

The Warrior

October 6, 2023 - VOL. 3

Dates at a Glance

October 9	Thanksgiving
October 12	Post Secondary Fair 6-8pm
October 17-20	Interim Report Distributed
October 17	Photo Retake Day
October 18	Ontario College Fair (Enercare Centre Exhibition Place)
October 19	Awards Assembly (6-8pm)
October 20	PA Day

Looking Ahead

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

<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

Huron Heights Clothing



- If you need help with sizing, there are clothing samples in the Phys Ed office (have your child come by after school any time)
- Webstore is only open until Nov.3rd, so don't delay! Get your Huron gear today!

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

Awards Assembly

Save the Date

October 19th 6-8pm

Invitations will be sent out beginning of next week.
Please have your child check their gapps account

Parent/Guardian Night and EDSBY Booking Tool

Parent/Guardian and Teacher Night is on **Thursday, October 26, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** To book a time with your child's teacher you will need to access EDSBY, the YRDSB online Engagement Platform. Parents/guardians may begin booking a time with teachers starting Tuesday, October, 17th, to access Edsby you may use the following link:

<https://yrdsb.edsby.com/p/BasePublic/>. Once logged into EDSBY, look in the messages folder for a notification that will provide you access to book your times with teachers.

Difficulty Accessing Edsby?

If you do not have an Edsby account and have not received an invitation via the email address you provided the school, please contact the Main Office.

If you have forgotten your Edsby password, please contact Edsby directly at: 1-877-337-0070



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

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Indigenous Student Study Centre

In collaboration with Victoria Raymer, Indigenous Student Advisor from the First Nation, Metis and Inuit Education Team for the YRDSB, HHSS is proud to introduce and officially open the school's Indigenous Student Study Centre.

The Indigenous Student Study Centre strives to create a sense of belonging and support for the academic, spiritual, physical, and emotional well-being of a diverse Indigenous student population. The Centre will provide a safe community space that offers culturally appropriate support services and programs to facilitate students' success throughout their secondary studies.

The Indigenous Student Study Centre will be open to students on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students are provided opportunities such as:

- Culturally specific learning opportunities or activities
- One-on-one support for academic, achievement and well-being
- Access to Indigenous Student Advisors
- Support for transitions to post-secondary education pathways

Academic Support

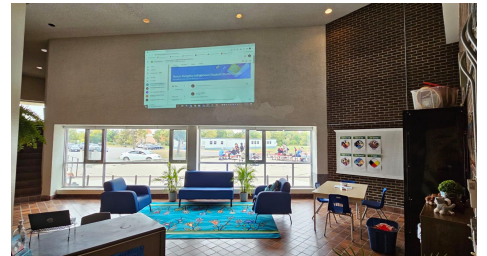
- Learning Skills and Career supports
- Advice and Referrals
- Writing Instruction

Spiritual Support

- Access to Elders/Traditional Knowledge Keepers
- Learning Skills and Career supports
- Advice and Referrals

Cultural Support

- Cultural Workshops include beading, moccasin, ribbon skirt, hand drum making, etc.
- Access to traditional medicines
- To provide opportunities for positive interactions between FNMI People and the community at large.
- Connection to Indigenous organizations outside of YRDSB



Loitering in the Washrooms

As a school community we are currently dealing with students who are loitering in the washrooms. Students have reported feeling unsafe entering the washrooms due to the actions of a few. In some cases this has resulted in some students leaving school to access the washrooms of restaurants nearby. No student should ever be made to feel unsafe or unwanted simply for wanting access to a basic human right. In addition to the safety concerns these gatherings impose, we know that when groups of students gather in the washrooms other activities such as vaping and vandalism may occur. When acts of vandalism occur, the washrooms must be closed in order to ensure that health and safety standards are being met.

Staff are responding to these issues and are entering the 'public spaces' of the washrooms to move student onto their classes or to other acceptable spaces in the building, such as the cafeteria. We are also making regular announcements reminding students that the washrooms are not gathering spaces. Students who are repeatedly loitering are being directed to the main office and phone calls home to families are made. Our next steps in progressive discipline will be to issue detentions. Persistent unacceptable behaviour and opposition to authority may lead to a suspension. This is not something we want to do, as we want to have students in school and learning. However we cannot let the actions of a few, have a negative impact on the overall moral tone of the Huron Community.

Finally we ask that you talk to your teen about vaping. Students are not permitted to vape on school property, or within 20 meters of the school boundary. Not only is vaping illegal under the Smoke Free Ontario act, it is extremely unhealthy. When students are caught vaping, we will speak with them and contact families. Tobacco Enforcement is notified and fines will be administered. A summons to attend court will be issued for any person under the age of 16. For more information on how to support your teen and please visit the YRDSB Caring and Safe School subpage on vaping.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/caring-and-safe-schools/substance-use-and-misuse/vaping-and-e-cigarettes>

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Guide for Parent **TeachAssist** Portal

teachassist Parent Portal

To access the Parent Portal for teachassist, go to <https://ta.yndeb.ca/parents>

From there enter in your E-Mail Address and leave the Password blank, to set up a one time access link, or to reset a password that you've created.

An E-Mail will be sent with a time limited link that will look similar to this:

teachassist@yndeb.ca
To: parent_email

Click here for your one time access to teachassist
<https://ta.yndeb.ca/live/parents/ta/Reports.php?email=parent&token=serdfyug678>

Once logged in, parents will have the option to set up a password so that they can quickly access this site.

Would you like to set a password to access this site in the future?

You can continue to request a time limited token and check your email for access each time, but if you'd like to get instant access by setting a password associated with this email address, please fill out the following form.

Please note, the only allowable characters are UPPERCASE and lowercase letters and numbers. No Special Characters! There's a limit of 15 characters for the password.

New Password:
Password again:

To set up a Parent Teacher Interview, scroll down to the Appointments portion for your child, and click on the Calendar icon to change the date to the day of the Parent Teacher Interview.

Booking Appointments

Book Appointment for the date: 2020-10-06

Current and Future Appointments

A listing of all available appointments for your child's teacher will show up. Click on the appointment time that you would like to reserve.

Chun, E (Teacher)

2020-10-22 18:00:00
2020-10-22 18:05:00
2020-10-22 18:10:00
2020-10-22 18:15:00
2020-10-22 18:20:00
2020-10-22 18:25:00
2020-10-22 18:30:00
2020-10-22 18:35:00
2020-10-22 18:40:00
2020-10-22 18:45:00

The available times for this teacher also updates upon refresh of this page

Which will then now show up at the top of the page to show that you have successfully booked that appointment. Please note that there could be another person booking at the same time, so in the case of multiple people attempting to book the same time slot, it goes to the first come first served model.

Back

Appointment Bookings on 2020-10-22

2020-10-22 18:00:00 with Chun, E (Teacher) - cancel

Chun, E (Teacher)

2020-10-22 18:05:00
2020-10-22 18:10:00
2020-10-22 18:15:00

Back on the main page, you'll now see Current and Future appointments show up


Booking Appointments

Book Appointment for the date: 2020-10-06

Current and Future Appointments

Chun, E (Teacher) on 2020-10-22 18:00:00 : cancel


There is a limit to five (5) appointments at a time. In addition to the parent booking, students can also book appointments, which will differ from the parents time slots, and can be used in conjunction with the parent bookings.



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!



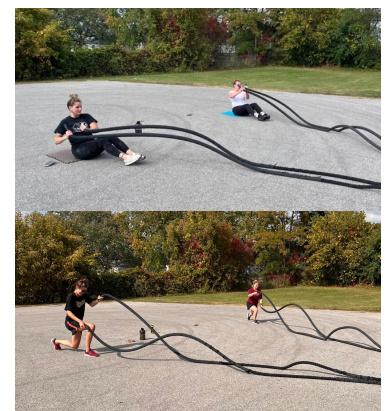


Healthcare students practicing their sterile techniques to control infection: surgical scrubs, suturing and changing wound dressings.

Wellness Wednesday

This past week we re-started our Wellness Wednesday Healthy Schools Initiative! Wellness Wednesday will run every Wednesday throughout the school year, and will give students an opportunity to participate in activities that center around student health and well-being. Last year, some of our activities included: Therapy Dogs, Healthy Snack Days where students were offered free fruits and vegetables during their lunch break, and various sports offered as well (e.g. basketball in the gym, table tennis in the cafe).

This past Wednesday, students were given the opportunity to play table tennis in the cafeteria during their lunch break (which is always a hit)! We also started up our Fitness Club after school where students have the opportunity to fit in their own personal workouts in the Fitness Room from 4pm-5pm (ALL are welcome - a permission form is available on the Athletic Bulletin Board if your child is interested)! AND finally, Ms. Tomlinson and Ms. Mclean offered a Battle Ropes workout in the North Parking Lot during Period 3! Only Ms. Menczel and Ms. Knebel joined last week, but we hope to spread the word and have some students come and try it out next week!



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Library Learning Commons Orientation

Grade 9 students have been learning about our community expectations to ensure that our space remains welcoming and inclusive. Little details make lasting impressions such as saying "hello" and tucking in their chair. Students have been learning about our physical collection and our online 24/7 virtual collection. All students were asked to visit the LLC during lunch if they are still having trouble connecting with the YRDSB-S network or cannot find the LLC printer on their devices. [Reading suggestion: The Digital Addict](#)

Study Room in the LLC

If a student needs a quiet place to focus and do school work, the LLC has a quiet Study Room with low lighting. Students are welcome to use our Study Room during their lunch, or their spare period or with teacher's permission. We ask that students first visit the circulation desk to sign in and review the expectations of this learning space.



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. . . . If you have any concerns, come speak to us in the library.



Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night



Join us on a night to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways and our Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information night if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the Skilled Trades;
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information on this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;
- you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades.

Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!

Automotive Service Technician	Baker	Child and Youth Worker
Auto Body Technician	Plumber	Carpenter
Cook	Hairstylist	Electrician
Floor Covering Installer	Drywall Finisher and Plasterer	Construction Craft Worker
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic	Truck and Coach Technician	Heavy Duty Equipment Technician

Join us on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

REGISTER AT: <https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse>



7:00 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB and MLTSD
7:30 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs with the Training Delivery Agent (TDA)
8:15 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB

Seneca



Attention all Gr. 9 Families:

HYPE

The final day to hand in HYPE permission forms is Tuesday October 10th. Please have students bring their permissions forms to room 306 or 312. If you need a copy of these forms or more information about the program see the following links [Brochure](#) & [Programs](#)

Attention Parents! Updates from our Student Council below!

On Friday October 13, 2023, Huron Heights Secondary School is hosting its **1st Annual Parade of Warriors**.

Please remind your child to wear **Huron Heights** colours or their team jerseys on this day.

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).

Student Council is extending the sale of **SPC** cards. This \$10.00 card allows your child to receive up to 25 % off at participating merchants. Please check the list of merchants at www.spccard.ca. The SPC cards will be on sale all next week in our café, during periods 2-4.



Semi Formal

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Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter October 2023

Free Community Events

York Services Support Network

- [Whats next after High-school - Caregiver Webinar](#)

October 5, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

- [Transition Planning Resource Days](#)

October 11 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

- Registration can be done through emailing cmacdonald@yssn.ca or calling: 905-953-8354 or 1-833-953-8354 ext. 2245.

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Workshop (MBSR) 8-week series

October 5 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

- This series is for parents or caregivers of children diagnosed with autism ages 0-18.
- [Acceptance and commitment training- Information Session](#)

October 10, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

- [Learning about bullying and cyber bullying](#)

October 18, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families

- October 10, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm [Cannabis Use and Your Youth](#)
- October 17, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm [Calming Stormy Waters](#)
- October 18, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm [Learning To Pay Attention](#)

October 24, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm [Enhancing Social Skills for Children and Youth](#)



IGNITE TECHNOLOGY GRANT

For students with SEA Technology

The Ignite Technology Grant is designed to create **leadership opportunities**, hone **communication skills**, and increase **self-esteem** for students with SEA equipment within their school community.

The goal is to bring **awareness** to the effective and successful use of technology for modern learning.

IGNITE your school and community now!
Go to www.yrdsb.ca/ignite now to learn how!

Huron Heights Secondary School



Period 2	Tues/Thurs 11:15-11:45	Room 402
Period 3	Tues/Wed/Thurs 12:35-1:05	Room 408
Period 4	Tues/Wed/Thurs 1:55-2:25	Room 408

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

Specialize in your field of interest and gain free certifications

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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



Attendance Update

If your child is going to be absent please call the school in the morning as soon as possible. If you are signing out your child throughout the day please call the school in advance so the teacher and attendance office are notified of the absence.

(905) 895-2384 ext. 183

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

POST SECONDARY FAIR 2023

OCTOBER 12, 2023



HOSTED BY :

**HURON
HEIGHTS
SECONDARY
SCHOOL**

**LOCATION:
LOWER GYM /
CAFETERIA AREA**

6:00 – 8:00 PM

**Meet with
representatives
and explore your
options !**

ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

Oct 21-22 PLUS 2 virtual events:

Tuesday, September 26 and

Wednesday, November 22

5-7 pm (ET)

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesevents.ca>

ONTARIO COLLEGES

October 18-19, 2023

Enercare Centre TO

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.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](#)



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.



2022 Sector Partner Experience (SPE) with The Town of Newmarket (facilitated by Beanstalk)

Not in SHSM?

[APPLY NOW!](#)



FREE Upcoming Events for SHSM Students

ALL SHSM FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO GUIDANCE

Oct 12	Post Secondary Fair @ Huron Heights Reach Ahead opportunity 6:00- 8:00 PM Everyone welcome	All Sectors - Bring your friends! Bring your family!
Oct 16	Metalworks Institute Tour and workshops Reach Ahead and Certification	Arts and Culture (AC) Form in Guidance Return by Oct 4
Oct 18 and 19	Ontario College Fair Reach Ahead Opportunity Enercare Centre, Toronto	All Sectors (Go on your own)
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 All Sectors Form in Guidance Return by October 13
Oct 26	Accelerated OYAP OPEN HOUSE Register in Advance	ALL SECTORS Reach Ahead
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 Additional forms available Soon
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