that can assist our students in finding employment; come by Guidance for more information!

DSO /ODSP

Many students who graduate or move on from York Humber qualify for the services of Developmental Services Ontario and funding from the Ontario Disability Support Program. Students can register for DSO in their first years at York Humber and should apply for ODSP support in the last 6 months before they turn 18. Please ask Guidance for support in applying to these programs.

Outside Supports

Finally, Guidance is a place to find help for many social-emotional issues. We have a school Social Worker who is here one day a week and many other support services that students can access. We also have a vast array of outside agencies ready and willing to help students in any way needed.

Guidance is a great resource for assistance and support. It is a place where students can come when they feel down, have had a conflict or just need to chat. I hope to make contact with as many of you as possible over the next few months and welcome any questions you may have.

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EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SUCCESSES AT YHHS ~ H. Montagnese

We are very excited to be introducing a new system of growing healthy food into our school. We will have 3 hydroponic towers in the school and ready to go by the end of October. Students will learn how to grow vegetables and herbs indoors without any soil! The whole growing process will be learned from the germination of seeds through to the harvesting of a crop.



Students in the Technology classes will be visiting a variety of facilities in the Holland Marsh area pertaining to the growing, harvesting, and packaging of vegetables in Ontario. Students will learn about the connections between Hospitality (Culinary), Green Industries, and the Construction Industries.

Grades 9 and 10 students will have the chance to participate in a Take Your Kids to Work field trip to explore the possible employment options in the future. The group will visit the Cadbury Chocolate factory where they will learn about the many different occupations that exist in the manufacturing industry. They will also visit a hotel to learn about the possible employment opportunities that are available in the hospitality industry.

Students in the cooperative education programs have been working hard at their placements, are learning many valuable workplace skills, are building excellent relationships with employers and are developing priceless associations with a new network of people.

Thank you to the following community partners who have offered our students the opportunity to learn and grow in a workplace environment:

- Active Green & Ross – Dundas and Annette
- Alexander Muir/Gladstone Avenue Junior Public School
- Boulevard Club
- Canadian Tire – Caledonia and Eglinton
- Canadian Tire – Stockyards
- Cruickshank Ford
- F H Miller Junior Public School
- FreshCo – Caledonia and Eglinton
- GoodLife Fitness – Finch and Dufferin
- Karen Kain School of the Arts
- Old Mill Cadillac
- Quality Automotive
- Red Lobster – Dufferin and Wilson
- Shoppers Drug Mart – Jane and Trethewey
- Staples – Lawrence and Dufferin
- Swiss Chalet – Keele and Wilson
- The Dollar Tree – Weston Road and 401
- Thistletown Collegiate Institute – Foods Department
- York Humber High School – DD Staff
- York Humber High School – Educational Assistants and Teachers



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB NEWS ~ P. Bestha

At York Humber, we are very fortunate to have students that are dedicated to the environment. This year we have approximately 26 students that have joined our club and decided to name our team as "GREEN SQUAD".



TDSB School Website:

<http://www.tdsb.on.ca> - and click on "find your school"

School Website: www.yorkhumber.com

This year our goal will be to continue to focus on waste reduction in our school. We will continue to educate students on what to put in the recycling bins in their classrooms. We are also planning to improve our composting and green bin usage. We will continue to focus on energy conservation at our school.

Each classroom has student monitors who are responsible for turning off lights and turning off the computer monitors at the end of the day. Our Green Industries class has created a vegetable garden in the school so we can become more self-sufficient.

Being an Eco Silver School, we are committed to continuing with actions that help our environment. We encourage others to change their attitudes and form habits which help and do not hinder the health of our environment.

We would like to thank all the parents in our school community for encouraging their children to join our Environmental Club.

IMPORTANT DATES

Commencement	November 7, 2014
Report Cards	November 13, 2014
Board-wide PA Day	November 14, 2014
Achievement Awards Lunch	November 24, 2014
School-wide Breakfast	December 3, 2014
Board-wide PA Day	December 5, 2014
Grad Photo Day	December 8, 2014
Turkey Shoot	December 18, 2014
Holiday Festival	December 19, 2014
Holiday Break	Dec 20, 2014-Jan 4, 2015
School resumes	January 5, 2015

