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The Aurora Middle School Newsletter is published at the beginning of each month



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From the Principal

What an incredibly fast year we had last year and now we are back at it! Welcome back to Aurora Academic Charter Middle School if you are returning, and a big welcome to those who are new to Aurora. This school is a special place where we strive to create an environment that is conducive to learning, building skills, making friends, a safe environment to grow, and also develop into responsible and contributing members of society. It is an interdependent partnership between students, parents, teachers, other staff, and the greater community and we will all work together to create this environment. Thank you for choosing Aurora School and being active in the growth and education of the students. On behalf of the Middle School, we look forward to a fantastic year!



Peter Dang
Principal
Middle
School

Contact with Students during School

Whenever possible, please make plans with your child(ren) before school starts regarding after school pick up time or place, medical appointments, and such. This will help limit the number of messages that Mrs. Bali needs to pass on to students, sometimes interrupting classes. There is no guarantee that Mrs. Bali will be able to deliver the messages on time as it often gets very busy at peak times in the office.

The Middle School is at full capacity and the hallways are very busy between classes with students and teachers. For the security of our students, please refrain from entering the hallways as teachers and students are going about their day. Stay in the lobby and Mrs. Bali would be pleased to help by calling your child(ren) down to the lobby.

Family Zone Updates

Parents please make sure you have updated any changes to your contact information such as address or phone numbers, along with any updates to medical information such as allergies, etc. on Family Zone.

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School Info

Operation Education Fundraiser



Operation Education Fundraiser is a cooperative fundraiser that partners local schools with Boston Pizza restaurants to earn cash back. Staff, students and families can dine at any Northern Alberta Boston Pizza and help their school earn 5% cash back on the pre-tax total of submitted receipts.

1. Eat at Boston Pizza between September 1, 2018 and June 27, 2019
2. Save your receipts
3. Submit your receipts to Mrs. Bali or Mrs. Joblinski by June 27, 2020

Last year Aurora Middle School collected over \$5000 in Boston Pizza receipts.

It's as simple as save and eat!

Board Meetings are held on the *third Wednesday* of each month in the *Aurora Academic Charter School Learning Commons*.

Meetings begin at 6:30pm. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2019.

A pink, torn-edge sticker with the word 'Reminder!' written in a black, cursive font. A blue pushpin is pinned to the top left corner of the sticker.

Reminder!

Upcoming PD Day

Monday, September 23rd

Is a scheduled professional development day for teachers.

There is no school for students on this day.

Top Marks Uniform Exchange Dates

September 9

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

September 30

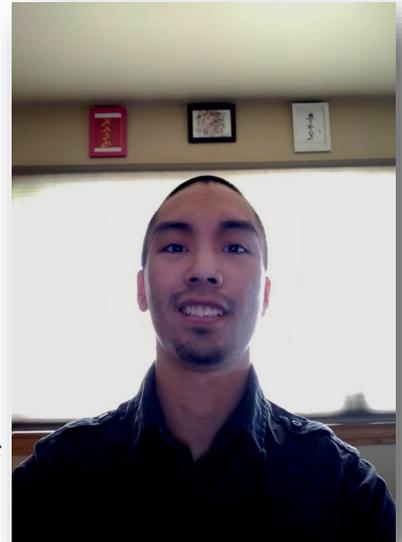
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Please call Top Marks Customer Service Dept. at 1-800-667-7105 ext 239 to arrange for an exchange. Our school code is AUR01. Please ensure to schedule an exchange with Top Marks prior to these dates.

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Welcome Tim Chow

"This is my first year teaching at Aurora but almost two decades ago, I was a student here! Back in my day, the school was still across from the Misericordia Hospital! Now, I find myself on the other side of the desk teaching robotics, leadership and some to be announced options in the following terms. I graduated from the University of Alberta with an English major and a biology minor to match my passion for creative writing. Some of my interests include video games, anime and manga, and DnD. I look forward to the new year where I hope to share some of those passion and interests with my students!"



Student Council Chocolates Fundraising Sale

Junior High Students!

Remember to sell your case of chocolates by **September 27** to become a STAR member for discounts and perks! Funds raised help student council host activities throughout the year such as Middle School Evening, the Dance, Halloween Activities and more.

Students may be entered into the *Early Bird Draw* if chocolates are sold by *September 3* and the *First Week Draw* if chocolates are sold by *September 9*.

Additional cases may be requested. See Mrs. Joblinski, Mrs. Leong, or Mrs. Laffin if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Thank you!

And the
winners are....

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Keep Our Kids Safe and Traffic Easy!!



Transportation

- ◆ Reminder that all route and stop locations are posted on the school website (www.auroraschool.ca) under Transportation
- ◆ Students are to be at the stop 5 minutes before the pickup time.
- ◆ No eating or drinking is allowed on the bus, water is the only exception.
- ◆ For more information, please contact Lisa Weidel, Transportation Coordinator at 780-454-1855 extension 170 or email lweidel@auroraschool.ca

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Options

Our options program continues to expand, with this term's offerings being:

Foods Leadership Robotics

Household Art Business

Photography

Middle School Door Hours

For students in grades 5-9 ONLY

The south doors will be open at 8:20 a.m. and the front doors open at 8:30 a.m.



Please note that Aurora is a peanut "AWARE" school! If at all possible please try to avoid sending anything that may contain nuts in your child's lunch.

Staggered Lunch Times

Just a reminder about our lunch times. In an effort to maximize playground space for both the Elementary and Middle School, we will continue to have staggered lunches. Middle School students will go outside first, and then come inside to eat. Elementary students will eat first and go outside after. We hope that this will make the most of our current spaces and allow all students ample room to run and play!

Please drop off lunches at the table by the front desk, not to students in the hallway at their lockers.



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Mufti Day

MUFTI: noun, plural muftis. Civilian clothes, in contrast with military or other uniforms, or as worn by a person who usually wears a uniform.

Our September Middle School Mufti Day is:

Monday, September 30, 2019

Theme: Terry Fox Run Day and Orange Shirt Day

Students who wish to participate in MUFTI Day may wear something appropriate to complete the Terry Fox Run. Incorporate the color orange to recognize that “Every Student Matters” and honour the First Nations experience at residential schools.

Getting to Know the Staff!!

Thank you to all those who attended the Grade 5 orientation evening. Also, to all parents and students who came out to the “Meet the Staff” night on August 29, 2019. We are so happy to see such a strong commitment to our program.

It is through these strong home/school partnerships that we are able to achieve great success.



Student Council 2019-2020

Grade 7–9 students that are interested in applying for student council positions this year, please see Mrs. Joblinski, Mrs. Laffin or Mrs. Leong for an application form. Forms are due by September 16th. Please review the positions and application carefully.

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Reminder Regarding Student Dismissal

In order to assist the front office during peak times and lessen confusion, we ask that you discuss your after school pick up plans with your children in advance. Middle School students are to be picked up at the east end of the school or playground at 3:10 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. if they stay for study—**NOT** the front doors.

JUNE SCIENCE OLYMPICS (Not to be forgotten)

This time we were bubbling with excitement and decided to take the Science Olympics competition to the great outdoors! Grades 5 to 9 students had the chance to sign up and join a team to take on a mystery competition. With the lovely weather, it was great to watch all of the students that participated have fun trying to make their own bubble solution and 'blow' the largest bubbles using string! Thank you to the School council for sponsoring the prizes for the top three teams in each division! Everyone had a great time!

Congratulations to these top teams:

Grade 5 Division

3rd place team: Bethel, Baruk and Harleen

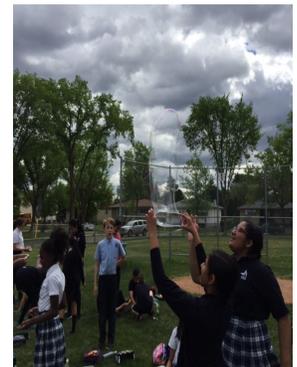
2nd place team: Nick, Mannat, Rayhan, Christina

1st place team: Thabi,
Adam, Sumeet

Grade 6 Division

1st:

Aikemjot Gill
Aryan Pathak
Henok Ermias



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2nd:

Michelle Chok
Hilddana Yadessa
Heran Asrat
Leah Mesfin



3rd:

Safiya Singh
Marianna D'Agostini
Hadiya Mitha
Solianna Zemed



Junior High Division

First Place: Kalee Seto, Leslie Pham, Kiana LyNguyen and Harjee Sahota

Second Place: Jabez, Surya Chopra, Wonder Muganga, and Jorub Khehra

Third Place: Reahman Kaler, Rajman Mann, Parman Mann, and Senai Kelati



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| 11 | School Council Meeting | 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. |
| 18 | School Board Meeting | 6:30 p.m. |
| 23 | Professional Development Day—No School | |
| 30 | Mufti Day—Orange Shirt Day and Terry Fox Run | |

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All Hard Work Yields a Profit!

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Welcome Aurora Academic Charter School Families!

School Council and Aurora Fundraising Society would like to welcome all families back for the 2019/2020 school year!

We are getting ready for the coming year and we want to make sure that all parents know how a few simple steps will help you stay up-to-date with our events throughout the year:

1. **Facebook Page:** Put in a request to join our group **Aurora School Council** for reminders
2. **Twitter Account:** Follow us **@aacsSchCouncil**
3. **Website:** Visit <https://www.auroraschool.ca/school-council> to learn more about School Council and location of meeting minutes and agendas. Check the school's website calendar at <https://www.auroraschool.ca> for upcoming events.
4. **Meetings:** Our first meeting is **Wednesday, September 11th from 6:45 PM – 8:00 PM** (Learning Commons) which includes our Annual General Meeting (presenting Annual Report for 2018/2019 school year, electing and welcoming our new executives), principal reports and upcoming events for the year; followed by Aurora Fundraising Society's Annual General Meeting.

***Special Note:** if you are interested in a position (School Council: Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer; Aurora Fundraising Society: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer), please send an email to schoolcouncil@auroraschool.ca by **Tuesday, September 10 @ 12 PM** (description of positions are attached).

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School Council cont'd

5. **Fundraisers:** These allow us to bring in funds to continue supporting the events for our students. We have a couple of on-going ones for the whole year:

- **Mabel's Labels:** go to the website campaign.mabelslabels.com and select our school Aurora Academic Charter School (Edmonton)
- **Cerebral Palsy clothes bin (green):** the next time you have clothes you no longer need, please bring to the school and drop them off in the bin that is located in the new parking lot where the old and new lots join.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- August/September - ADmazing Savings Ticket Pack (August 28 - September 20)
- October - Harvest Bundle/Beef Jerky
- November/December - World's Finest Chocolates

6. **E-Mail:** You can always contact us with any questions at schoolcouncil@auroraschool.ca.

Engagement Opportunities form: this was sent home with students and emailed out. If you haven't done so, please fill in and drop off to Mrs. Bali or Ms. Mykytiuk. Thanks!

Let us make this a great year!