



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 December 3rd-7th, 2018

“Wellness Activities everyday in room 214 and Blue Zone, Periods 3 & 4” see attached flyer on page 3 of Bulletin-Mrs. Sebastian

Forms for the Holiday Run (Dec 18th) being distributed in the Blue Zone all week, Periods 2-4

Monday, December 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Boys Hockey team to Clatworthy Arena: leaving 1:00 pm, game vs. St. Roberts CHS at 2:30 pm, leaving location 4:15 pm—Mr. GasteigerGirls Hockey team hosts vs. Sir Wm. Mulock SS at 3:00 pm, at Markham Village Arena - Mr. Howard
Tuesday, December 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In-school field trip “Phototalk and Workshop”, period 2 in room 151—Mrs. FungPeer tutoring in the Library during second half of Period 3—Mrs. EtcheverrySenior Girls Tier 2 Volleyball team to Bill Hogarth S.S leaving at 2:40 pm, matches vs. Bill Hogarth SS and Middlefield CI begin at 3:30 pm., leaving 5:30 pm – Mr. BarberCurling team to Bayview Community Center leaving 2:00 pm; match vs. Sacred Heart CHS at 3:00 pm. Leaving location 5:00 pm - Mr. StewartJunior Girls Tier 1 Volleyball team to Unionville HS, leaving at 2:40 pm , matches vs. Unionville HS and Bill Crothers SS begin at 3:30 pm. Leaving location at 5:30 pm—Mr. Sareen
Wednesday, December 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">College Information Session #2, “Applying to College” in Room 164 during Period 4—Mr. BuieWaterloo Financial Literacy Competition in Room 163 during Period 5—Mrs. LovellWinter Music Concert at Markham Theatre, 7:30 pm (first evening) - advanced tickets required and can be obtained on School Cash Online
Thursday, December 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Peer tutoring in the Library during second half of Period 3—Mrs. EtcheverryJunior Girls Volleyball team to St. Jean De Brebeuf CHS, matches vs. Westmount and St. Jean De Brebeuf begin at 3:00 pm, leaving location at 5:30 pm—Mr. SareenWinter Music Concert at Markham Theatre, 7:30 pm (last evening) - advanced tickets required and can be obtained on School Cash Online
Friday, December 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Set up for First Lego League Robotics Tournament 5:00-10:00 pm—Mrs. Flowers
Saturday, December 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lego League Robotics Tournament at MDHS, 7:00 am—6:00 pm, multiple locations in school-All are welcome. - Mrs. Flowers

Week of December 10th-14th, 2018

Adopt A Youth-Angel Tree Campaign Dec. 10-17, 8:10-9:30 in Homeroom Classes–Ms. Ho and Ms. Satchi

Holiday Raffle-Project Sick Kids Dec.12-14 in the Blue Zone-Mrs. Sampson

Stress Free Holiday (students can decorate and identify stressors on paper ornaments to be put on the tree) Dec. 13-21, Period 3&4-Mrs. Barry

Monday, December 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SAC Holiday Door Decorating Contest beginsSHSM hosting Kinesiology Workshop in Library, 12:00-3:00 pm –Mr. Weinstein and Mr. FeasbyCurling team to York Community Center leaving 1:15 pm. Match vs. Bill Crothers S.S at 2:30 pm, leaving location 4:30 pm - Mr. StewartEcoMarkham Board Game Night (Fundraiser for WWF)-3:00 pm –5:00 pm in Cafeteria—Mrs. More
Tuesday, December 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Peer tutoring in the Library during second half of Period 3—Mrs. EtcheverryBoys Hockey team to Markham Centennial, leaving 1:30 pm, game vs. Bill Hogarth at 3:00 pm, leaving location at 4:00 pm— Mr. GasteigerGirls Hockey team to Aurora Community Center, leaving 1:30 pm, leaving location 4:00 pm - Mr. HowardSr. Girls Volleyball team to Stouffville DSS, leaving 2:30 pm, matches begin at 3:30 pm, leaving location 5:30 pm— Mr. BarberJr. Girls Volleyball team hosts Bayview SS & Westmount CI: matches begin at 3:30 pm—Mr. Sareen
Wednesday, December 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Swim Team to Pan Am Centre, leaving 7:30am, leaving location 4pm - Mr. FerranteCareer Fair, 8:00 am-2:50 pm in the Blue Zone—Mr. Butler“Reptilia” Presentation for Science, 8:10 am-2:50 pm in the Library—Mr. NiehJr. Boys Basketball to Richmond Gr., leaving 2:40 pm, game at 4:00 pm, leaving location 5:30 pm-Mr. Rass, ZhangSr. Boys Basketball to Unionville, leaving 3:05 pm, game at 4:00 pm, leaving location 5:30 pm - Mr. Rass & Mr. Zhang
Thursday, December 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Peer tutoring in the Library during second half of Period 3—Mrs. EtcheverryBoys Hockey team to Angus Glen Arena leaving at 1:30 pm, game vs. St. Augustine CHS at 2:30 pm, leaving location at 4:00 pm – Mr. GasteigerGirls Hockey team to Stouffville Clippers Arena leaving at 2:00 pm, game vs. Stouffville DSS at 3:00 pm, leaving at 4:00 – Mr. Howard“Artscape” Grade 12 Grad Art Show in the evening—Ms. Rosalle
Friday, December 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SAC Spirit Day & Holiday Market Fundraiser, treats for sale, all day in the Blue ZoneBBi20 Summative Project, Candy Kabob Sales, in Blue Zone,8:20 am -9:15 am (Mr. Sareen) and 1:45 pm-2:35 pm (Mrs. Sharma)Classics Club—Saturnalia, in the cafeteria, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm-Mr. McLarenStudent Athletics Association Volleyball Intermural Tournament, in the gym 3:00 pm 5:00 pm—Ms. Morrison



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Messages from Guidance

Attention all guardians/parents and students! Now is the time to make your course changes for semester 2. Courses are starting to fill up quickly, so if you're thinking of making a change, please make an appointment via TeachAssist with your guidance counselor as soon as possible. When semester 2 begins, course changes will be limited and no elective courses will be changed. Thank you, the guidance team.

A friendly reminder to all parents/guardians that the guidance office is extremely busy at times and we are not always able to accommodate "walk-ins". Please log onto TeachAssist to make an appointment to see your child's counsellor or give the office a call and we would be more than happy to make the appointment for you. Thank you for your understanding.

December 5: College Information Session #2: "Applying to College"

ATTENTION: Parents/Guardians & Students: myBLUEPRINT is here!!

Students are now able to enter the myBlueprint tool by logging in through the "My Pathway Planner" single sign-on feature on the YRDSB homepage. **Go to www.yrdsb.ca and click on "My Pathway Planner" at the top right. Students then use their Student Number and YRDSB password to gain access to myBlueprint.**

Students may begin/continue their Individual Pathway Plan (IPP) development and research. A helpful instructional PowerPoint presentation will be emailed to all students' GAPPS accounts early next week, which outlines the log in procedures and the survey tasks supporting the development of the IPP. The results of these surveys can inform students and parents/guardians of potential career opportunities and related post-secondary programs. Please note that Course Selection process has not yet begun, however, students may view their credit history in their 4 year plan using the "High School" tab feature. If you have any questions, please contact The Guidance Department or visit the Guidance page on our website.

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.

The following trips have already been scheduled with many more to come:

December 10 (Athletic Wrapping and Taping for Performance and Injury): for Arts & Culture and Health & Wellness SHSM students

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 (First Aid/CPR training will take place again in March).

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.mdhsco-op.com/> (there is a direct link to SHSM and the application).

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 the Technology Department

On Tuesday Dec 4th, we will be hosting a York Regional Skills Challenge in the automotive sector at Markham District High School. Students from several YRDSB secondary schools will be here to compete in the Skills Challenge. The challenge includes Automotive Servicing, Computer Problem solving, and a mock job interview - where an industry representative from Formula Honda will interview students and score them, much like a real job interview. It will be an exciting and busy day. Good luck to all entrants! We graciously thank Centennial College for providing us with Transportation professors as judges and Snap On Tools for providing the valuable prizes for all the participants.-Mr. Nemeth

Message from the Business Department

The Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition is being held on Wednesday December 5, 2018. The competition is an hour long on-line competition where students will compete at their home school. - Mrs. Lovell



The MDHS Wellness Class Presents...



December 3 - 7th

Drop in to Rm 214 during Period 3 and 4 for the following wellness activities:

Tuesday, December 4th: Wellness is Creativity!
Colouring and Crafts

Wednesday, December 5th: Wellness is Rest and Relaxation!
Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction

Thursday, December 6th: Wellness is Nature Connection!
Outdoor Game and Therapy Dogs

Friday, December 7th: Wellness is Letting Go of Perfection!
Paint Lounge

ALL ARE WELCOME! SEE YOU THERE!



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Hot Breakfast Program

Students are welcome to come to the cafeteria for a hot breakfast every Wednesday from 7:30 am-8:00 am.

Computer Science Club

An update on our exciting news from Computer Programming Club: the team of five students who entered the 2018 CanHack competition through RBC-Ryerson (an online cybersecurity competition developed and run by Carnegie Mellon University, in Pittsburgh, USA and featuring a series of digital challenges based on unique storylines, which challenge students to develop and demonstrate skills associated with computer hacking) and finished in 3rd place of all Canadian high schools, received their award this week. The award ceremony for these students was held on Tuesday, November 27th. Meanwhile, our club continues to meet every Tuesday after school in room 155. The club helps students develop their skills in Java and Python and prepare for the opportunity to compete in competitions such as the Canadian Computing Competition run by the University of Waterloo. Students will also get to compete against other York Region schools in the ECOO competition.—Mr. Berry

Message from Yearbook

Dear Parents/Guardians and students: Yearbooks are on sale on schoolcashionline.com. This website will be used to order the yearbook online for just \$50.00. The price will be going up January 1st, so don't miss this chance to buy your yearbook at the early bird price. Yearbook Class tirelessly collects and displays countless memories of your high school days for you to look back on later. -Mrs. Howard

School Parking

To ensure student safety, please use the "PUDO" and do not block the crosswalk when dropping off and picking up students.
Reminder, if your child is driving to school, the vehicle must be registered with the main office and a parking tag must be visible. There is no cost for the parking tag.
Thank you for your cooperation to support student safety.

Lost and Found

If your child has lost any items please have them check the large wooden box in the main office.
If they lost any small items (jewelry, keys, eye glasses), please see the receptionist in the main office to claim them.
(We still have lots of small items from last year). The athletics office also has a lost and found box. Any items not claimed by December 14th will be donated.

The Sounds of the Season

December 5th and December 6th, 2018

The staff and students of the music department at Markham District High School would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to attend our annual winter concerts on December 5th and December 6th, 2018. These two nights of concerts will feature all of Markham's performing groups in the beautiful setting of Markham Theatre. Tickets for this event are sold on a first come first served basis and will sell out quickly so be sure to order yours today. Tickets can be purchased through cash online.

Wednesday December 5th, 2018
7:30 pm

Grade Nine Concert Band
Resonance
Opus One Jazz Ensemble
Grade 11 Jazz Ensemble

Intermission

Chamber Choir
Wind Symphony
Encore – all student performers

Join us on this exciting night featuring
the combined bands, jazz ensembles
and choirs of MDHS

Thursday December 6th, 2018
7:30 pm

Grade Ten Symphonic Band
Third Stream
Monday Morning Blues Band
Grade 12 Jazz Ensemble

Intermission

Chamber Choir
Wind Symphony
Encore – all student performers

Join us on this exciting night featuring
the combined bands, jazz ensembles
and choirs of MDHS

ENGLISH • MATH • SCIENCE • FRENCH • GEOGRAPHY

Peer Tutoring

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
SECOND HALF OF PERIOD 3

Join us in
the
Library!



SCIENCE IN THE NEWS



Reptilia is coming to MDHS!

On Wednesday, December 12th, Reptilia will be coming to MDHS to provide our Gr. 10 science students with some hands-on learning experience with a wide range of reptiles. Our students will be learning about the different organs and organ systems found in these fascinating creatures and to make comparisons with our own body. If your child is taking Gr. 10 science this semester, please return all permission forms and payment of \$3 can be made on school cash online.

SHSM in Health Science

Our Specialist High Skills Major Program at Markham District has expanded into the Health and Wellness sector. This past Tuesday, we visited Durham College to explore their Science, Engineering and Technology facilities and to see the wide variety of programs offered at their campuses. Many of their programs offer joint degrees with many Ontario Universities, as well as a diversity of graduate programs in the science field. Our students were given the opportunity to attend a mini-lecture session with their professor of Microbiology and to experience post-secondary school life. For more information on our SHSM Program and post-secondary opportunities in Health Sciences, please speak to Mr. Weinstein in our Guidance Department or Ms. Ho in our Science Department.

York Region Science and Technology Fair

It's time to start planning your Science Fair projects! Join us for our annual YRDSB Science and Technology Fair information night at York University on **Wednesday, Dec. 5th** at 6:00pm to learn how to start your project and/ or take it to the next level. Hear from past competitors, judges, and organizers on how to knock your research out of this world! Learn what awards will be given out! Once our presentation is done, you are invited to participate in the York U Observatory visit and tour! For more information on Science Fair or anyone who is interested in participating this year, please contact Ms. Ho in the Science Department. Registration is required to attend the Info Night on Dec. 5th.

FROM THE MDHS LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

A list of our resources on Indigenous People is available on the Library website. The link is below.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/library/Pages/default.aspx>

An autumn scene from one of our library windows.



Another 1000-piece puzzle from our Maker Space completed by our students.



A view of some of the items in our Maker Space. Student art on our White board table.

The Multicultural Club will meet on Thursdays after school in the Library Lab. We are currently planning our Black History Month presentation which will take place in February. If you would like to help with narration, poetry, singing, dancing, Spoken Word or with technical support such as photography and video recording, please join us.



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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

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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.



Online Resources

Online Encyclopedia National Film Board



Username: dsbyork
Password: dsby7692

Create your own login

CBC Streaming Resources Naxos Music Library



Create your own login

Username dsbyorkMM
Password: dsbyorkMM

Library and Archives Canada



No login
required

Ontario Educational Resource Bank



Username: YRDSBstudent
Password: oerbs

Contact us!



Twitter

The MDHS Library has its very own Twitter account (@MDHS_Library). Follow us for all your library and school related information.



Contact Information:

Rose Gibbs (Subject Head)
Email: rose.gibbs@yrdsb.ca

Welcome to MDHS Library Learning Commons!



Library Hours

The library is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Students are welcome before school, at lunch, after school and



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Gale Online Resources

Our online resources from Gale are available. We have a number of ebooks as well as many other databases.

These databases may be accessed from the library link on the school website. Please click on ebooks/ databases and then go to the link for Gale Online Resources. They are also on the Library home page.



Gale Virtual Reference Library

The Gale Virtual Reference Library with the MDHS ebook collection is also available. The link to the Gale Virtual Reference Library is available in the list of Gale Online Resources and also on the Library Ebooks and Databases link on the website.

Password for remote access: york

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3

Borrow a book.

4

Go to your Checkouts page (under your Account). From there, click the Read or Listen button to open the book in your browser.

Questions?

Visit help.overdrive.com to learn more about getting started and for help



Transition Planning Resource Days June – December 2018

York Support Services Network (YSSN) provides resource days for families who have a relative with a developmental disability living in York Region.

A 60-minute face-to-face meeting with our transition planning case manager can assist you with:

Resources relating to transition planning:

- Transition Planning Checklist
- Information on ODSP and DSO
- Navigating and understanding the developmental services system
- Locating and accessing appropriate resources

Offered at various locations, dates and times for your convenience.

Markham: 50 McIntosh Dr., Suite 239	
August 13th November 5th	9am - 5pm 9am - 5pm
Aurora: 240 Edward St., Unit 3	
July 9th October 15th	9am - 5pm 9am - 5pm
Vaughan: 9401 Jane St., 3rd floor, Suite 301	
September 10th December 3rd	9am - 4pm 9am - 4pm

Appointments are made on a first come first served basis.

To arrange an appointment, or for more information, please contact:

905-898-6455 x2274 OR 1-866-257-4776 x2274

OR by email: cmacdonald@yssn.ca