

# The Warrior

December 1, 2023 - VOL. 6

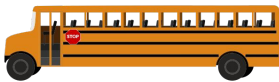
## Dates at a Glance

Dec. 25 - Jan. 5	Winter Break
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## Looking Ahead

Jan. 17-18	Math EQAO Sem. 1
Jan. 22	School Council Meeting - 7pm in the Library
Jan. 25-31	Final Exams
February 1	Exam Review Day
February 2	PA Day

[School Website](#)



## School Bus Transportation

Please visit [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com) daily to confirm bus arriving and departing on time.

## School Council Meeting for 2023-2024

January 22, 2024  
March 18, 2024  
May 21, 2024

## School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register

[School Cash Online Information](#)

## HEY HURON WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Within our Huron community,  
we have families in need of support this year.  
How can you help?

## Twelve Days of Giving

Please donate if you can:

November 30 - Breakfast Items (Cereal, Pancakes, Syrup)  
December 1 - Soup and Crackers  
December 4 - Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap  
December 5 - Muffin/Cake/Cookie Mixes  
December 6 - Canned Vegetables & Fruit  
December 7 - Grains (Rice, Quinoa, Couscous)  
December 8 - Juice  
December 11 - Pasta and Pasta Sauce  
December 12 - Men's Toiletries  
December 13 - Canned meat or canned fish  
December 14 - Peanut Butter & Jam  
December 15 - Toilet Paper, Paper Towel, Kleenex



Pick a particular day to donate or donate each day. Let's fill the tables in front of main office.

**SCHOOL CASH ONLINE donations are always greatly appreciated!**

## Senior Warriors Football Team

2023 Ontario Champions 12-1  
Won OFSAA Golden Horseshoe Bowl in Windsor, Ontario  
Tuesday November 28th 37-2 vs. Halton Region's Corpus Christi CHS



Please be advised that outgoing telephone safe arrival / absence reporting **is not available** at this time.

We recognize that this has and continues to have an impact on established procedures in our schools and we are working diligently on full restoration of services.

Principal: Erik Gordon  
Vice Principals: Alexandra Wright (A-L), Corey McArthur (M-Z)

# Huron Highlights

## Come Celebrate the Holidays with us!

After months of hard work, Arts Huron's adaptation of A Christmas Carol goes on stage the week of December 11. There are multiple opportunities for students, families and friends to enjoy this fantastic show.

Arts Huron @ Huron Heights Secondary School presents a student adaptation of the holiday classic "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. This 75-minute production tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, a "tight-fisted hand at the grindstone" who learns to be a kinder, more generous person, thanks to some supernatural interventions. Performed by students in Huron Drama, the Arts Huron Theatre program, and featuring the C'est Jazz vocal group and an instrumental ensemble from the Music Department, with props created by Arts Huron Visual Arts students and the Visual Arts Council, this fresh retelling of the 200-year-old classic is a fun evening out.

### Performance dates:

Wednesday December 13, Period 5 - STUDENT BUY-IN

(Buy-in tickets are available on School Cash)

Thursday December 14 @7:00pm

Friday December 15 @ 7:00pm

Saturday December 16 @ 1:30pm



Patrons MUST complete the two-part ticket purchasing process:

- 1) Reserve their performance date(s), ticket numbers and types using this link: <https://bitly.ws/33ggW>
- 2) Pay for their tickets on SchoolCash. You will choose the TOTAL number of Adult, Student, and Child / Arts Huron Student tickets here, and pay that amount

ALL Online ticket sales (Student buy-in AND public) end on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Students will not be able to attend the show unless they pre-buy their tickets.

Pre-reserved and pre-paid tickets will be available at the door. Please ensure you keep your receipts from both steps in case there is an issue at the door. There will also be tickets available for purchase at the door: just add \$5 to each price point.


Any questions? Please email [kristin.quinn@gapps.yrdsb.ca](mailto:kristin.quinn@gapps.yrdsb.ca) with any questions or concerns.

## Wellness Wednesday Highlights






# Huron Highlights




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## FOOD PANTRY

FRESH, FROZEN AND CANNED ITEMS  
AVAILABLE TO OUR COMMUNITY





TO ACCESS THE PANTRY  
SPEAK TO...

MS. WRIGHT,  
MS. FOSTER,  
MS. KENDALL  
OR MS. NEWMAN

**By Appointment Only**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**8:30am - 4:00pm**

**To Make An Appointment**  
**Please Contact:**

[alexandra.wright@ydrsb.ca](mailto:alexandra.wright@ydrsb.ca)  
or  
[danielle.kendall@ydrsb.ca](mailto:danielle.kendall@ydrsb.ca)

On Thursday December 7th, the hospitality program will be selling poutine to students during all 3 lunches. Each poutine is \$5.00 (**cash only**) and \$1.00 from each sale, will go towards the Holiday Hampers prepared for students and their families at Huron Heights.



Our recent cheerleading clinic was a blast! Our athletes had a blast exploring new stunts, mastering fresh cheers, connecting with fellow cheerleaders from across Ontario, and delving into a vibrant dance routine. It was an event filled with learning, rowth, and the development of friendships within the cheer community.



**Curling Team Enjoying their Win!**

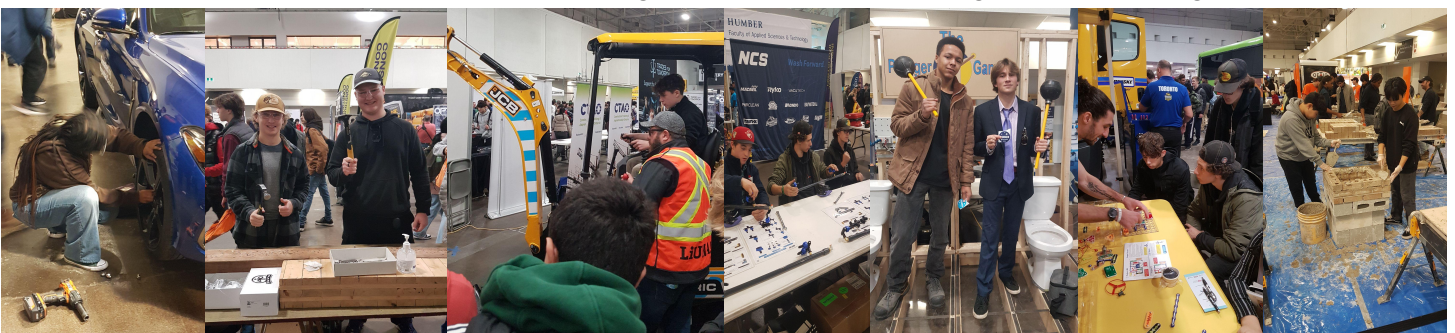
Arts Huron won most original entry out of 50 entries in the Newmarket Santa Claus Parade on Saturday Nov. 18th with their theme, The Polar Express. This is our 6th year winning this prestigious award and we have become the one to beat every year! Way to go Arts Huron!!!



## SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR UPDATE

Earlier this month we took 40 SHSM students to the second annual Level Up! Skilled Trades Career Fair in Mississauga. Students got to network with employers, professionals and colleges that provide apprenticeship training and jobs in a variety of trades including plumbers, electricians, hvac, fire sprinkler installers, brick layers, hairstylists, heavy equipment operators, horticulturists, truck and coach, airplane and helicopter mechanics just to name a few.

It was both an educational and enjoyable experience for our students interested in the trades. There were a ton of hands-on activities, career simulations and free swag for the students. See page 8 for upcoming SHSM activities.



## Message from Our Trustee

December 2023

We hope everyone has had a good start to the school year, and is looking forward to the winter break ahead.

As we have been visiting schools and attending events, we continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of school staff, the commitment and support of families and the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, this also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported.

We want to thank everyone who attended the school council forum held in our area and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Students can [search from 16 different sectors](#) that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit [www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb](http://www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb) to learn more.

We also offer a variety of [programs for Black students](#) through the Board's Centre for Black Student Excellence. These summer and school-year programs are designed to affirm students' identities and support student achievement and well-being. You can learn more about the programs and how to sign up for the centre's mailing list [on the website](#).

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

We want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following [network outages](#) as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services.

As we head into December, we also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, we wish you a happy and joyous celebration. We hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Carolyn Butterworth, Trustee, Georgina and East Gwillimbury  
Pamela McCarthy, Trustee, Newmarket



# Guidance Department Information

## BOOKING A GUIDANCE APPOINTMENT

Your Guidance Department is available to help support you and answer questions.

- Appointments will be booked on TeachAssist. You will see each counsellor's schedule of available time slots at the top of your TeachAssist account when you log on.
- Time slots are 15 minutes each but if you feel you may require a longer time period (eg., Planning for Post-Secondary) then book two consecutive spots. If you are in class at the time of your booked appointment, please let your teacher know at the beginning of the class that you have an appointment.

## Guidance Google Classrooms

General Guidance Google Classroom- Classroom Code: **c57mh6x**

Graduating Classroom- Classroom Code: **4r2zrsk**

## HHSS Guidance Department

*Which Counsellor Should I See?\**

\*Students can choose a counsellor outside of their alpha but we do ask that students establish corresponding with one counsellor so that they can build a rapport.

\* Confidentiality is protected except if we have a concern about your safety or the safety of others.

Student Surname (by Alpha)	Counsellor	Counsellor Email	School Number: 905-895-2384 Ext:
A – H Arts Huron Students	Mrs. Barnard	<a href="mailto:patricia.barnard@yrdsb.ca">patricia.barnard@yrdsb.ca</a>	X 200
I – R Dual Credits	Mr. Gorman	<a href="mailto:jon.gorman@yrdsb.ca">jon.gorman@yrdsb.ca</a>	X 194
S – Z SHSM Students	Ms. Phylactou	<a href="mailto:phylitsa.phylactou@yrdsb.ca">phylitsa.phylactou@yrdsb.ca</a>	X 192
International Students & Alternative Education	Ms. Bradshaw Head of Guidance	<a href="mailto:kelly.bradshaw@yrdsb.ca">kelly.bradshaw@yrdsb.ca</a>	X 191

## Graduation Presentations:

[What do you need to graduate?](#)

[Graduation Assembly Presentation](#)

[Applying to Post Secondary](#)

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# GRADE 8 OPEN HOUSE & Post Secondary Fairs

If you have not been to a fair check out:  
[YRDSB POST SECONDARY FAIRS SCHEDULE](#)

## Community Involvement Hours

### Community Involvement Hours

As part of the diploma requirements, students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of community involvement activities. Accumulation of community involvement hours may begin the summer after grade 8.

All graduating students will need to complete and submit their Community Involvement Hours by May 1, 2024

Our Community Involvement Form can be found at:

[Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Activities](#)

OR

Google Form Version (PDF will be automatically emailed to your GAPPS Account)

[Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Hours Google Form](#)

Please complete forms, sign and email or print and return to guidance

Information outlined on the Community Involvement form outlines acceptable and unacceptable activities. YRDSB updated the Community Hours Policy so please review.

## Graduation Certificates and Diplomas

Huron Offers several graduate certificates plus the Ministry appointed SHSM diploma.

**SHSM Diploma**- Recognition of Specialization in one of six sectors

**Arts Huron Certificate** - 8+ credits in the arts with specific requirements. Audition gr 9

**Social Justice Certificate** - 7 credits (min 3 in gr 11 and 12) from the approved list of courses with min. 70 average, 80 hours community service, participation in school and Board activities to enhance community climate. **Application available semester 2**

**Business Certificate**-5 full Business Credits during your high school career

**French Proficiency Certificate** - Completion of French credits gr 9-12

**Ontario Scholar** - Must have aggregate of 480 (80% avg) or higher in SIX grade 12 credits (check course codes!)



# Specialist High Skills Major



## SHSM General Information

FOR PARENTS: [WHAT IS SHSM?](#)

SHSM information and upcoming activities are posted on the [Huron Heights SHSM Classroom](#) (class code 4p752zx). Additional information and resources are located on the [YRDSB Student SHSM site](#). **Students must be in their GAPPS account to access and GAPPS classrooms or sites.**

Is your child in **Grade 10**? Sign up for SHSM now or during course selections in February!

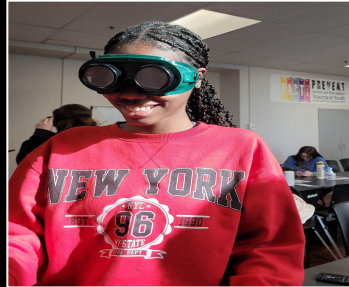
Is your child in **Grade 11** and interested in one of our sectors? Complete the [SHSM Application](#) with your child **ASAP!!**

Is your child in SHSM **Grade 12**? Ask them if they have had their SHSM Grad Meeting with Ms Phylactou. Book an appointment with **Ms Phylactou** for more information.

## FREE Upcoming Events for SHSM Students

**ALL SHSM FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO GUIDANCE**

Dec 7	Wrapping and Taping for Performance /Injury CERTIFICATION	Health and Wellness Arts and Culture
Dec 20	Trip to Queen Street and 401 Richmond Career Exploration for students who will continue in Visual Arts	Visual Arts Arts and Culture
Feb 15	Course requests OPEN in My Pathway Planner Complete your SHSM application (go to Student Resources)	All grade 10 students!!!
Feb 24	Course Requests DUE Complete an SHSM application by this date!	All grade 10 students



Health and Wellness - Sunnybrook [PARTY](#) program and [STOP the Bleed](#) Certification



Arts & Culture Stage Sword Fighting Choreography Workshop



Workshop, Tour and Gallery at Harbourfront Centre

Not in SHSM?

**[APPLY NOW!](#)**



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