



***Welcome Students and Families!***

**Huron Heights Secondary School**

**Grade 8 Open House**



# Administration Team



## ADMIN TEAM



Principal: Mr. Erik Gordon

Vice Principal: Mr. Corey McArthur

Vice Principal: Ms. Alexandra Wright

# Land Acknowledgement

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

# General Information About Huron Heights

- Current School Population 1235 students
- Semestered School
- Regional Arts Program- ARTS HURON
- Largest Technology Program in York Region
- Exams in January and June
- 5 period day – 4 classes and 1 lunch period
- Daily Start Time 9:10am – Daily Dismissal 3:45pm



# WE ARE HURON

**ARTIST**

**ATHLETE**

**TECHNOLOGY**

**ACTIVIST**

**ACADEMIC**

**SKILLED  
TRADES**



**"REACH FOR THE HEIGHTS"**

**WE ARE LEADERS...**

# Student Council – What is it?

- A student elected and appointed council
- Organize events
  - Food trucks, dances and pep rally
- Promote school spirit
  - Spirit days/ weeks
- Represents the interests and concerns of the student body
- Our schools council meets once a week



# Student Council- Why Join?

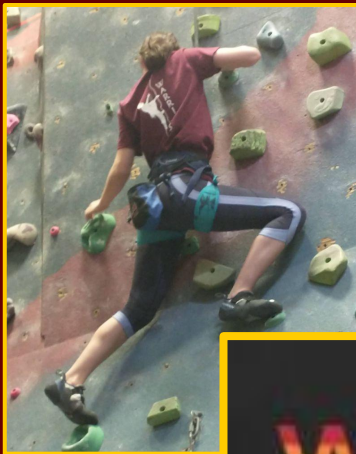
- Impact your school community
- Voice your ideas
- Gain skills
  - Leadership
  - Collaboration
  - Responsibility
  - Communication
  - Organization
  - Time Management
  - Decision Making
- It looks good when applying to Post Secondary or on a Resume!!



# WE ARE INVOLVED IN ATHLETICS AND CLUBS...







WARRIOR  
STRONG



# Huron Athletics

## FALL

Girls Basketball  
Boys Volleyball  
Boys Soccer  
7's Rugby  
Cricket  
Cheerleading  
Golf  
Cross Country  
Tennis  
Football

## WINTER

Girls Volleyball  
Boys Basketball  
Girls Hockey  
Boys Hockey  
Badminton  
Curling  
Rock Climbing  
Ski & Snowboard  
Swimming

## SPRING

Track and Field  
Girls Rugby  
Boys Rugby  
Baseball  
Slo-Pitch  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Mountain Biking  
Girls Soccer

Sport is for EVERYONE. We are one of the only schools in York Region to run almost every sport offered!

# Huron Councils/Student Groups/Clubs

Athletic Council  
Book Club  
Drama Club  
Healthy Schools  
Improv Club  
Music Council  
Film Club  
Fitness Club  
Outdoors Club  
Peace Club



**EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS**



**STEAM CLUB**



Peer  
Ambassadors  
President Arts  
Council  
PRIDE/GSA  
STEAM Club  
Student Council  
Tech Crew  
Visual Arts  
Council  
Youth Alive



**WE ARE ACTORS, ARTISTS  
DANCERS & MUSICIANS...**

# The Arts at Huron

We offer more courses in the Arts that any other school in York Region.

Students may be involved in either the Mainstream Arts Program or in Arts Huron Regional Arts Program.

Both programs offer students rich hands on experiences including: field trips, workshops, performance and exhibition opportunities, & arts community

Programs include:  
Dance, Music, Theatre and Visual Arts



# Explore your creative side

Consider taking  
classes in the  
arts:

Animation, Art & Self,  
Ballet, Concert Choir,  
Drawing, Fashion &  
Textiles, FNMI Arts,  
Guitar, Illustration,  
Jazz Band, Media Arts,  
Painting, Photography,  
Portfolio, Visual Arts,  
Vocal Music, Yearbook  
Design





# Arts in Action



**We are Academics...**

# HURON GRADS & HONOUR STUDENTS

## Out of 363 POTENTIAL GRADUATES(2023/24):

- Over **300** students this year are eligible to apply to College.
- Approximately **200** students are eligible to apply to University.



## HONOUR ROLL GRADES 9-11 & Ontario Scholars

- Over **400** Students had an overall average over 80%
- **130** Grade 12s Graduated in June of 2023 with 80% or higher

**We are SKILLED...**

# Skilled Trades @ HURON

- Largest Technology Department in the YRDSB
- Over 40 sections (classes) that are related to skilled trades
- 6 different Skilled Trade Disciplines including: Aesthetics & Hairstyling, Construction, Hospitality, Precision Machining, Transportation, Welding,
- 20+ OYAP Students Registered or planning for semester 2 at Huron
- 1/3 of COOP Students requesting a Skilled Trades Placement





# TECH... We've Got you Covered



**What you need to know...**

# Bring Your Own Device

## HHSS One-To-One Digital Technology Program

- All incoming Grade 9 students will be required to **bring in their own wifi enabled device (i.e Chromebook, Laptop)** to use as part of an enhanced blended learning environment.
- The decision to adopt a one-to-one Digital Technology Program is driven by the desire to support the promotion of productive, lifelong learning.
- A one-to-one computing environment has a positive effect on student learning as it puts students more in control of their own education.
- One of the biggest benefits is the ability to connect student learning with real world applications.

**CONSUMERS  
OF  
TECHNOLOGY**



- **PURPOSE:** To improve student learning and engagement and to teach students how to be critical thinking **CREATORS *with*** technology rather than passive **CONSUMERS *of*** technology.

# Huron Heights Website

Huron Heights S.S.	School Information	News & Events	Departments	Students	Parents	ARTS Huron	Guidance	Library	School Council
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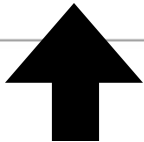
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## Welcome to Grade 9

# Grade 8 Information

Welcome Grade 8 Students and Families. We are so glad that you are joining us, and look forward to with you all the great programs and experiences that Huron Heights has to offer!





# What Do I Need To Know About Secondary School?



Q Hi, what are we looking for today?

I'd like to...

Select Language

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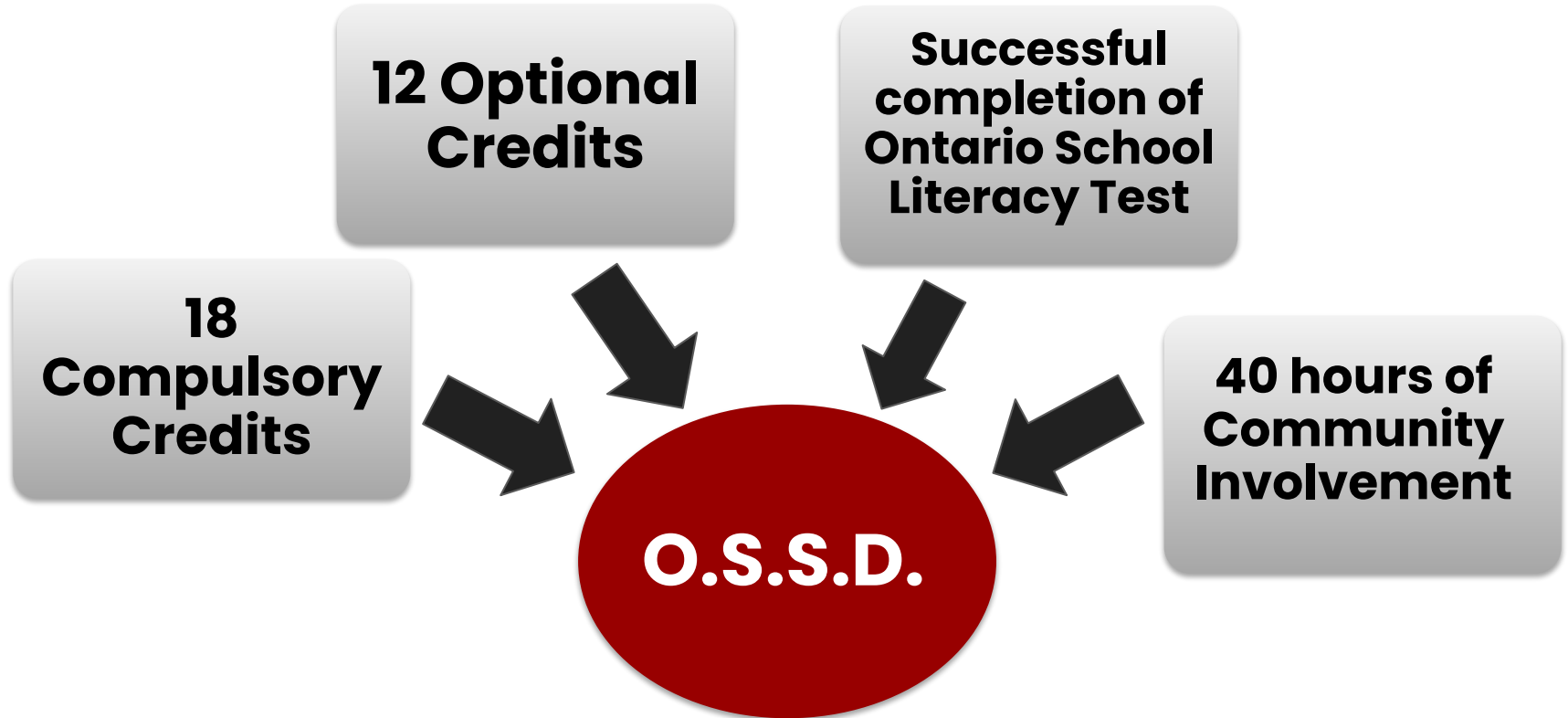
What Families Want to Know  
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## Experience Secondary School

Welcome to secondary school! Our [secondary schools](#) offer a high-quality education, welcoming environments and a [range of opportunities](#) for students to explore their interests and gain new skills.

It is important to us that all of our students feel valued, respected and supported. There are many people, supports and resources available to help you make the transition and be successful in secondary school.

# O.S.S.D. Requirements



# Group 1,2 &3 Compulsory Credits

## Group 1

**1 additional credit in English, or  
French as a Second Language,  
or**

**a Native Language, or**

**a Classical or an International  
Language, or**

**Social Sciences and the  
Humanities, or**

**Canadian and World Studies,  
or**

**Guidance and Career  
Education (including Learning  
Strategies), or**

**Cooperative Education\***

## Group 2

**1 additional credit in  
Health and Physical  
Education, or**

**Business Studies, or**

**the Arts (music, art,  
drama, dance), or**

**French as a Second  
Language or**

**Cooperative  
Education\***

## Group 3

**1 additional credit in  
science (grade 11 or  
12) or**

**Technological  
education (grades  
9-12), or**

**French as a Second  
Language or**

**Computer Studies or**

**Cooperative  
Education\***



# How to Read Codes

## How to Read Course Codes

Every course in an Ontario Secondary School has a six-character course code. A code can be broken down as follows:

**E**

**N**

**L**

3 letters identify the subject

The first letter represents the course's department area: A=Arts, B=Business, C=Canadian and World Studies, E=English, F=French, G=Guidance and Career Education, H=Humanities and Social Sciences, L=International Languages, M=Mathematics, S=Sciences, T=Technology

**1**

# reflects grade

1 = Grade 9  
2 = Grade 10  
3 = Grade 11  
4 = Grade 12

**W**

Letter shows course type

### Grade 9

W = Destreamed  
D = Academic  
L = Locally Developed  
O = Open

**1**

A number to distinguish a course program or different sections.

### Grade 10

D = Academic  
P = Applied  
L = Locally Developed  
O = Open

### Grade 11/12

U = University  
M = University/College  
C = College  
E = Workplace  
O = Open

Course Type	Details
<b>DESTREAMED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered in the following course for 2023-24: English, Math and science</li> <li>Class Max 25</li> <li>Additional compulsory courses may be offered as destreamed for next year</li> </ul>
<b>ACADEMIC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered in the following compulsory courses: Science, Math (gr.10), French, Geography, History (Grade 10)</li> <li>Maximum class size of 29</li> </ul>
<b>OPEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offered in the following compulsory courses: Physical Education, Arts, Civics/Careers and all remaining grade 9&amp;10 electives</li> <li>Maximum class size of 28 (exception Technology courses 22)</li> </ul>
<b>LOCALLY DEVELOPED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be offered in the following compulsory courses: Science, Math, English, Geography and History (Grade 10)</li> <li>Maximum class size of 16</li> <li>Placement determined through an IPRC meeting</li> </ul>

# Grade 9 Compulsory Courses

**Academic**

**Geography  
French**

**Locally  
Developed**

**English  
Math  
Science**

**Destreamed**

**English  
Math  
Science**

**Open**

**Health and  
Physical  
Education**

# Grade 9 French

- Students require one French credit to graduate
- If a student has an IEP and has completed French instruction in elementary school, they must Grade 9 Academic French
- Students who have not been enrolled in regular French instruction in elementary school or have fewer than 600 hours of French instruction, may wish to complete the beginner French course – FSF101
- A student who is new to Canada may also qualify to study FSF101 (no prior French instruction)
- If students are in Learning Strategies and the Arts Huron Program, then these students may choose to take French/Physical Education/Geography in their Grade 10 year.

# Grade 9 Optional Courses

*All other selections for Grade 9 will be from the Open type courses. The electives to choose from vary from school to school. **The following departments offer courses for Grade 9 students:***

- Dance
- Drama
- Music – Instrumental and Vocal
- Business
- Social Sciences (Family Studies)
- Technological Studies– Includes
- Construction, Design, Transportation, Manufacturing, Hairstyling & Aesthetics
- Visual Arts or Indigenous Art

**Note:** Elective courses are often at the Open pathway in grade 9 & 10 however in grade 11 and 12 pathways include College and University courses.

# The Grade 10 Literacy Test

- A Diploma requirement. Typically administered during your grade 10 year



- A test based on language and communication (reading and writing) expectations of curricula up to and including grade 9
- Accommodations, deferrals and exemptions may be appropriate for some students
- If the standard is not met in the first attempt, schools will provide support; test is re-administered until student successfully completes the test or the Grade 12 Literacy Course

# Community Involvement

- A diploma requirement
- Encourages civic responsibility, promotes community values and reinforces importance of volunteerism
- Complete 40 hours before graduation
- Can start in summer of grade 8
- Must obtain approval before starting involvement
- Student responsibility to keep record of activities
- Guidelines and forms will be provided to help track community involvement
- A great way to explore career interests



# New Online Graduation Requirements

Students must earn at least two online learning credits to get their Ontario Secondary School Diploma. **These courses are completely asynchronous, meaning there is *no* teacher instruction.**

## Opting Out

Students may opt out of the online learning graduation requirement during course selection time through My Pathway Planner (myBlueprint).

Alternatively, parents who wish to opt out or exempt their child from the online graduation requirement may complete the opt out form available from their child's school.



# Tech Credit Graduation Requirements

**NEW**

## NEWS RELEASE

### Ontario Preparing Students for Jobs of the Future

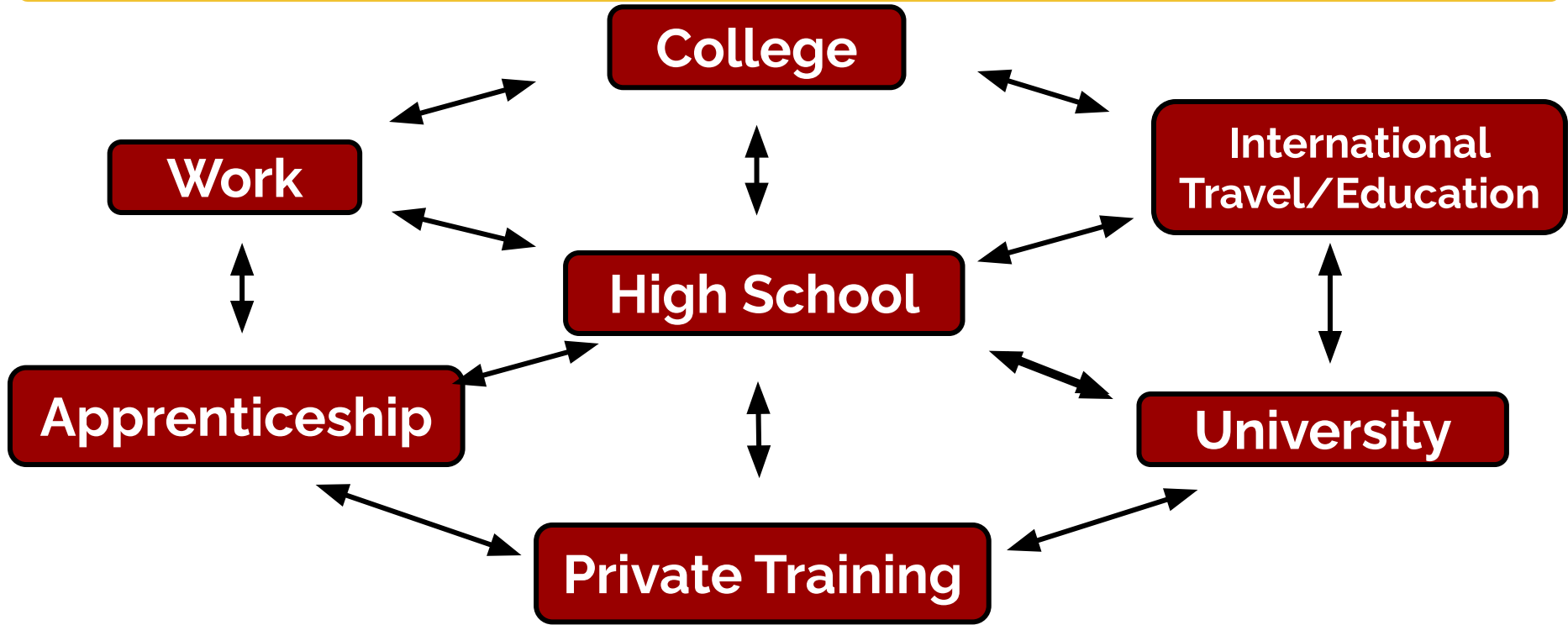
Mandatory high school graduation requirement will empower students with early exposure to technological education and skilled trades

March 10, 2023

MISSISSAUGA —The Ontario government is implementing a new high school graduation requirement to help better prepare students across our province for the jobs of tomorrow. Starting with students entering Grade 9 in September 2024, all students will now be required to earn a Grade 9 or 10 Technological Education credit as part of their Ontario Secondary School Diploma.

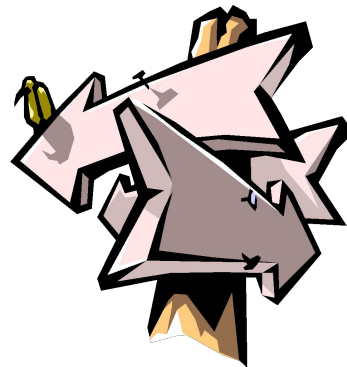
**MORE INFORMATION TO COME!!!!**

# Course and Post-Secondary Pathways are Flexible



# Possible Opportunities at Huron

- Alternative Education
- Exploring Opportunities Program
- Cooperative Education
- Social Justice Certificate
- Special Education
- Specialist High Skills Majors
- Dual Credit
- Arts Huron



# Students Receiving Special Education Supports

- Students will receive support according to the needs outlined in their Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Students receive accommodations not modifications in regular programming such as extra time, chunking etc.
- For students needing modifications please reach out to our special education department.



# How to be Successful in High School

**Every student** deserves a good outcome:

- Be an Active Participant
- Plan Ahead- but don't be afraid to change the plan
- ATTENDANCE is key!!
- Take advantage of your opportunities while in high school

# Course Selection/Registration

How to Register:



<https://bit.ly/HHSSregistration>

# Course Selection/Registration

**Students Currently Attending a Non-YRDSB Elementary School (i.e. private school, Catholic Board, home schooled):**

**Registration paperwork and course selections:**

- typically due at the beginning of February
- exact date still to be determined by the school Board
- please monitor the Huron website for updated information

**Transfer requests:**

- required for students living outside our boundaries
- Check Board website – School Locator – to determine home school
- If HHSS is not your home school a transfer form will also be due at the time of submitting registration documents
- Bussing is **not** provided for transfer students

**Important to engage in early conversations with Gr 8 teachers if you are unsure about the appropriate course types to select.**

# Important Dates

- **Transfers:**

Feb 2, 2024 – Transfer Forms due to your Elementary School– Your teacher may request these are submitted to them at an earlier date.

Feb 13th – transfer acceptance – will receive call

- **Arts Huron:**

Feb 1st – Arts Huron Decision Emails Sent

Feb 5th (by 9 a.m.) – Must notify us of your decision re: Arts Huron Acceptance

- **Course Selections:**

Feb 16th – Course Selection

Feb 23rd – Course Selections submitted in your Pathway Planner





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## **My Pathway Planner**

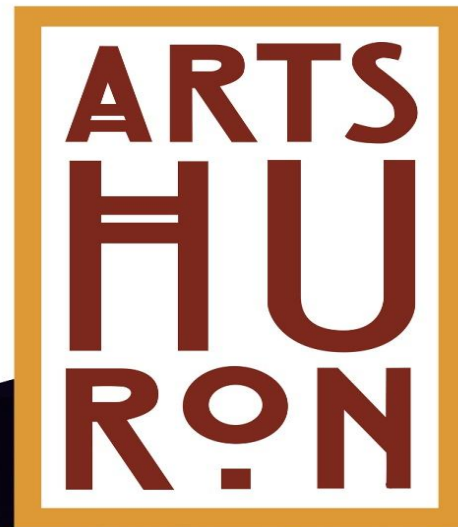
Tool helps Grade 7–12 students explore course selection, career options, and postsecondary planning.

Course Selection for students currently enrolled in the public system will be completed using the Pathway Planner.

All other students will be required to complete a paper/electronic copy of the course selection and submit these to Huron. Specific details are available on the Huron website.

# Arts Huron Information Night

November 28th, 2023  
6:30-8:30pm



A York Region Arts Program offering Dance, Drama, Music, Theatre Technology, and Visual Arts. Earn your high school diploma at one of York Region's most dynamic high schools.

# Have Further Questions?

Visit the Guidance Office tonight for information or questions regarding:

- Registration/transfer
- Bussing
- Program or Course Information
- The Pathway Planner
- Planning Pathways
- Anything Student Specific
- Contact info for future questions

# Remainder of Evening

All other students and families, using the brochure provided, please circulate around the school. This is an excellent opportunity to become familiar with:

- our unique building
- diverse student population
- the variety of programming available
- supportive staff & students

The Peer Helpers will be available in the hallways to answer any questions, provide directions.

Refreshments will be available in the front foyer & outside the cafeteria (courtesy of the Huron Bistro program).

Department/ Group	Room(s)	Department/ Group	Room(s)
Business	Not Available this evening	Guidance Library	Room 305 Room 335
Coop	Room 328	Math	4th Floor
Computers	Room 407	Music	Instrumental Music - Room 203 Vocal Music - Room 204
Drama Dance	Room 231 Room 225	Physical and Health Education/ Athletics	Volleyball and Badminton-Upper Gym Fitness Room Football Team- Main Foyer
English/Literacy	Room 348	Science	Room 105
English Second Language	Room 422	Special Education/ Student Success	Room 311
Family Studies	Room 318	Visual Arts	Room 239 Media Arts and Animation -Room 214
French  Geography & History	Room 414  Room 424 with the PEACE Club	Technology Studies	Construction- 205 Design- 211 Hair Styling/ Aesthetics- 233 Healthcare 215 Hospitality - 234 Manufacturing - Precision Machining - 215 Manufacturing - Welding - 224 Transportation - 221



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