



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 17th-21st, 2018

Special Activities This Week

Stress Free Holiday (students can decorate and identify stressors on paper ornaments to be put on the tree) Dec. 13th-21st, Period 3&4-Mrs. Barry
Champions of Change "Gift of Hope " Fundraiser Dec. 17th-21st, in the Blue Zone 10:55 am to 1:30pm- Mrs. Mantelos
Cards for Cancer Dec. 17th-21st, in the Blue Zone 9:30 am-1:30 pm -Mrs. Etcheverry
Student Success is offering extra help for Exam Preparation, Library Computer Lab Dec. 18th-20th Period 3 (see attached flyer)-Mrs. Etcheverry

Monday, December 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Locker Cleanout—during period 1—please take home any food containers and snacksCurling team to Bayview Community Centre. Match vs. Bill Crothers S.S. at 3:00 pm, leaving MDHS at 2:00 pm, leaving location 5:00 pm - Mr. StewartGirls Hockey team hosts Aurora H.S. at Markham Village Arena. Game time—3:00 pm - Mr. Howard
Tuesday, December 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grad Photo Retake day (see attached flyer for more information).Me to We Holiday Run, Period 1-3 - Mr. Caswell, Mr. Morris and Ms. DuncanWellness to Orangetherapy Fitness, leaving 12:00 noon, leaving location 2:20 pm - Mrs. SebastianBoys Hockey team hosts Alexander Mackenzie H.S. at Markham Village Arena, dismissal at 1:30 pm. Game time 2:30 pm—Mr. GasteigerSr. Girls Volleyball team to St. Brother Andre C.H.S., leaving MDHS at 2:30 pm, matches begin at 3:30 pm, leaving location at 5:30 pm - Mr. BarberMusic's Holiday Social 6:00 pm-9:00 pm in the cafeteria - Mr. & Mrs. Caswell and Mr. Simmons
Wednesday, December 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SAC Holiday Door Decorating Contest—Final JudgingJr. Girls Volleyball team to Bayview S.S., leaving MDHS at 2:30 pm, matches begin at 3:30 pm, leaving location 5:30 pm-Mr. SareenSr. Boys Basketball team to Father McGivney C.A., leaving MDHS at 3:45 pm. Game time—4:45 pm, leaving location 6:00 pm—Mr. Rass and Mr. Zhang
Thursday, December 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SAC Holiday Assembly Dress Rehearsal in the cafeteria, 3:00 pm—5:00 pm—Mr. Macdonald
Friday, December 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SAC Holiday Assembly in the cafeteria during Periods 1 and 2—Mr. MacdonaldWinter Break starts Monday, December 22nd. Classes resume January 7th.Wishing everyone a safe, happy and relaxing holiday with family and friends! All the best for a happy and prosperous 2019!



Week of January 7th-11th, 2019

Student Success is offering extra help for Exam Preparation, in the Library Computer Lab (see attached flyer for more information)

Monday, January 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Happy New Year and welcome back to school! Regular schedule of classes resume.Significant Faith Day, Eastern Christmas
Tuesday, January 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Boys Hockey team hosts Markville S.S. at Markham Village Area, leaving MDHS at 1:30 pm. Game time—2:30 pm, leaving location at 4:00 pm—Mr. GasteigerSr. Girls Volleyball team to Bur Oak S.S., leaving MDHS at 2:30 pm. Matches begin at 3:30 pm, leaving location at 5:30 pm—Mr. Barber
Wednesday, January 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last Day for field Trips for Semester 1
Thursday, January 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam Review Outlines shared with students
Friday, January 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last day for Grade 9 in-class summatives for courses with exams



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Messages from Guidance

Attention all Parents/Guardian 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.

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. The holiday break is coming up and this is a great chance to give back to your community! If you need help, please come to the Guidance office.

Any grade 12 student planning on applying to University for September 2019, the application deadline is Wednesday, January 16. Please try and get your applications completed over the holidays!

Students in grades 11 & 12 should consult with their guidance counselor if they have interest in taking a **DUAL CREDIT** course for semester 2 (limited space is available in some courses) as well as for e-learning day and night school. Students cannot take more than 4 courses in a semester!

Summer school information and registration will be published and announcements will be made once they are available (likely just after March break).

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 18 (Orange Theory Fitness: Fitness Techniques): Health & Wellness (Limited space available)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the following PLANNED FIELD TRIPS FOR 2019 (more will be added):

February 26 (Honda Formula): SHSM TRANSPORTATION (ICE Training)
March 4 & 5 (Standard First Aid/CPR/AED): All SHSM students who still require this training
March 22 (Sector Partnered Contextualized Experience at PETHS): Arts & Culture
March 29 (Heavy Equipment Trade Show): SHSM Construction and Transportation
April 5 (Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre): Non-Profit
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)

Many 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 (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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Exam Schedule

The January 2019 Exam schedule and information has been posted on our school website:

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Hot Breakfast Program

Students are welcome to come to the Blue Zone (in front of the cafeteria)
for a hot breakfast every day from 7:30 am-8:00 am.

Message from Yearbook

Dear Parents/Guardians and students: Yearbooks are on sale on schoolcashonline.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 Pick-up and Drop Off/Parking Tickets

Attention Parents/Guardians bi-law officers have increased their presence especially during busy times for drop off and pick up. They are 'photo ticketing' and will send the ticket to your home address and it is a substantial fine.

Please obey the signage to avoid getting a ticket. In addition, please do not block the crosswalk.

As the winter weather approaches, the crosswalk is salted and sanded for safety purposes and it is the only safe, accessible way to pass from the parking lot to the main entrance.

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 in advance for your cooperation to ensure our staff and students arrive safely to MDHS!

Message from the Autism Program

Last year, students in the Autism Program began weaving mats from recycled milk bags for the Canadian charity MILKBAGSunlimited. Finished mats are sent to countries recovering from natural disasters as well as to refugee camps around the world. This year a loom was placed in the school library so that any interested students could participate. A special thank you goes out to Carter Nickerson, who was instrumental in completing this mat - well done Carter!

If you would like to help support this initiative, please feel free to send in clean, dry milk bags (outer colourful bag only) to the weaving centre in the library.—Mrs. Green

News from the Technology Department

The York Regional Skills Challenge in the automotive sector at Markham District High School was an overwhelming success. Students were challenged with a front brake and suspension work, a diagnostic challenge using the latest SNAP ON OBDII tool, and an actual job interview challenge. The Formula Honda - Drive Auto Group did a fantastic job managing the interviews. Aurora High School will proceed to the next level of the challenge in a few months. Our Students Pablo Yong, Aaron Fernando, Andre Ferrari, and Manushan Giritharan performed remarkably well in the overall standings. Once again we would like to thank Snap On Tools, Formula Honda, and Centennial College for providing us with Transportation judges.



If your student rides a school bus to school, here is some important information. With the cold weather and snow coming there may be times the bus will be late or on inclement weather days the buses may be cancelled. Before calling the school, please check schoolbuscity.com, for listings of late and cancelled buses. (Please see page 6 of this bulletin for more details.)



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Attention All Grads!

Grad photos will be taken of any graduating student who missed the original photo session or those who require Retakes on **Tuesday, December 18th**.

These photos are being done by appointment only. Please come to the Main office during your lunch or spare to set up a time for your sitting. This also includes students who do not wish to buy any portraits.

All students are asked to have their grad photo taken for the Graduation Composite photo and the Yearbook.

Students who have not yet had their photo taken and wish to purchase a package must bring a \$35.00 sitting fee to the photographer at the time of the photo appointment. This includes your proofs and a 11x14 Class Composite (enclosed with your diploma package in June).

Students wishing to have their photo Retaken, must bring a \$15.00 re-sitting fee **OR** your previous proof package (with no fee).

This is the last opportunity that students will have to have their Grad Photos taken through the school for this school year.

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Peer Tutoring

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
SECOND HALF OF PERIOD 3

Join us in
the
Library!

Are you stressed about exams?

Exam Study Skills

December 13, 18, 20
January 7-23 Period 3
January 7, 8, 10, 14-16, 21-23 Period 4

Location: Library Computer Lab

From the MDHS Library Learning Commons

December, 2018



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320 Bloomington Road West
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1
905-713-2535
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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

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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.