

The Warrior

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Dates at a Glance

January 29	Period 1 - Final Exams
January 30	Period 2 - Final Exams
January 31	Period 3 - Final Exams
February 1	Exam Review Day
February 2	PA Day
February 5	First Day of Semester 2
February 9	Last Day for Course Changes (Sem. 2)

Looking Ahead

February 10	Lunar New Year
February 12	Immunization Clinic
February 13	Course Selection Assemblies Gr.10/Arts Huron - Period 5
February 14	Course Selection Assemblies Gr.11 - Period 5 / Gr.9 - Period 2
February 15	Sem. 2 Photo Day/Grad. Retakes
February 19	Family Day

[School Website](#)



School Bus Transportation

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

[HHSS Semester 1 Exam Schedule](#)

[HHSS Exam Expectations](#)

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.

Exam Review Day Schedule - February 1, 2024

Period 1	9:10 - 9:40
Period 2	9:45 - 10:15
Period 3	10:20 - 10:50
Period 4	10:55 - 11:25
Period 5	11:30 - 12:00

Public Health Immunization Clinic February 12, 2024

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 can only be submitted between February 16-23. 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.**

[School Council Meeting for 2023-2024](#)

March 18, 2024

May 21, 2024

Principal: Erik Gordon

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

Huron Highlights

Your Portrait Session

Carry on the Canadian tradition of marking your graduation accomplishments with a classic portrait! Your professional portrait session includes traditional gown and sash poses on contemporary and traditional backgrounds.

**Sit fee details available online when you book your session.*



More Options

Your comfort and enjoyment are our top priority when you are at the camera. We want all students to let your true colours shine. Your sitting options may include: more poses, casuals, and Vintage Hollywood poses. **View details on all your sitting options at bookmygrad.ca**



B.Y.O.P

Depending on the school, Edge may or may not provide props during your photo shoot. Please feel free to bring your own flowers, books, etc. to be photographed with during your session. There's no limit to your creativity!

**Poses and backgrounds may vary.*

Graduating Class Composite

Just like the ones you stared at in Your high school hallways, you'll receive your very own copy of a graduating class composite. Composites are typically handed out at Convocation or at the end of the school year.

A traditional portrait with a blue background will be provided to your school for the composite and yearbook.

**Composite size and folder inclusion vary by school. Details provided upon booking.*



Book your session TODAY!

To book your Graduation Photo Session, grab your student card and go to bookmygrad.ca and enter your school code and student number to get started.



Buy your box of Krispy Kreme donuts on School Cash Online!

\$15 Pick Up MARCH 27th
(Just in time for Easter Weekend)

In support of
Best Buddies Prom



Wellness Wednesday Highlights

Please see the following links for Resources & Workshops for Families:

[Black History Month 2024](#)

Celebration of Black History Month has been a part of Canadian society since the 1950s. Lieutenant Governor Hal Jackman declared February as Black History Month in Ontario

[Tamil Heritage Month Elementary Student Conference](#)

Students in grades 5 to 8 are invited to the Elementary Student Conference for Tamil Heritage Month on February 3, 2024, at Milliken Mills High School.

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Message from Our Trustee

February 2024

As we start the second semester and second half of the school year, we want to take this opportunity to share some updates about upcoming dates, events and initiatives taking place across our system with you. We also want to thank everyone who contributes to building a strong educational community in York Region District School Board - the students, families, staff members and community partners who come together in support of student learning, achievement and well-being.

February is **Black History Month**. In addition to a number of [events taking place](#) within the school board and local community, the school board is once again Celebrating Black Excellence through its Black Voices campaign. [Black Voices](#) aims to centre and celebrate the Black members of our YRDSB community and share their voices. For families looking to learn more about school board and community events and programs for Black students and families, you can [subscribe to the Centre for Black Student Excellence mailing list](#) to receive regular updates.

Later this month, we will also recognize the [Lunar New Year](#) and wish all students, staff and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration.

While we have seen milder **winter weather** this year, we also want to remind families that we have protocols in place for [severe weather](#) and school transportation cancellation in the case of inclement weather, and want to ensure families are aware. You can find more information on the Board website. We also continue to encourage families to use active school travel all year round, including during the winter months. Early in February, we will be celebrating [Winter Walk Day](#), and be sharing tips as well as the benefits and joys of winter walking.

This month, students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote in the [Student Trustee Elections](#). We want to congratulate and thank all of the students in Grade 10 and 11 who applied for this position. Student Trustees play an important role representing student voice at the Board meetings and we greatly value their voice and contributions. Students who are eligible to vote will receive information in their GAPPs accounts about how to vote. This is a great opportunity to participate in the democratic process and to have their say about who will represent their voice in the next school year.

[Kindergarten](#) and [French Immersion registration](#) opened in January for fall 2024. For students looking at **course selection** in secondary school, there are lots of great resources available at www.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb that let students learn more about courses, programs and opportunities that relate to their interests.

Families in the East Gwillimbury area can look forward to the opening of the [new Sharon P.S.](#) proposed to open in September 2024. If you live in the boundary area, you can expect to receive information about next steps.

You can also stay up-to-date with what's happening around the Board by visiting our [newsroom](#) - some of the latest stories feature schools in our area, or by listening to the Board's award-winning [podcast Tune In YRDSB](#), including recent and upcoming episodes on what to expect in Kindergarten, how Student Trustees represent student voice, Tamil Heritage Month, Hindu Heritage Month and more.

As the governing body of the York Region District School Board, trustees are required to establish an annual **Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)** to guide system direction for a four-year period. The MYSP is a reflection of emergent priorities identified by our educational communities. Over the coming months, we will be conducting extensive consultations with YRDSB students, staff, families and community members to collect input and feedback to develop our revised MYSP. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for all that you do to partner with us in building a strong publicly funded education system that delivers a high-quality education for your children. You can learn more about our role as a school trustee and [how you can reach us](#) on the Board website www.yrdsb.ca.

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	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
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

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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.

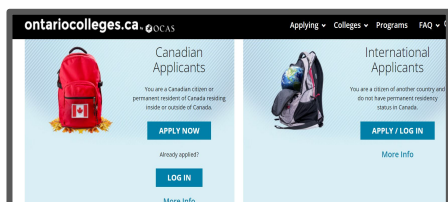
Post Secondary Applications

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-

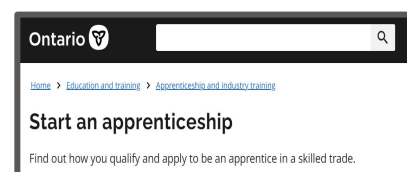
Due Jan 15 2024 (for equal consideration)

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

Jan 24-31	Make any Sem 2 Timetable changes needed to fulfill SHSM requirements	all students
Feb 1	OCAS Applications due	Gr 12 Students
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!](#) Skilled Trades Fair

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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