

The Warrior

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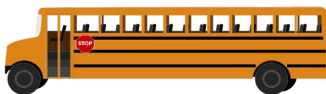
Dates at a Glance

October 21-22	Ontario Fair (Metro Toronto Convention Centre)
October 26	HHSS Teacher Family Conference
October 30	Fire Drill
November 1	Take Our Kids to Work Day/ Gr. 8 Visit to HHSS
November 2	Semi-Formal Mill Run Golf Club 269 Durham Regional Rd.#8 5:30-9:45 pm

Looking Ahead

November 9	First Day of Term 2
November 10	Remembrance Day Ceremony
November 12	Diwali
November 13-16	Gr. 12 Graduation Photos Visit: Bookmygrad.ca School Code: YHH
November 17	PA Day

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/huronheights.ss/Pages/default.aspx>



School Bus Transportation

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

School Council Meeting for 2023-2024

November 20, 2023
January 22, 2024
March 18, 2024
May 21, 2024

Take Our Kids to Work

"Take Our Kids to Work" (TOKW) is an initiative that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to **OBSERVE** a work environment for one day. As suggested by the *Premier's Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel Report*, the program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

On **Wed., Nov. 1, 2023**, Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative or family friend. **Grade 9 students are not to attend HHSS, as there will be no formal instruction/lessons for grade 9 students on November 1st.**

Parents/guardians are asked to complete a google form indicating the plans they have for their grade 9 child/ward on "Take Our Kids to Work Day"

TOKW google Form: <https://forms.gle/uCBCHXuqAhxLt6nr8>

Please complete this form by Wednesday October 25.

OSSLT - Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test

Grade 10 students and eligible grade 11 and 12 students will write the OSSLT during the week of November 21-24 and November 27-28.

Students graduating this year must pass the test or complete the Ontario Literacy Course to fulfill the provincially mandated graduation requirements.

Students will be informed of the exact date they will write the test when the schedule is finalized.

In order to prepare for the test please have your student access the slide deck through their gapps account. It is linked [here](#)

For more information about the OSSLT, please visit

<https://www.eqao.com/the-assessments/osslit/>

Congratulations HHSS Students!

On Thursday, October 19, 2023 we hosted our Awards Assembly Evening. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as the Huron Community to celebrate our Honour Roll and Department Award recipients. Thank you to the amazing Huron Heights Secondary School Staff for making this evening a reality.



Principal: Erik Gordon

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

Huron Highlights

HHSS Warriors Parade

On Friday, October 13th, students and staff joined together for the *Parade of Warriors*. Our Huron community paraded around the track to the sounds of musicians drumming, cheerleaders cheering and warm conversation and laughter. The sun shone down as Mr. Gordon acknowledged the diversity of talent and contribution students make to our school community - the athletic teams, Arts Huron, the Peer Mentors, the Peace Club, every collective and individual that makes us who we are. HURON STRONG.

The ceremony finished with a Huron family photo which only took three tries to perfect.



Cheerleading Team

We are thrilled to share the fantastic achievements of our Huron Heights cheerleaders! Last week, our talented team wowed the crowds by performing their halftime routine not once, not twice, but three times! Their energy and dedication were on full display, spreading school spirit at the Parade of Warriors and electrifying the atmosphere at our Homecoming Game on Saturday.



Get Huron Clothing!

The following Huron Clothing will be available to buy on Parent/Teacher Night on Thursday, Oct. 26th.



Last Call for Huron Webstore Orders!

The last day to make Webstore purchases will be Nov. 1st! Sizing samples will be available on Parent/Teacher Night!



Order Online at: <https://www.schoolwear.ca/HHS>

Huron Highlights

HurOn Stage – November 2023

More news from the Huron Heights Drama Department and Arts Huron Theatre!

As a result of our trip to the Stratford Festival, our Grade 11 Drama class hosted a visit from Shannon Taylor, a professional actor from this year's Stratford season, who worked with the Grade 11 Students on their Shakespeare scene studies. We also welcomed James Willis, an Arts Huron Theatre alumni and professional director and actor, to do in-depth scene work with this same class. Our 11s will be performing their Shakespeare scenes in class next week, but I am sure we will see these works on a public stage in the weeks to come.

The Grade 12 class welcomed Sean Stone, a retired teacher and professional Lighting and Sound designer, to talk design with us. The 12s are working on independent design and production projects, while they are also rehearsing and researching historical plays, genres, and performance styles.

Grade 10s are engaged in learning about staging and improvisation, and the grade 9s about character development and staging.

Next Wednesday, October 25, Huron Drama will be hosting Broadway Café, a student-only after school event highlighting Drama and Dance students performing numbers from their favourite musicals. The show starts at 4pm, and the admission fee is a non-perishable food time to support our school's Food Kitchen. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

Early November is busy, as students from the Grade 12 class will be participating in a swordfighting workshop with Rapier Wit in Toronto, and Huron Drama students will go to North Bay to participate in the STAR (Student Theatre Achievement Recognition) Festival as performers and participants. This is our second year at the festival, and last year, our students learned much about theatre and performance from a wide variety of professionals. We're expecting more of the same.

We are mid-way through the rehearsal process for the School Fall Play, A Christmas Carol, and we will reveal the poster and ticket information in the next newsletter. Stay tuned!



York Region District School Board
Secondary Specialized Arts Program

ARTS HURON

Huron Heights Secondary School

Instrumental Music - Vocal Music - Guitar
Dance - Theatre - Visual Arts

Applications: November 10 to December 1st
Auditions: January 25 - 31, 2024

For more information about applying to ARTS
HURON, please email us at artshuron@yrdsb.ca

Check our website for up-to-date information:
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/huronheights.ss/>



Rock Climbing Team

2 Events

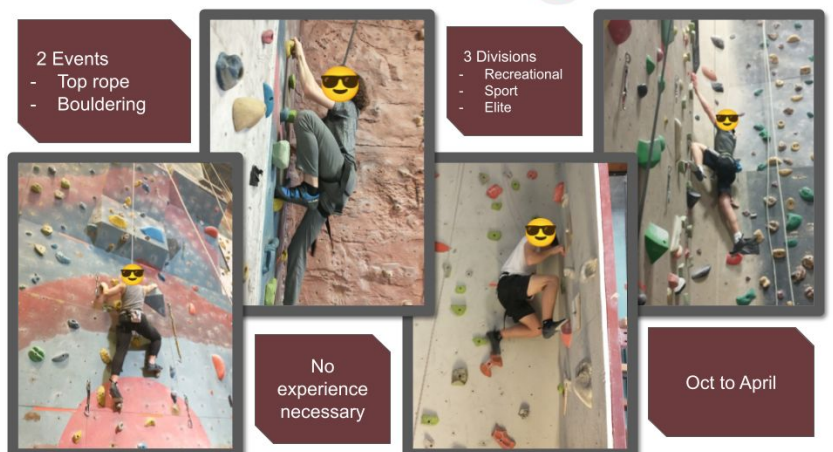
- Top rope
- Bouldering

3 Divisions

- Recreational
- Sport
- Elite

No
experience
necessary


Oct to April



Fitness Training starts next week:

Tues Oct 24 and Thurs Oct 26 @ 8 am in the HHSS weight room


Huron Highlights



Buy a box of Krispy Kreme donuts!

Just \$15 a box on School Cash Online. All proceeds will go to Best Buddies Prom! Boxes will be available for pick up outside room 311 on November 24. Buy yours before they're all gone!

Thanks so much for your support!



HAVE YOUR CHILD'S EYES CHECKED

HAVE YOUR CHILD SCREENED

Detect and correct problems early and prevent issues which can result in permanent vision loss.

Eye exams are free with an OHIP card for children 19 years of age and under.

Book an eye exam today with a local optometrist (eye doctor).

For more information please visit york.ca/HealthyEyes or findaneyedocor.ca


#HealthyEyes




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.

SCHOOL CODE: YHH- Beginning Monday, November 13th.

Family Studies Department is looking for knitting needles (sizes 4 - 6) and double knitting balls of yarn - any colours. In addition, donations of cotton fabrics would be appreciated (minimum 1 metre square in size).

Attention Parents! Updates from our Student Council!

Paris at Midnight


Location: 269 DURHAM REGIONAL RD 8, UXBIDGE, ON L9P 1R1

Prices: \$80 PER PERSON

Dates: NOVEMBER 2, 2023

Times: 5:30 PM - 9:45 PM

TICKET SALES BEGIN OCTOBER 16.
PERMISSION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ATTENDANCE WINDOW STARTING OCTOBER 12



On **October 31st 2023**, student council has arranged for 3 food trucks to be at HHSS during periods 2-4. We are also hosting a Halloween costume contest and a trick or treat booth in the cafeteria. Please let your child know so that they may participate in these exciting activities. (Students are not permitted to wear masks or to bring in any replica weapons).





HHSS Food Pantry

HHSS Food Pantry will resume full operations on October 30th

Cooperative Education

- Hands on work experience
- Test drive your future career
- Apprenticeship opportunities available
- High school credits

SHSM

- Health & Wellness
- Arts & Culture
- Hospitality
- Transportation
- Construction
- Manufacturing

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Accelerated OYAP
- Dual Credit (Free College Courses)
- Canadian Armed Forces (Paid)

SPEAK TO A CO-OP TEACHER or GUIDANCE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Specialize in your field of interest and gain free certifications



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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POST SECONDARY FAIRS

YORK REGION U.S. UNIVERSITY FAIR

What You'll Learn

Undergraduate Programs

Pre-Medicine, Pre-Law, Engineering, Sciences, Psychology, Nursing, Business, Arts/Design, Esports, Economics, Computer Science and more!

Scholarships

Learn about all the scholarships and financial aid available for Canadian students!

NCAA Sports

Are you a Canadian student-athlete? Join us to learn about the many sports offered by NCAA member schools!

U.S. Admissions Process

Speak to U.S. representatives about the admissions process, standardized testing requirements, tuition/fees, scholarships, financial aid and more!

Meet More Universities

Register to meet more universities this year for virtual and in-person fairs including Notre Dame, UC Berkeley, Boston University and more!



Click Here or
Scan to Register



York Region U.S. University Fair

25 Oct 2023 | 7 PM - 9 PM

Location:
Thornhill Secondary School

Organized by: CollegeTracker Canada

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

Oct 21-22 PLUS 2 virtual events:

Tuesday, September 26 and

Wednesday, November 22

5-7 pm (ET)

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca>

APPRENTICESHIP

Oct 26, 2023

[Accelerated OYAP Open House](#)

Register in Advance

November 15 - 16, 2023

International Centre - Hall 1

Mississauga, Ontario

[Level Up- Apprenticeship Fair](#)



Families and students will have an opportunity to learn about Ontario's 140+ trades through interactive exhibitions and hands-on activities, while hearing directly from tradespeople and local employers about life-changing career opportunities. School registered to bring their students during the day, the evening event is open to families from 7-8:30pm. [Level up Flyer](#)
www.levelupontario.com



STUDENT LIFE EXPO Metro Convention Centre: Nov 18

<https://studentlifeexpo.com>

If you are unable to attend dates above check out:

[YRDSB POST SECONDARY FAIRS SCHEDULE](#)

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 completed 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.

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](#), MyPathwayPlanner (Dashboard–Resources), and the [Course Selections Classroom](#). 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

Oct 21 and 22	Ontario Universities Fair Metro Convention Centre Reach Ahead opportunity	All Sectors (Go on Your Own)
Oct 23	Beauty X Trade Show Career Exploration Activity ONLY 10 Spots - First come first Served	Arts and Culture Hospitality and Tourism Form in Guidance Return ASAP
Oct 25	Mandatory Sector Partner Experience (SPE) hosted by Beanstalk	All Sectors Form in Guidance OVERDUE RETURN IMMEDIATELY
Oct 26	Accelerated OYAP OPEN HOUSE Register in Advance	ALL SECTORS Reach Ahead
Oct 30	Last day to register for Nov 2 SHSM Virtual Event A DAY OF INNOVATION REGISTRATION FORM	All Sectors (there is a slight focus on HW in morning but it is also tech related)
Nov 2	Virtual SHSM Event: A DAY OF INNOVATION	Must attend the full day (no ½ days) May attend from home Must register in Advance
Nov 14	Sunnybrook Hospital PARTY Program and Stop the Bleed Career Exploration	Health and Wellness FORMS IN GUIDANCE
Nov 15	Level UP! Ontario Trades Fair Career Exploration	All Sectors EOP and Co-op Students have been invited See Guidance if you are not in Co-op or EOP Sem 1 or 2
Nov 21 and Nov 22	First Aid CPR-C with AED CERTIFICATE Mandatory certificates	All Sem 1 Co-op/ EOP SHSM students and Gr 12 SHSM students who need it
Nov 28 and 29	First Aid CPR-C with AED mandatory certificates	Form in Guidance



Arts & Culture SHSM Reach Ahead and Certification -
[Metalworks Institute](#)

Not in SHSM?

[APPLY NOW!](#)

