



PARENT BULLETIN

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ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Parents/Guardians are reminded to report all late or absent notices to the Attendance Office by calling 905-294-1886, option 1 or emailing markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca .
Should your student be absent for more than 3 days, an extended absence form must be signed by each subject teacher, parent/guardian and the Vice-Principal prior to leaving for the extended absence.

Week of April 1-5, 2019

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| Monday, April 1st | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Spring Candy Grams sales starting today in the Blue Zone & continuing April 2, 3, 4, 8 & 9—Ms. Derlick |
| Tuesday, April 2nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 12 Graduation Information Assembly—9:35 am to 10:50 am, in cafetorium |
| Wednesday, April 3rd | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 9 Band Trip to Washington DC departs. Returning April 7th—Mr. SimmonsEuclid Math Contest 9:35 am to 12:10 pm in room 213— Mr. Raffoul |
| Thursday, April 4th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jr. & Sr. Boys Rugby team to Seneca Newnham Campus, leaving MDHS at 7:15 am, leaving location at 4:45 pm - Mr. SewellSr. Badminton team to St. Brother André CHS, leaving MDHS at 7:45 am, leaving location at 3:00 pm - Ms. LiuUltimate team to Aurora Dome, leaving MDHS at 8:00 am, leaving location at 3:00 pm - Ms. MorrisonParent-Teacher Interview Night (appointments must be pre-booked on EDSBY) - 6-8 pm |
| Friday, April 5th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">SHSM group to Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center for Holocaust Studies, leaving MDHS at 8:30 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm - Mr. Weinstein |

Week of April 8-12, 2019

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| Monday, April 8th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Jr. Badminton team to Father McGivney, leaving MDHS at 7:35 am, leaving location at 3:00 pm - Ms. LiuWilderness Club to Camp Kawartha, leaving MDHS at 8:00 am, leaving location on April 10th at 1:15 pm—Mrs. SebastianNo Grade 10 Field Trips due to Civics/Careers Summatives (Apr. 8-16) |
| Tuesday, April 9th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Student Advisory Council Election Nominations DueSr. Badminton team to Bur Oak S.S. for Finals, leaving MDHS at 7:30 am, leaving location at 3:00 pm - Ms. Liu |
| Wednesday, April 10th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fryer, Galois & Hypatia Math Contests, 8:10 am to 9:25 am in room 213—Mr. Raffoul |
| Thursday, April 11th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Music hosting Area East Band, 8:10 am to 10:30 in cafeteria—Mr. CaswellSHSM group to Markham-Stouffville Hospital P.A.R.T.Y program, leaving MDHS at 8:15 am, leaving location at 3:00 pm—Mr. WeinsteinSchool Council Sub-Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm in the Library |
| Friday, April 12th | |
| Saturday, April 13th | <ul style="list-style-type: none">♦ Significant Faith Day Vaisakhi |



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Message from Guidance

Any grade 12 student who has outstanding community hours is asked to submit all missing hours as soon as possible. If hours still need to be completed, please come to the Guidance office or begin looking for volunteer opportunities. If you need help, please come to the Guidance office.

A few friendly reminders for students volunteering:

- Ensure you are getting pre approval before beginning the volunteer opportunity
- What other boards consider as acceptable hours may not be valid in York Region
- Only “not for profit” opportunities are acceptable
- If an organization or company tells the student they will receive hours, it is best to get pre approval in order to avoid any potential issues.
- Volunteer hours cannot take place during class time or during school hours.

Any Grade 12 students not returning to MDHS should submit their yellow Not Returning From to Guidance if they have not already.

Summer School

Summer School information should be available on the YRDSB website in the coming week.

Students should consider consulting with their guidance counselor regarding summer school courses regarding:

1. Eligibility
2. The process if they have already selected their desired summer school course for next September
3. Informing their counselor if registering for an e-learning course as counselors must know to provide the required approval (if the student is eligible for that course).

Summer School

Eligible Students: Grades 9 to 12

Acceleration - July 3 to 26 (Bussing is not provided)

Youth Innovation by Design (IDC4U or IDC4O)

Reinforcement (Only for students who have not successfully earned the credit) -Session 1, July 3 to 15; Session 2, July 16 to 26

Students must use myPathway Planner to register online <https://mypathwayplanner.yrdsb.ca/>

Students should reference the My Pathway Planner and Secondary Online Course Selection

Summer School e-learning

Eligible Students: Grades 10 to 12

Program Dates: July 2 - 25

Home School Responsibility: Students registered in day school require confirmation from their home school Guidance department to be fully registered. The confirmation request is initiated by the student.

Registration Dates: April 5 to June 27.

Registration through <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/Pages/default.aspx>

Message from SHSM

Students are encouraged to CHECK their Gapps email as well as the SHSM bulletin board outside of guidance for new and exciting opportunities.

Students need to pick up permission forms for field trips in guidance and return them to guidance with the appropriate signatures in a timely manner.

As well, students are expected to attend field trips that they commit to, unless there are extenuating circumstances as we must commit numbers and payment for many of these trips prior to attending.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the following PLANNED FIELD TRIPS FOR 2019:

- April 5: (Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre) Non-Profit
- April 17: University of Guelph-Humber (Health & Wellness & Non-Profit): Hands-on activity in a CSI Lab
- April 19: (Markham Stouffville Hospital P.A.R.T.Y. Program) Health & Wellness & Non-Profit
- April 25: (Second City) Customer Service & Communication Skills training (available to all SHSM students)

Possibly more to come!

A reminder to all Grade 12 SHSM students to check that you are in a position to earn your Red Seal.

If you are missing a certification, there is still time to earn them.

If you are missing other SHSM requirements (e.g. courses), inquire to see if you are able to complete these requirements. Keep in mind that some colleges and universities (e.g. Brock, University of Guelph-Humber) offer scholarships to students in SHSM who complete their Red Seal.

Grade 10 students interested in registering for SHSM for next year, feel free to speak to Mr. Weinstein for information or visit:

<https://www.mdhscop.com/> (there is a direct link to SHSM and the application)

or use the bit.ly shown below.

Students are encouraged to complete their applications for next year and may participate in some of the activities scheduled for this year.

1. bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp
2. Complete the application and submit
3. Print from your gapps email
4. Obtain parent/guardian signature and return



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Message from Slam Poetry

On Friday March 22nd MDHS Slam Poetry team members Sydney Baxter, Erum Naqvi, Hannah Flores, Ali Jafri and Benson Zhang competed at the YRDSB Slam Poetry Semi Finals hosted by Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School. Once again, the team was amazing and placed first, advancing to the Finals which will take place next month, and will be hosted by MDHS. Amazing work, team!

Business Department News

City of Markham Business Opportunities:

Young Entrepreneurs, Make your Pitch, Markham Business Plan Competition, and Ontario Summer Company. These opportunities are aimed at fostering youth entrepreneurial spirit.

Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition:

Each semester the University of Waterloo holds a financial literacy competition which is open to students who have or are currently enrolled in BBI2O1 - Introduction to Business. The contest which will be held on May 14, 2019, during school hours is open to Grade 9, 10 and 11 students and offers prizes at two levels; Junior (Grades 9 and 10) and Senior (Grade 11). Students will be challenged with 60 questions (primarily multiple choice, sort/match/rank, fill in the blank) in 60 minutes covering financial literacy topics in the areas of accounting, economics, investing, banking, budgeting and income management, credit, home ownership, post-secondary education financing and financial safety and ethics.

The University of Waterloo offers on-line quizzes and workbooks that can be used by students independently to help them prepare for the competition. If your child is interested in competing please have them see Mrs. Lovell.

Message from DECA

DECA's International Career Development Conference is from April 25-May 2 in Orlando, Florida. Markham DHS has 9 DECA members representing our school and DECA-Ontario at this competition.

This is a reminder to all competitors of the mandatory training session:

Saturday, April 6 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Payal Banquet Hall
3410 Semenyk Ct., Mississauga

Student Council Elections for 2019 - 2020: Important Dates

If your son or daughter is interested in getting involved with Student Council next year, here are some very important dates for you. Please note that prospective candidates must attend one of the information sessions as the application process has changed from last year. A description of all SAC positions will be made available to prospective candidates.

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| March 28 th Period 3 – room 203 Period 4 – room TBA After school – room 203 March 29 th Period 3 – room 203 After school – room 2003 | Information sessions for students interested in running for a position on the 2019 - 2020 Student Council. Attendance at ONE session is mandatory so students can pick up forms and go over rules and expectations. |
| April 9 th | Election nomination forms are due to the Teacher Advisors by 3pm. NO EXTENSIONS |
| April 12 th – 26 th | Candidates must get posters + campaign events approved by their Vice Principal. Do not photocopy posters until you have approval! |
| April 29 th | Copies of speeches and videos are due to Teacher Advisors by 3:00 pm. NO EXTENSIONS |
| May 6 th – 9 th | Blitz Week – candidates running for elected positions campaign this week. |
| Date TBA | Interviews after school for candidates applying for an appointed position. Interview schedule will be posted the week before. |
| May 9 th | Mandatory dress rehearsal after school for all elected candidates. |
| May 10 th | Election assemblies & voting by students. |

If you or your son / daughter have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the SAC Teacher Advisors:

Mr. Macdonald
Ms. Llaneta
Mr. Raffoul
Ms. Diceman



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School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be **region-wide** meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. **If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.**

A bus cancellation message will be available at www.schoolbuscity.com, by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

RADIO

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| 590 AM | 640 AM | 680 AM | 860 AM | 1010 AM | 1050 AM |
| 1540 AM | 1580 AM | 88.5 FM | 89.9 FM | 92.5 FM | 93.1 FM |
| 94.9 FM | 95.9 FM | 97.3 FM | 98.1 FM | 99.1 FM | 99.9 FM |
| 101.1 FM | 102.1 FM | 104.5 FM | 100.7 FM | 105.9 | 107.1 FM |

TELEVISION

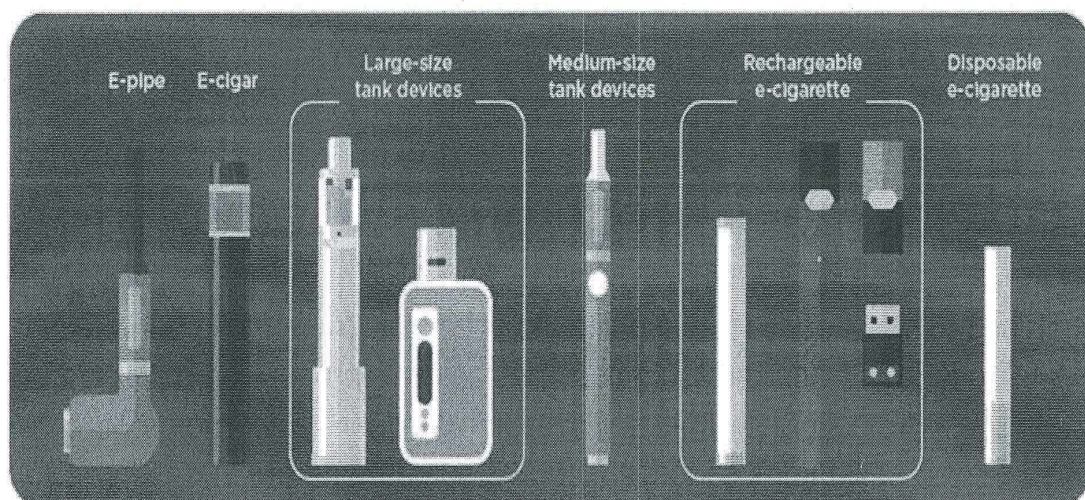
CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

York Region Vaping Information Sessions

Acknowledging the growing issue of vaping in our schools and the health risks associated with e-cigarettes and vaping, Caring and Safe Schools and York Region Public Health are hosting Vaping Information Sessions for families and members of your school communities.

The session will discuss:

- What are vapes and e-cigarettes?
- Why do youth vape and try e-cigarettes?
- What are the negative health effects of vaping?
- Vaping and the law and school progressive discipline



Two sessions are available:

April 15, 2019, 7PM at Vaughan Secondary School

April 29, 2019, 7PM at Newmarket High School

To register, please RSVP by April 8 using bit.ly/aprilvaping.

Our Board is committed to creating and maintaining caring, safe and inclusive environments that support the social and emotional well-being of all our students and employees. As outlined in the Board Plan (BIPSA): Mental Health and Addictions Strategy, schools are ideal settings for mental health promotion, addiction awareness education, resiliency development, and connecting those in need to care pathways.

If you have any questions about these presentations, please contact Dawn Laliberte, Principal of Caring and Safe Schools, or John Shep, Caring and Safe Schools Consultant.



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Support the School Council Markham District High School

MDHS School Council is accepting donations throughout the school year. So it's never too late, and we will be tremendously thankful for your monetary contribution.

In the past your contributions were very helpful for the following ...

Ensuring inclusiveness by supporting students requiring financial assistance for school events.

Organizing parent/student expert information sessions re: cyber safety, social media and student wellness.

Displaying signage encouraging awareness re: transportation to and from school.

Your support of the **MDHS School Council** is needed to ensure we can continue to improve student learning and to develop a shared sense of accountability for the public education system among both parents and educators. While we continue to support the above initiatives, we also need funds to assist with school safety initiatives and technology.

Your donation can be made through School Cash Online. In the "Gift Information" section, please ensure you select "MARKHAM D.H.S.-E404" to ensure the funds are allocated to the **MDHS School Council**.

To make a donation, please click the 'Make Donation' icon in Cash online screen and follow the instructions.

You will be provided with a tax receipt for your donation over \$ 25.00, as the Board is a registered Canadian Charitable organization.