

The Warrior

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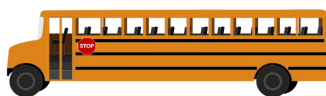
Dates at a Glance

February 10	Lunar New Year
February 12	Immunization Clinic
February 13	Course Selection Assemblies Gr.11 / Arts Huron - Period 5
February 14	Course Selection Assemblies Gr.9 - Period 1 / Gr.10 - Period 2
February 15	Graduation Photo Day www.bookmygrad.com Code:YHH
February 16	Sem. 2 New Students Photo Day
February 19	Family Day

Looking Ahead

February 28	Anti-Bullying Day (Pink Shirt Day) 
February 29	School Dance (See flyer below)
March 11-15	Mid-Winter Break

[School Website](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)



School Bus Transportation

Please visit www.schoolbuscity.com daily to confirm bus arriving and departing on time.

Black History Month

In celebration and recognition of Black History Month please be aware of several events that are taking place within York Region District School Board and our broader community. We are excited to share the Centre for Black Excellence Newsletter-February 2024.

[Centre for Black Excellence highlights upcoming events and the registration processes.](https://www2.yrdsb.ca/node/4053)
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Black History Month Events @Huron Heights Secondary School

February 15, 2024

The Global African Icons Exhibit (GAIE) promotes and features Global African Innovators in the Arts, Music, Science, Sports, Literature and Politics. The Icons exemplifies Transformational leadership, which is a process in which the leaders take actions to try to increase the awareness of what is right and important. As well, it is a process to raise motivational maturity and to move beyond the person's own self-interests for the good of the society. The exhibit showcases Icons of African descent from the United Kingdom, Africa, Caribbean, North, South and Central America and Oceania.



February 29, 2024

Glenn Marais and the Mojo Train have been performing Black History shows since 2006 and they have worked hard on maintaining relevancy and content that speaks to Anti-Black Racism, Privilege, Allyship, Systemic Racism through the examination of current and historic events that have influenced the ever-changing dynamic and achievements of Black Canadians. The emphasis of the performance is on triumph through perseverance, with a Canadian focus on the resilient struggle for human and civil rights that echoes throughout history and our present consciousness. The band and media support the messages with powerful, reflective, and uplifting images and songs carefully chosen to support the topics. The show ends with a fantastic performance of some of the greatest music from black culture, including Muddy Waters, James Brown, The Temptations, Stevie Wonder, and Michael Jackson. It is a triumph and a joy to witness.



February 27, 2024 7:00-8:00pm.	Anti-Blackness in Schools - Virtual Affinity Session for Black Students, Families and Black Staff with Presenters Dr.Joi Spencer and Dr.Kerri Ullucci Register Here	Online - Register to Receive Link.
February 29, 2024 5:00pm - 6:30pm	Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Students & Families Light refreshments will be served. An in person event. Register - for this In person Experience. Details to be shared upon registration. Register Here	Dr Bette Cafeteria

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

Huron Highlights

Course Selection for 2024-2025

Between February 13-15, students will attend a presentation in the cafeteria outlining what steps are required to complete their course selections for the 2024-2025 school year. Students will complete their course selections [using myPathwayPlanner](#). Students can begin to plan courses for their next school year at any point, however course selections must be submitted between **February 16-23**. **For Grade 12s that are not returning, we will be opening myBlueprint on February 14 for students to let us know that they are graduating and not choosing courses.** Grade 12s that are returning will submit during the regular Feb 16-23 timeframe. Students wishing to discuss their course options with a Guidance Counsellor should book an appointment early in the course selection process. Counsellors are available throughout the exam period (appointments must be booked in the Guidance office - TeachAssist appointments will not be available during this time). **Guidance counsellors are available throughout exam week for 2024/5 course request queries and Semester 2 timetable changes.**

Attention all Graduates

Graduation gowns are available for purchase on School Cash Online for \$55, please place your order by Friday, March 1. If you are not planning on attending Graduation, please let the office know.

Outdoor Education Class

Students in the outdoor education class had fun learning to tie different knots on the upper field. They also worked together in pairs to tackle a rope challenge, fostering teamwork and problem-solving skills.



Student Absences

Students that will be missing school for more than 3 consecutive days will need to complete the HHSS Application for Temporary Absence Form that can be found in the main office. The form must be filled out by teachers and parents before being submitted to the main office for admin approval.

Public Health Immunization Clinic February 12, 2024

YOUR PHOTO DAY IS APPROACHING!

2nd Semester Students - Feb. 16

Showcase Your Best Smile

- Students will be photographed at school.
- You must be photographed to receive your student ID.
- Review your images and purchase online with ease!



DON'T FORGET

To help make your photo day seamless, check out our photo day tips at edgeimaging.ca/photo-day-tips



GET REMINDERS

Sign up for notifications at edgeimaging.ca/photoday to get real-time updates about your photo day and stay in the know with Edge.



Graduation Photo Day - February 15, 2024

Sign up at www.bookmygrad.com - School Code: YHH

Edge Imaging will be here one last time to take graduation photos on February 15th.

If you haven't booked your appointment already this will be your last chance at the school. You'll have to go to another location to get them done before the deadline.

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Huron Highlights

Hello Huron Families,

Following is information pertaining to a community information session facilitated by YRDSB's Planning Services, Huron Heights Secondary School & Newmarket High School pertaining to upcoming changes to the French Immersion program in Newmarket and East Gwillimbury.

If interested in attending, please use the link below to access the virtual meeting. All attendees will be muted for the presentation and unmuted for follow up questions.

Title: Newmarket/East Gwillimbury Secondary School French Immersion

Description: The planning department will be presenting information on Changes to Secondary French Immersion Programming in Newmarket and East Gwillimbury.

Location: Special Virtual Joint School Council (Huron Heights SS and Newmarket HS) Meeting with Planning Services

Time: 6:30pm to 7:00 pm

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 211 769 192 794 Passcode: D92sbn

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#) | [Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)



Multi Faith Room Supports Daily Prayers at HHSS

Our Multi Faith Room is located in the Library Learning Commons, LLC. It is discreetly located in a quiet area away from the activities of the circulation desk, collaborative tables and event happenings in the LLC. Full access is available throughout the day. Students are not required to sign-in when entering the LLC. Please ask if you have any questions. Suggestions are welcome.

Study Room in the LLC

Needing a quiet place to focus and do school work? The LLC has a quiet Study Room with low lighting ready for you to use during lunch, or spare period or with teacher's permission. We ask that you first visit the circulation desk to sign in and review the expectations of this learning space.

Attention Grade 9 Students and Technology

It is the expectation that you bring your device daily to school and it is ready to use with a full charge. . . . Bring your adapter/charger to school. Make sure to label it. . . .In case of an emergency, you may borrow a library chromebook, but you must come before school or between classes and return it by the end of the day. If you have any concerns, come speak to us in the library.

HHSS Online Resources (Usernames, Passwords and Links)

HHSS has essential online research resources such as databases and ebooks. They can be accessed through the [LLC website](#). Usernames and passwords can also be found on our website or use [Huron LLC Resources](#).

Overdue Library Books

We have no fines! We just need all overdue library books returned from semester one. Visit the library and drop off your library book or discuss next steps. Students will not be allowed to sign out any other resources until all overdue books have been returned. We really want our library books returned.

Huron Highlights

Do you need a computer?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

We have Desktop Packages from \$75.00 to \$160.00. Plus \$50.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse

We have Laptop Packages from \$140.00 to \$275.00. Plus \$40.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2019 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

For more information, please contact:

Alexander Oliver
RCT Community Engagement Lead
AOliver@rcto.ca

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STANDARD 1 YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY
*batteries not covered by warranty

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Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca

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Application Check-List

You can begin to apply for a computer on: September 21st, 2023
Application deadline: November 23rd, 2023

Group Name: YRDSB | Group Code: G-YRDSB23

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A

Group Name: YRDSB

Group Code: G-YRDSB23

Name of School: Please enter the name of the student's school

Section B

This section does not apply to you.

Section C

I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$40.00 shipping fee)

OR

I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$50.00 shipping fee)

OR

I am part of the York Region District School Board Group order (\$20.00)

Section D

Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career

Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology

The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

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York Region District School Board UBUNTU HEALING CIRCLE Winter/Spring 2024



A virtual healing circle for Black identified students across YRDSB to join together in an inclusive affinity space, focused on supporting emotional well-being. This space is one that has been created to promote healing, wellness and resilience for Black identified students.

The group will be facilitated by members of the School Social Work Team. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend and participation will occur virtually.

Grades Served: Grade 7 to Grade 12 students from schools across YRDSB

Modality: Virtual offering

Language of Service: Services will be offered in English.

Total sessions: 8 sessions

Date: Wednesday, February 28th, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Weekly)

For more information, or to sign up: Please ask your Teacher, Guidance Counsellor, SERT, Student Success Teacher, Principal, or Vice Principal to contact either: Melanie Beckford, RSW or Tracy Thomas-Ellston, RSW at the following email address: communitycareteam@yrdsb.ca

Math Help

The Math Department will be offering support to students again during semester two starting February 19. Please encourage students to join us in the Math Help Centre during all three lunches. Location and times are available here:

Huron Heights Secondary School

MATH HELP

Period 2	Tues, Wed, Thurs 11:15-11:45	Room 405
Period 3	Tues, Wed, Thurs 12:35-1:05	Room 402
Period 4	Tues, Wed, Thurs 1:55-2:25	Room 404

Harmony at Heights

**Thursday
March 7
2024**

7:00 pm

HHSS Cafeteria

Student Performances
and Silent Auction

Auction Items Needed!

If you have an item for the auction (ie. sports or concert tickets, gift cards, jewellery, services, tech items, etc.) please email courtney@cassidyeventmgmt.com for more info. Funds raised from this event will support sending our students to MusicFest Canada 2024. Thank you for your support!!

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	patricia.barnard@yrdsb.ca	X 200
I – R Dual Credits	Mr. Gorman	jon.gorman@yrdsb.ca	X 194
S – Z SHSM Students	Ms. Phylactou	phylitsa.phylactou@yrdsb.ca	X 192
S – Z International Students & Alternative Education	Ms. Bradshaw Head of Guidance	kelly.bradshaw@yrdsb.ca	X 191

Graduation Presentations:

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

[Graduation Assembly Presentation](#)

[Applying to Post Secondary](#)

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Timetable Changes

Guidance Counsellors are available via drop in or appointment (call the office – TeachAssist not available). The [timetable change request](#) form will be available Feb 1–9.

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.

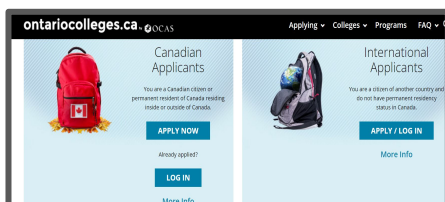
Post Secondary Applications

If your child plans to apply to an Ontario College or University, we suggest they complete (or at least begin) the application process before Winter Break dismissal.

Ontario Colleges–

Due Feb 1 2024

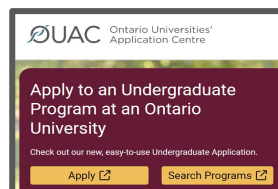
OCAS– Ontario College Application Service through ontariocollege.ca



Ontario Universities–

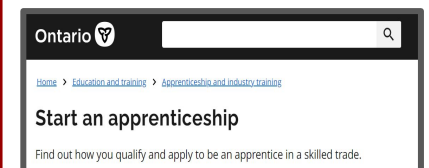
Due Jan 15 2024 (for equal consideration)

OUAC– Ontario University Application Centre
www.ouac.on.ca



Apprenticeships and Employment – Ongoing

www.ontario.ca/page/start-apprenticeship



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.

Grade 11s and 12s should also be enrolled in the GUIDANCE GRADS CLASSROOM : **4r2zrsk**



HW and AC SHSM Certification: Wrapping for Performance and Injury

Not in SHSM?

[APPLY NOW!](#)



FREE Upcoming Events for SHSM Students

ALL SHSM FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO GUIDANCE

Feb 15	Course requests OPEN in My Pathway Planner Complete your SHSM application (go to Student Resources)	All grade 10 and 11 students!!!
Feb 23	Course Requests DUE Complete an SHSM application by this date!	All grade 10 and 11 and Co-op students

SHSM STUDENTS SHOULD CROSS CHECK the SHSM PATHWAY CHARTS in February to ensure they are requesting SHSM eligible courses



level up!

[Level UP](#)

We encourage SHSM students to attend in-person certifications to maximize your SHSM experience during your Grade 11 and 12 years.

If your child would like to complete *virtual* certification (over exam week or on free time), please access the links on the [SHSM Student Site](#).

Once your child has completed the certification, s/he/they **TAKE A SCREENSHOT** of the final completion page and and **submit** it on the [Self-Reporting Google Form](#).

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