



Please note: Our new website is live! To access your child's campus website, go to auroraschool.ca and click on "Middle School" under the "Academics" tab or follow this direct link: <https://www.middleschool.auroraschools.ca/>.

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Principal's Update

Greetings Aurora Families,

As announced by Superintendent, Mr. Ian Gray, the school structure is going to change this coming school year. The current Elementary School and Middle School will be one school and will be called the Aurora Academic Charter Primary School (AACPS) from grades Kindergarten to 7 at the Sherbrooke Campus. The grade 8's will join the grades 9, 10, and 11 at the St. Patrick Campus (as it is currently called) as the Aurora Academic Charter Secondary School (AACSS).

This change is planned for long-term growth of our school district and provides exciting new changes and opportunities with combined resources. The Primary School is growing by adding new kindergarten classes and an additional class into each grade 5, and 6, and 7. This allows more families the opportunities to join our community.

Although the name may change slightly, the daily operations of the school remain the same. We remain committed to the same academic standards and expectations as we always have, seeking to achieve the same school Values, Mission, and Vision. We will still deliver the same rigorous academic programming that Aurora is known for.

Change can sometimes cause some concerns but, together we are stronger. So we ask that parents continue to support our program and the many things about Aurora that makes it a great place to learn. This includes being active in our school events. I look forward to seeing you all at a future school event.

Yours in Education,

Peter Dang,

Aurora Charter Middle School Principal

SCHOOL CALENDARS

At the January *Meeting of the Board of Directors*, the school calendar for the 2023-2024 year was passed. It can be viewed on our website or by clicking on the following link:

[2023-2024 Calendar](#)

[2022-2023 Calendar](#)

Important Exam Information

Final Exam Absence policy: [AR 6170 Section 2](#)

- Should a student leave early for summer break and miss any Final Exams, the student may NOT write any exams early before departure.
- A missed Final Exam will be given a grade of "UA" (Unable to Assess) and the final course mark will be the average of the three terms.

Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs):

Grade 6 students will be writing the Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) in the four core subjects at the end of June. They are mandatory tests that we use for final exams. To help prepare grade 6 students and their parents, please look over this guide provided by Alberta Learning: [Grade 6 PAT Parent Guide](#) (there are even some practice questions). Other very useful information about the [Provincial Achievement Tests](#) can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/provincial-achievement-tests.aspx>.

Click [here](#) to access the 2022-2023 General Information Bulletin, or go directly to the Grade 6 and 9 Provincial Achievement Tests ["Quick Facts for Students and Parents/Guardians"](#).

June Final exams schedule:

Tuesday, June 20

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 5, 7, and 8 English Language Arts

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B Provincial Achievement Test

9:00 A.M.–10:15 A.M. Grade 9 English Language Arts Part B Provincial Achievement Test

Thursday, June 22

9:00 A.M.–9:20 A.M. Grade 6 Mathematics Part A Provincial Achievement Test

9:00 A.M.–9:30 A.M. Grade 9 Mathematics Part A Provincial Achievement Test

Friday, June 23

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 5, 7, and 8 Math

9:00 A.M.–10:10 A.M. Grade 6 Mathematics Part B Provincial Achievement Test

9:00 A.M.–10:20 A.M. Grade 9 Mathematics Part B Provincial Achievement Test

Monday, June 26

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 5, 7, and 8 Social Studies

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 6 Social Studies Provincial Achievement Test

9:00 A.M.–10:20 A.M. Grade 9 Social Studies Provincial Achievement Test

Tuesday, June 27

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 5, 7, and 8 Science

9:00 A.M.–10:00 A.M. Grade 6 Science Provincial Achievement Test

9:00 A.M.–10:15 A.M. Grade 9 Science Provincial Achievement Test

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL: The School Council is made of volunteer Aurora parents who are committed to providing assistance and advice to the principal and help with a number of school programs that help ALL Aurora students. This includes fundraising for many school events, equipment, guest speakers, field trips, and emergency lunch kits (so students do not go hungry if they forgot their lunch).

It is an extremely important group of parents and we need parents to come to the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, June 7th at 6pm. For more information about where it is going to be held, go to the website and click on: [Academics --> Middle School --> School Council updates.](#)

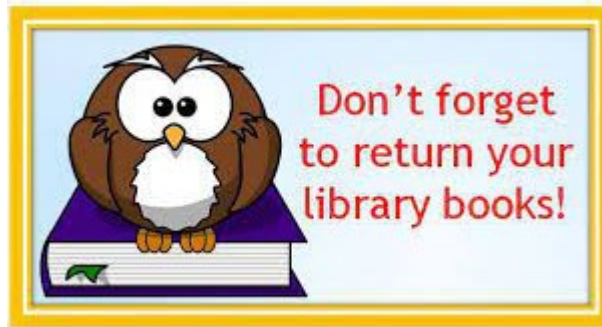
We will post the location (either virtual or in the Learning Commons) there by June 4th. It is also the final meeting of the year so your input is very important as the Middle and the Elementary schools will merge together next year.

LAST DAYS FOR LIBRARY!: The end of the year is fast approaching and this means it is the last days for Library books as well. Please note that the last week for students to sign out library books will be June 12th-June 16th.

The following week (June 19th- June 24th) will be for book returns only.

Books that are forgotten during that week can be returned on June 26th and June 27th, after which a non-refundable replacement fee will be applied to your PowerSchool account.

Please gather up all Library books and ensure they are returned to the school on time. Thank you for your cooperation!



BADMINTON: Congratulations to Meclit Beide on her City Silver Medal in Badminton. Meclit played her best and we are all proud of her success. I would also like to mention Maria Holik and Sammia Khehra as they also attended the City Final and placed 5th as a junior doubles team. Well done Bears!



TICKET TO RIDE! Who says learning about the Canadian National Railroad needs to be boring?! Welcome to Ticket to Ride. The grade 7 students learned about strategy as well as North American geography by engaging in a team board game activity in Social Studies.
-Mrs. Leong

TRACK AND FIELD: Congratulations to the 9 Aurora Track & Field athletes who have qualified to compete at the city championships on Monday June 5th from 4-8pm at Rollie Miles Athletic Park:

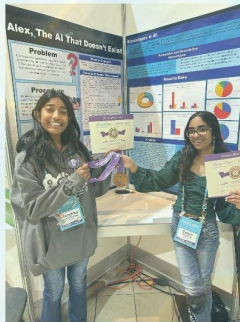


- Ileri Dayo-Ojeleye - Relay, 100m & Long Jump
- Jieya Capistrano - Relay
- Eliana Seyoum - Relay
- Sena Seto - Relay
- Kwadwo Gyimah - 100m & High Jump
- Kaylie Wong - Relay & Shot Put
- Esohe Amenaghawon - Relay & High Jump
- Kennedy Leong - Relay, Long Jump & Triple Jump
- Allyna Collis - Relay & 100m



CANADA WIDE SCIENCE FAIR:

Canada Wide Science Fair finalists win Bronze!



"As a Finalist for the CWSF, many opportunities were opened up for me. I met people from all over the world and saw terrific ideas that could be the future of our planet. *(Including a potential cure for cancer!)*

I also got the experience of a lifetime! I ended up doing labs at the University of Alberta *(I ended up learning how medicine is made)*, going to a laser show at Telus *(It was like a little Taylor Swift concert!)* and just hanging out at the West Edmonton Mall! The hotel was great too. For the first day, it was mostly just hanging out with our friends, but that's what made it pretty memorable!

Although most of it was fun and exciting, there were some scary parts too, and I think you probably guessed it. You see, judging is much more different than the school or regional science fair. You're having an actual conversation with your judge about something you are hopefully, really passionate about!

Being a CWSF finalist was undoubtedly a memorable and enriching experience, propelling my scientific journey to new heights. If anyone is interested in science, then you should sign up for the Regional Science Fair! Who knows, you might end up going to Nationals too!"

- Zenia Pereira 8A

"The opportunity of participating in the CWSF has been a refresher for me. I made so many new friends that would last a lifetime and participated in many events that opened up opportunities for me.

First we went to the University of Alberta and I got to explore technology and my passion about astronomy. The mall was also a great time for connecting with friends and others, and I made surprising friends during the bus rides. The hotel was amazing and we did a lot of funny things together, and the bed was comfy! The best part for me though was Telus World of Science; the laser show was amazing and I screamed the whole time.



But for the actual science part, it was amazing to talk to the judges and public viewers about the things I am really passionate about. Looking at other projects was a huge eye opener as well, I learned so much about the scientific process and that there were no excuses to put forward about what you are intrigued by.

Even if you don't win anything, this experience is worth it. This experience has taught me to be more extroverted and there is life outside of school. I HIGHLY encourage anybody to participate in your regional science fair about a topic you are very interested in, trust me it is the opportunity of a lifetime."

- Nandika Senthilkumar 8A

KANGAROO MATH: In March, 12 of our grade 5 and 6 students participated in the Canadian Math Kangaroo contest. Congratulations to Hilaal Noor who ranked second place regionally, and to Alex Deng who ranked firstplace regionally and second place nationally. Thank you to all the students who participated!

GAUSS CONTEST:

Gauss Contest

The annual Gauss contest is written by over 4,000 students in Alberta and over 48,000 students across Canada and internationally. Congratulations to the following students for their achievement on the Gauss Contest:

	Grade 7	Grade 8
<i>Outstanding Achievement with the highest score in their grade.</i>	❖ Maria Holik	❖ Gurshan Dhillon
<i>Distinction for ranking top 25% of the contestants in their grade.</i>	❖ Ishmeet Dhillon ❖ Jotham Kassa ❖ Sammia Khehra ❖ Nafet Johannes ❖ Aileen Brar ❖ Elstin Vuong ❖ Toluwanimi Oimage ❖ Khushi Gill ❖ Horeb Kusmu ❖ Guntaj Purba ❖ Eliana Seyoum ❖ Ilerioluwa Dayo-ojeleye ❖ Simran Dhiman ❖ Deborah Balico ❖ Aahil Bandali ❖ Alexander Day ❖ Manaseh Habte ❖ Jakob Lishingman ❖ Arav Anand ❖ Hana Lieu ❖ Khalisa Mukhi ❖ Japleen Joshi ❖ Jieya Capistrano	❖ Allyna Collis ❖ Nolawi Berhane ❖ Kennedy Leong ❖ Jeet Mistry ❖ Nandika Senthilkumar ❖ Jiten Thapar ❖ Afan Khan ❖ Amrit Bining ❖ Gurbaaz Dhaliwal ❖ Sukhpreet Ark ❖ Keziah Anil ❖ Krishna Rawat ❖ Harnimrit Sidhu ❖ Kidus Moges ❖ Jyoti Mistry ❖ Ishaan Upadhyay ❖ Myron Chok ❖ Yuvraj Singh ❖ Jaimin Prajapati ❖ Ashley Wang ❖ Abigail Day ❖ Simrat Bhandal ❖ Bethany Hirpa ❖ Japhet Teclay

TOP MARKS UNIFORMS: Top Marks is the sole uniform provider for Aurora School. You can access their information package here: [TOP MARKS UNIFORM FITTING INFORMATION PACKAGE](https://www.topmarksorders.ca/). Please visit <https://www.topmarksorders.ca/> to order your child's school uniforms online. You can find your school's access code by clicking [here](#).

Just a reminder: The last day to order uniforms in order to receive them before school starts is June 15.

- Top Marks charges a flat shipping fee of \$10.00 per order
- The return label is in the package and items can be returned free of charge

SPACE LEFT FOR EUROPE 2024! Attention all students in grades 6-8! There are spaces left on the Europe 2024 trip to Scotland, England and Paris. The trip will take place in March 2024, over Spring Break. **All information about dates, costs and itinerary can be found by clicking [here](#).** Please see Miss Wilson at the high school or email mwilson@auroraschool.ca for additional booking information.

SCHOOL START STUDENT SUPPLY ORDERS: Aurora Academic Charter School is excited to offer the opportunity to purchase your school supplies through School Start for the 2023-2024 school year. This process will save you both time and money. Order early, and you will be entered in one or more contests! Order your supplies online and have them delivered right to your home.

[GRADE 5-6 STUDENT SUPPLY LIST](#)



The graphic features the School Start logo on the left, which includes a stylized figure with an upward-pointing arrow. To the right of the logo, the text reads "School Start Back to School with School Start Parents you can now order your child's back to school supply kits from schoolstart.ca". Below this, there is a call to action: "EARLY ORDER INCENTIVES SEE SCHOOL START PARENT LETTER FOR DETAILS!". To the right of this call to action, it says "ORDER ANYTIME ONLINE OR ORDER via CALL CENTRE AT 1-800-580-1868". At the bottom, it says "Visit them at www.schoolstart.ca" and includes icons for Instagram, LinkedIn, and Facebook. On the right side of the graphic is a photograph of several green tote bags hanging on a wooden wall, with one bag sitting on the floor in the foreground.

AURORA MUSIC PROGRAM: If you would like to donate to our music program, simply follow [this link](#) to our [Amazon Gift Registry](#), put an instrument in your cart, check out, and the instrument will be delivered directly to the school! We greatly appreciate all donations to this program.

If you would like a donation receipt, please send your Amazon receipt to wliang@auroraachool.ca and this will be provided during tax season.

HEALTHY HUNGER-HOT LUNCH: [Healthy Hunger](#) is an online fundraiser for the school's Bear Den Leadership Program. It offers a monthly hot lunch opportunity to students who wish to participate. Parents are encouraged to go to healthyhunger.ca to sign up and pay for the hot lunches.

The next hot lunch date is June 2nd. Hot lunch orders should be placed under Aurora Charter Middle School. Orders are placed separately from the Elementary and High School, so that means each school may not have a hot lunch on the same day or even from the same vendor. Please visit the [Healthy Hunger](#) website to register your account.

STUDENT AWARDS

The changes to the distribution of Awards in the Middle School are presented below and will supersede any previously published description and criteria for the Awards.

Term Awards will be given as follows for Grade 5 and higher:

- Outstanding Citizenship: One per class and the recipients will be selected by the teachers.
- Diligence: One per class and the recipients will be selected by the teachers.
- Honor Roll: Any student who achieves an average of 80% or higher in the 4 core subjects. Students must not have anything lower than 75% (or a "B") in any subject.
- Honors with Distinction: Any student who achieves an average of 90% or higher in the 4 core subjects. Students must not have anything lower than 75% (or a "B") in any subject.

The following award will be a year-end award only:

- Principal's Award for overall academics, leadership, citizenship, and sportsmanship will be given to one individual in grade 6 only. The recipient will be selected by the teachers of that grade.
**This will be the final year that this award is given*.*

Conditions:

- Any student on Extended Leave during that Term is ineligible for an award and Honor Roll in that Term, but is still eligible for awards in the other Terms.
- Any student having an Extended Absence in ANY term is ineligible for the Principal Award if applicable.
- Any student with a "UA" as a report card grade in any subject is ineligible for any awards that term, including Honor Roll, Honors With Distinction, and the Principal's Award if applicable.
- Any student who misses a Final Exam in June is ineligible for the Principal's Award if applicable.
- All awards and Honor Roll is at the discretion and approval of the Principal.

Extended Absence Policy and how it affects Awards Eligibility:

An Extended Absence is a non-medical absence from school for 5 or more consecutive school days (family holiday, visits, funeral, weddings, other events, etc.). The parents are to first contact the principal well before the trip to discuss this. An Extended Absence form will be provided to the student only after the parents discuss this with the principal. Extended Absences have academic consequences for the student as indicated in policy [AR 6130 Section G](#) and [AR 6170 Section 1](#).

Awards Ceremony:

- The Term 3 Awards Ceremony will take place virtually on Friday, June 23rd at 2:30pm.
- Honor Roll, Honors with Distinction, Academic, and Character Awards recipients' names will be posted on the wall outside the office.

ALTERNATIVE DRESS DAYS (ADD)

Friday, June 2 – Casual or Pride Awareness (**Any colors on the Progressive Rainbow Flag**)

Wednesday, June 28 – **Casual or Summer colors**

- **No inappropriate wording, imagery, or symbols for a school setting.**

- Students not participating **MUST** be in uniform.
- The theme (color) must be visible on the top, be apparent on the piece of clothing, and cannot be covered.
- Theme apparent accessories do **NOT** qualify.
- Pants/bottoms must match the solid theme color or be solid black bottoms, blue jeans or uniform pants.

PARENT INFORMATION

PLEASE BE MINDFUL WHEN PACKING YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH:

If possible, **avoid any glass containers**, as a number of them are getting broken. This presents a danger of cuts/injury during the clean-up, as well as leaves your child without a lunch to eat should the contents become contaminated with glass. Also, please remember to **pack reusable or disposable utensils** if they are bringing food which requires utensils.

STUDENT ABSENCES:

Parents, please remember to notify the school if your child will be absent or late on any given day. You can leave a voice message at the school 24/7, or you can email Mrs. Bali at sbali@auroraschool.ca. **ABSENCES CANNOT BE REPORTED TO THE SCHOOL BY STUDENTS.**

AURORA IS A PEANUT "AWARE" SCHOOL:

Please note that Aurora is a peanut "aware" school. If possible, **avoid sending anything that may contain nuts in your child's lunch.** We appreciate your cooperation.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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- June 1.....ADD: Pride Colours or Casual
 - June 2.....Hot Lunch (Little Caesars Pizza)
 - June 6.....Friday Schedule
 - June 7.....School Council (Fiinal Meeting and AGM) 6:00pm-Virtual
 - June 9.....Professional Development Day (No School)
 - June 19.....Meeting of the Board of Directors
 - June 20.....Grade 6 ELA PAT Part B / Grade 5, 7 & 8 ELA Final Exam
 - June 22.....Grade 6 Math PAT Part A
 - June 23.....Grade 6 Math PAT Part B / Grade 5, 7 & 8 Math Final Exam
 - June 23.....Term 3 Awards Ceremony - Virtual 2:30pm
 - June 26.....Grade 6 Social Studies PAT / Grade 5, 7 & 8 Social Studies Final Exam

June 27.....Grade 6 Science PAT / Grade 5, 7 & 8 Science Final Exam

June 28.....Last Day of Classes!

June 28ADD: Summer Colours or Casual

June 28.....Bears Den Fun Day

June 28.....Term 3 Report Cards



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