



PARENT BULLETIN

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<http://www.markhamdistrict.hs.yrdsb.ca>

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 15-19, 2019

- Cabaret Ticket Sales in the Blue Zone (10:55 am to 1:35 pm)
- Relay4Life Registration Booth in the Blue Zone Periods 3&4 until April 17th

Monday, April 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Girls Flag Football Team to Father McGivney for all day Tournament, leaving at 7:50 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm—Mr. Hartsliel • Safe Prom Assembly during period 1 in cafeteria—mandatory for all senior students planning to this year’s MDHS Prom—Ms. Towns • York Region Public Health Vaping Information Session 7:00 pm at Vaughan S.S (see attached flyer)
Tuesday, April 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 10 Civics and Careers Turnaround Day • Senior Girls Flag Football Team to Father McGivney for all day Tournament, leaving at MDHS at 7:50 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm—Mr. Hartsliel • Alliance group to Bur Oak SS, leaving MDHS at 3:15 pm, leaving location at 8:00 pm - Mr. Stetina
Wednesday, April 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Match Information Booth in the Blue Zone, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm—Mrs. Etcheverry • SHSM to Guelph Humber, leaving MDHS at 8:30 am, leaving location at 2:30 pm—Mr. Weinstein • Room #113 students delivering the Spring Candy Grams—Ms. Derlick
Thursday, April 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track & Field Team to York University, leaving MDHS at 7:30 am, leaving location at 4:30 pm - Mr. Morris • Music Cabaret Night 7:00 pm-9:00 pm in cafeteria—tickets \$10 each in advance, \$15 at the door—Mr. Caswell
Friday, April 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ♦ Significant Faith Day—Good Friday (Western) - No Classes—School Closed

Week of April 22-26, 2019

Monday, April 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ♦ Significant Faith Day—Easter Monday (Western) - No Classes—School Closed
Tuesday, April 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Match Clinic in Library 9:00 am to 2:00 pm—Mrs. Etcheverry • Prom ticket sales begin in School Cash Online • Library participation in ‘Hot Docs Canadian International Film Festival’ ‘til May 7: 10 films to choose from • Gr.12 Grad “Artscape” Art Show at McKay Art Centre, Opening Night 5:00-7:00 pm and on ‘til April 28—Ms. Rosalle
Wednesday, April 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Thursday, April 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester 2 Mid-Term Report Cards distributed in Homeroom. Student without a homeroom (lunch or study hall first period), can pick up their report card in the main office. • Jr. Boys & Girls Badminton team to playoffs at Richmond Hill HS, leaving MDHS at 7:20 am, leaving location at 3:00 pm—Ms. Liu • Drama to Second City, leaving MDHS at 9:30 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm—Ms. Duncan • University of Toronto National Biology Competition P5 (1:30 pm-2:45 pm) in room 256—Ms. Bulmer • DECA ICDA in Orlando, FL (Apr. 25-May 2) - Mrs. Webber • School Council Presents: “Cannabis” Parent Information Session 7:00—8:30 pm in the Library—see flyer on page 6 of this bulletin for further details.
Friday, April 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ♦ Significant Faith Day—Holy Friday (Eastern)



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Message from Guidance

“Course verifications were sent out on Thursday, April 11 and they need to be returned to guidance no later than **Thursday, April 18** if changes need to be made. Please note this will be the last opportunity to make changes to your Student’s courses for the upcoming academic year (2019/20).”

Students with period 1 spare/lunch can pick up their course verification in the guidance office.

Summer School

Summer School information is available on the YRDSB website.

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

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 for in-class summer school: <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

Students can find out about course offering and register for summer e-learning using the following: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Summer-Registration.aspx>.

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).

Key information for summer school:

EMAIL ADDRESS

Applications that include inappropriate email addresses will NOT be processed. Include an alternate email address with a different provider on the application. If your primary email address is with **hotmail**, provide an alternate with **gmail** or another email provider.

ATTENDANCE

In person attendance for all MANDATORY face-to-face activities at the scheduled date, time and location is required. No exceptions allowed for MANDATORY events.

TIME COMMITMENT and Dates

A minimum of 8-10 hours of study time per day is required.

1 course = 8-10 hrs/DAY

At most **1 full credit course** may be taken during the summer session.

Mandatory exam attendance in person at Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning on:

July 11, 2019 3:00 - 4:30 PM for Session 1 CHV2O & GLC2O,

July 23, 2019 3:00 - 4:30 PM for Session 2 CHV2O & GLC2O and

July 23, 2019 3:00 - 4:30 PM for all full credit courses.



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Message from SHSM

Students should CHECK their Gapps email as well as the SHSM bulletin board outside of guidance for exciting opportunities.

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

Students are expected to attend field trips that they commit to unless there are extenuating circumstances. Please contact me if that is going to be the case!

Students who do not attend may be preventing other students from participating in that opportunity!

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

April 11: Markham Stouffville Hospital P.A.R.T.Y Program (Health & Wellness & Non-Profit)

April 17: University of Guelph-Humber (Health & Wellness & Non-Profit): Hands-on activity in a CSI Lab

April 24: TIFF (Document in a Day) - (Arts & Culture & Non-Profit): There are a few spaces available

April 25: (Second City) Customer Service & Communication Skills training (available to all SHSM students)

April 30: Copperwood Trail "Equine Assisted Learning" (Health & Wellness & Non-Profit)

May 6: Concussion Management - pm only

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, time is running out 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, McMaster) 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.mdhsco-op.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](https://www.mdhsco-op.com/)
2. **Complete the application and submit**
3. **Print from your gapps email**
4. **Obtain parent/guardian signature and return**

Centreline Flexible Sign Program in School Zones

Please be advised that the City will be initiating its annual Centreline Flexible Sign Program at 32 school Zones across the City this spring, pending suitable weather conditions.

The Program is aimed at increasing driver awareness and reducing vehicle speeds approaching school zones. The installation of the signs narrow the travel lane and create a traffic calming effect, thereby reducing vehicle speeds as they approach the school zone on Church Street. Evaluation of prior installations has confirmed that the devices are equally effective as other traditional traffic calming initiatives.— City of Markham

Message from the Library

April is National Poetry Month. April 18th is Poem in your Pocket Day.

Students are invited to come to the Library to take a poem for your pocket or to share with a friend.

Every April on Poem in your Pocket Day, people celebrate by selecting a poem, carrying it with them, and sharing with others in person and on social media.

Visit <http://poets.ca/npm/> and <https://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/home>.

Join us in celebrating Poem in your Pocket Day this year.

The Library will be showing films from the in-school programme of the *Canadian International Documentary Film Festival* from *Tuesday, April 23 to Tuesday, May 7.*

Students may attend with a class or may sign up individually during their lunch or when they have a spare. The films to be shown are:

- Finding Vivian Maier
- Inventing Tomorrow
- Nellie Bly Makes the News
- Soul on Ice: Past, Present and Future
- Soundtrack for a Revolution
- The Staging Post
- What Tomorrow Brings
- Standing Rock, Part 1: Sacred Water
- Standing Rock, part 2: Red Power.

See you in the library!



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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. Good Luck MDHS!

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.

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.



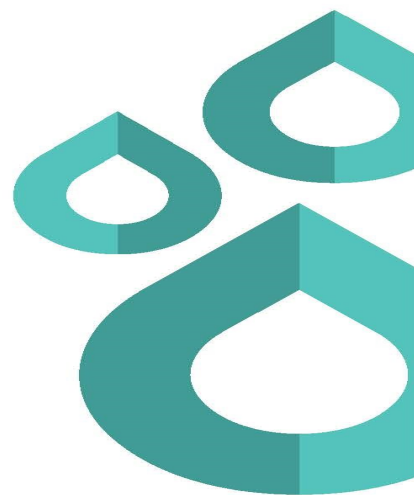
You can help patients beat the odds

About 75% of patients in Canada with life-threatening diseases like leukemia are relying on someone they have never met to save their life.

Upcoming swabbing events

Markham District High School
Library

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
10:40 am - 1 pm



Join Canada's lifeline

Register online at blood.ca/getswabbed

Kerry's Place Autism Services & Community Living York South

Present the following workshop:

Understanding Sensory Processing

Do you ever wonder how sensory needs affect people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)? Do you see or experience behaviours that just don't make sense?

It may be sensory related!

Many people with ASD process sensory information from the world around them differently from others. Come to this informative workshop to learn more about the sensory system and how it affects people with ASD every day. Come and learn how to support yourself/your child day to day, with a variety of examples and sensory strategies.

Date: Tuesday May 7, 2019

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Richmond Hill Welcome Centre
9325 Yonge St. #31a, Richmond Hill

This workshop is being offered in both English and Cantonese

If registering for the English Session, please visit www.kerrysplace.org/calendar or call 905-713-6808 ext 350

If registering for the Cantonese Session, please contact Annie Zhang, Community Support Coordinator at azhang@communitylivingyorksouth.ca or call 905-294-4971 or 1-877-737-3475 ext 382



**Markham District High School
presents**

Cannabis Parent Session

- **An overview of the drug**
- **The harms associated with use**
- **York Region data and parental strategies**
- **Resources to help their youth to delay use**

By: Substance Use Prevention & Harm Reduction
York Region Community and Health Services

APRIL • 25 • 2019
7PM - 8:30PM
at School Library

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JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCREENING OF

SCREEN AGERS

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE



Are you watching kids scroll through life, with their rapid-fire thumbs and a six-second attention span? Physician and filmmaker Delaney Ruston saw that with her own kids and learned that the average kid spends **6.5 hours a day** looking at screens. She wondered about the impact of all this time and about the friction occurring in homes and schools around negotiating screen time - friction she knew all too well.

In **SCREENAGERS**, as with her award-winning documentaries on mental health, Delaney takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through poignant, and unexpectedly funny stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, **SCREENAGERS** reveals how tech time impacts kids' development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

When: **Thursday, May 2nd from 7-9 pm**

Where: **Markham District High School
89 Church Street, Markham, L3P2M3**

Children 12 and older are welcome to accompany their parents/guardians to the screening.

Join us after the event for a question and answer session.

This event has been organized by the Markham District High School Council, supported by a Ministry of Education Parents Reaching Out grants.

Please RSVP your attendance Tuesday, April 30th to
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T5YSYKS>

Drinks and refreshments will be served.



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Student Transportation Services of York Region
320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
FAX: 905-713-2533
Web site: www.schoolbuscity.com

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

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



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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.