

Welcome Grade 7/8 Families



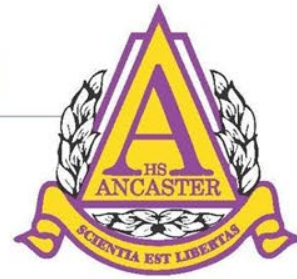
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WELCOME!

- Meet the Principal & Student Success Team
- Grade 9 Ambassadors
- How is high school different?
- Special Programs

Follow the Music!

- Meet Department Leaders (Gym A/B)
- Visit the Club Fair (Library/Learning Commons)
- Visit our Photo Booth!





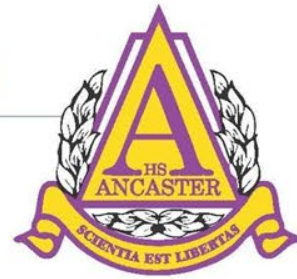
Principal

Ms. Woof

Vice-Principals

Ms. Gasparik A-K

Ms. Davy L-M



Guidance Counsellors

(Well-being & Career Planning)

Ms. O'Sullivan (A-F)

Mr. Nicholson (G-M)

Ms. Turner (N-S)

Mr. Vallance (T-Z)

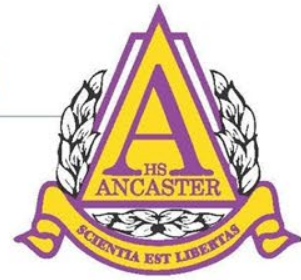


Learning Resource Teachers

(Individual Education Plans)

Ms. Baker A-K

Ms. Murray L-Z



Other Supports

- Social Worker
- Alternatives for Youth (AY) Counsellor
- Alternative Education Teachers
- Peer tutors
- Peer counselling
- Positive Space
- College in Motion



Student Success Teachers

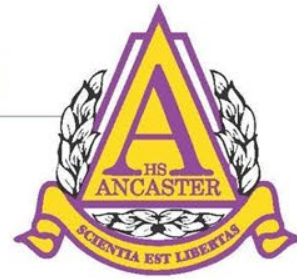
(Well-being & Academics)

Ms. Adams

Grade 9 Specialist

Mr. Wilson

Grade 10-12 Specialist



Grade 9 Ambassadors

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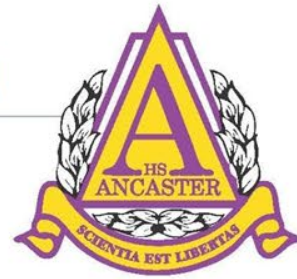
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Transitions: *This School Year*

Ancaster hosts many transition events during the school year for Grade 8's

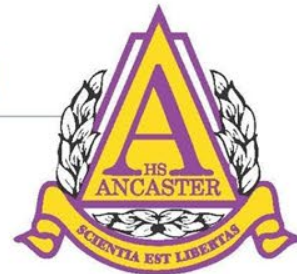
- A Day in the Life
- Friday Night Lights
- Theatre Production
- Music Events
- Triathlon





Transitions: *Summer & September*

- Grade 9 Orientation in August – 3 days!
- Grade 9 Evening in September



Transitions: *We Visit You!*

Guidance counsellors are visiting all associate schools in **January** and again in **February**

January 15-17 Visits

- Information on high school courses and help you decide what to pick

February Visit

- Helping you enter course selections into Xello

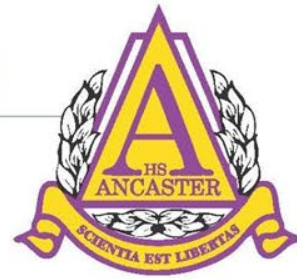
Check with your grade 8 teacher for details



Please come back!!

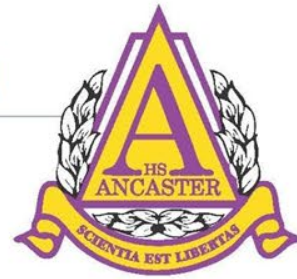
Grade 9 Option Night for Parents

- January 18th 2024, Ancaster High School
- Graduation requirements and recent changes
- Detailed information on high school courses, special programs, and pathways
- Out-of-catchment application process, transportation
- Q & A



How is High School Different?

- Two Semesters
- Four courses every day, 75 minutes each
- Final exams in all classes
- Graduation depends on **30** credits, **40** volunteer hours, and passing the Grade 10 Literacy Test
- No recess ☹️....but students are free to go outside at break and at lunch!

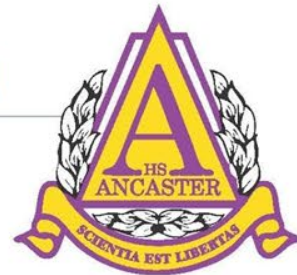


Grade 9 Courses

Everyone takes these five courses:

- English
- French
- Geography
- Math
- Science





Grade 9 Electives* (Choose 3)

Drama

Music

Repertoire Music

Visual Art

Arts & Crafts

Business

Family Studies

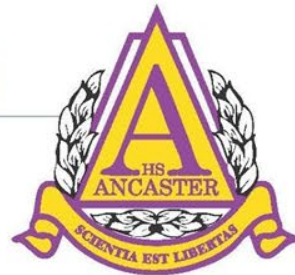
Technology

Healthy Active Living (Phys-Ed)

Sport Performance (Phys-Ed)

Hockey

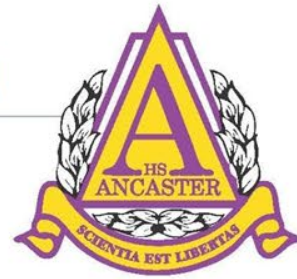
**All courses taken in grade 9 satisfy a compulsory requirement – more information on January 18th*



Typical Grade 9 Schedule

	Semester 1 (September – January)	Semester 2 (February – June)
Period 1 (75 minutes)	English*	Tech*
Period 2 (75 minutes)	Hockey	Math
LUNCH (60 minutes)		
Period 3 (75 minutes)	Science	Geography
Period 4 (75 minutes)	French	Art

**period 1 is your “homeroom”*



Grade 9 Option Sheet Night

January 18, 2024

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Ancaster High School Auditorium



34 Clubs - Visit Tonight in the Library!

Academic Clubs

Business & Investment Strategies Club
DECA
Homework Club/OSSLT Prep
HOSA
Math Club
Peer Tutoring Club
Robotics Club
STEAM

Athletic & Active Clubs

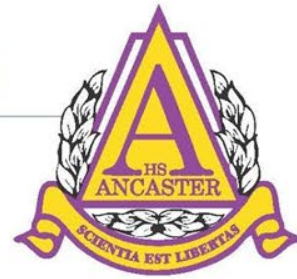
Ancaster Athletic Executive Council (AAC)
Dance Team
Sports Teams

Altruistic & Social Clubs

Aerospace Club
Announcement Crew
Automotive Safety Club
Best Buddies
Blood Drive Heroes
Chess Club
Dungeons & Dragons Club
Grad Committee
Healthy Action Team (HAT)
Knitting & Crocheting Club
Make-A-Wish
MedLife
Positive Space
Prayer Group
Royal Gazette
Student Council

Arts & Creative Clubs

Auditorium (Aud) Squad
Concert Band
(NST) Drama Festival Club
Musical Theatre Cast & Crew
Photography & Video Club
Rock Band
Yearbook



Sports!

Badminton

Baseball

Basketball

Cricket

Cross Country

Dance Team

Field Hockey

Football

Golf

Hockey

Soccer

Swimming

Tennis

Touch Football

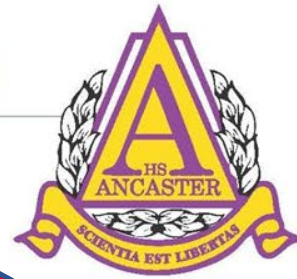
Track & Field

Ultimate Frisbee

Volleyball

Water Polo

Wrestling



Our Football Coach & Phys-Ed Teacher



Mr. Dunbrack

- Toronto Argonauts
- Ottawa Renegades
- Hamilton Tiger-Cats



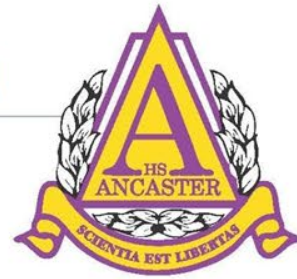


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Ancaster High's NHL and OHL Pedigree!

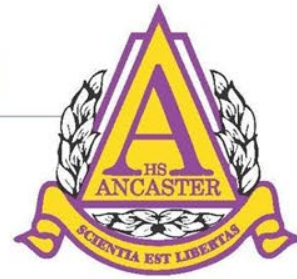
Our Hockey teacher:

- Mr. Ryan Lounsbury, skate coach for the **OHL Guelph Storm**
- Former skating coach for the **NHL Vancouver Canucks!**

Our students:

- Two-time OHL Champions **The Hamilton Bulldogs** attend Ancaster High!



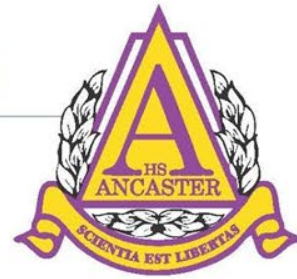


Special Programs Grade 11 & 12

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Specialist High Skills Major

- Ancaster High offers five SHSM's
- Students will graduate with specialized skills, knowledge and certifications relevant to their chosen industry
- Students take a 2-credit co-op and a bundle of 5 credits in addition to English and Math

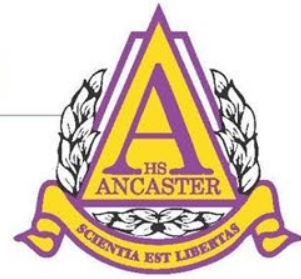


Specialist High Skills Major in Manufacturing

Careers

- Engineer
- Machinist
- Welder
- Industrial Designer
- Technologist



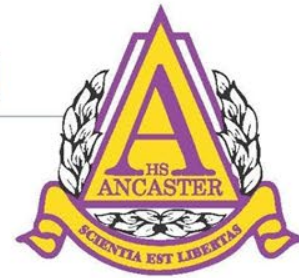


Specialist High Skills Major in Hospitality

Careers

- Event Planner
- Health Inspector
- Chef
- Flight Attendant

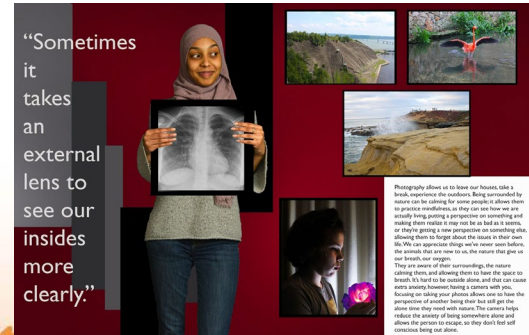
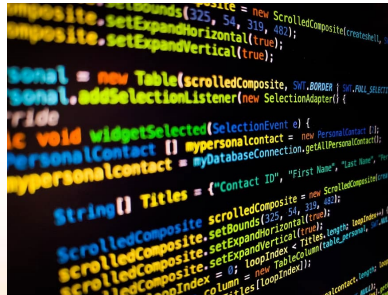
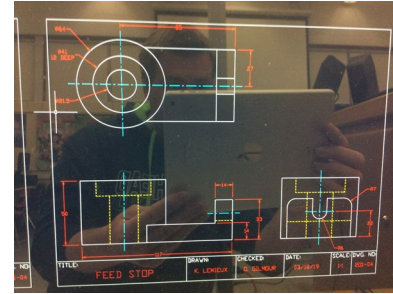




Specialist High Skills Major in Information & Communication Technology

Careers

- Programming
- Network Security
- Technological Design
- Media



“Sometimes it takes an external lens to see our insides more clearly.”

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Specialist High Skills Major in Arts & Culture

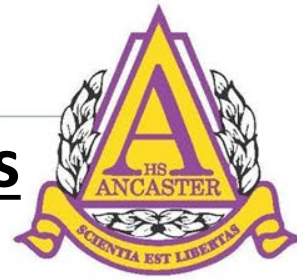
Careers

- Actor
- Musician
- Graphic designer/illustrator, visual artist
- Technician for movies, broadcasting, performing arts, etc.



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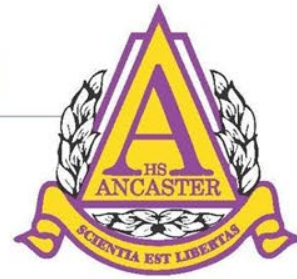
Specialist High Skills Major in Health & Wellness



Careers

- Medical laboratory technologist
- Nurse
- Educational Assistant
- Hospital Clerk





International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Students prepare by taking:

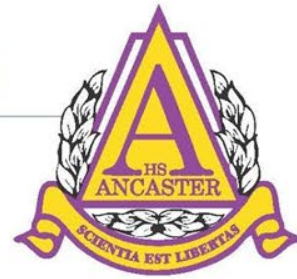
- Grade 11 Math (MCR3U1) before grade 11 starts



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What is I.B.?

- A challenging two-year curriculum (Grade 11 and 12)
- Includes studying up to six subjects
- Provides a global perspective with cross-cultural understanding
- Leads to a qualification recognized by the world's universities
- Students graduate with an Ontario Secondary School Diploma as well as the IB Diploma.

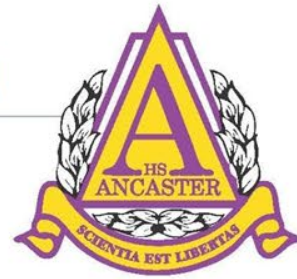


I.B. Information Night

(Focus on Current Grade 9 & 10 Students & Families)

**Wednesday, December 6, 2022
6 to 8 p.m.**

**HWDSB Education Centre
20 Education Court, Hamilton, Ontario L9A 0B9**



Thank you for coming!

Follow the Music!

- Gym A/B to meet our department leaders
- Library for the Club Fair & photo booth

