



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

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Week of February 11-15, 2019

Monday, February 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">OBA Concert Band Festival at Le Parc, leaving MDHS either 6:45 am or 7:45 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm –Mr. CaswellCo-op/EOP to Community Education Centre North for training, leaving MDHS at 7:15 am, leaving location at 4:00 pm - Mr. ButlerCourse Selection opens at 9:00 am for all students onlineCurling team to York CC, match vs. Sir William Mulock S.S. at 2:30 pm, leaving MDHS at 1:30 pm, leaving location at 4:30 pm - Mr. Stewart
Tuesday, February 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Course Selection Fair in the Blue ZoneOBA Concert Band Festival at Le Parc, leaving MDHS at 2:30 pm, leaving location at 9:00 pm - Mr. Caswell
Wednesday, February 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">OBA Concert Band Festival at Le Parc, leaving MDHS either 6:30 am or 7:40 am, leaving location 2:30 pm - Mr. CaswellLiteracy Activity Period 1 for all Grade 10 studentsJr. Girls Volleyball Team to Middlefield C.I., leaving MDHS at 2:30 pm, matches at 3:30 pm & 4:30 pm, leaving location at 5:30 pm - Mr. Barber
Thursday, February 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">St. Valentine's Day—SAC St. Valentine's Day Festivities in the Blue Zone during Periods 3 & 4Music OBA at Le Parc, leaving MDHS either 8:30 am, 9:30 am or 2:30 pm, leaving location 1:40 pm or 9:30 pmSki and Snowboard Club to Horseshoe Valley Resort, leaving MDHS at 2:15 pm, leaving location at 8:30 pm – Mr. More
Friday, February 15th	

Week of February 18th-22th, 2019

Monday, February 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Family Day—No Classes, School Closed
Tuesday, February 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SHSM to Buttonville Airport for Forklift Training, leaving MDHS at 7:45 am, leaving location at 3:30 pm - Mr. WeinsteinCurling team to Bayview CC, match vs. Huron Heights S.S. at 3:00 pm, leaving MDHS at 2:00 pm, leaving location at 5:00 pm - Mr. StewartJr. Girls Volleyball Team to Unionville H.S., leaving MDHS at 2:30 pm, matches at 3:30 pm & 4:30 pm, leaving location at 5:30 pm - Mr. BarberSchool Council Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Library
Wednesday, February 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Course Selection Paper Sign Off Form due to Homeroom TeacherLiteracy Activity Period 2 for all Grade 10 studentsCanadian Computing Competition in room 164, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm—Mr. M. BerryCurling team to Richmond Hill C.C, match vs. Sir William Mulock S.S. at 1:00 pm, leaving MDHS at 12:00 pm, leaving location at 3:00 pm - Mr. Stewart
Thursday, February 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gr.11 Science to York University for TriSci Tournament, leaving MDHS at 7:45 am, leaving location 3:00 pm - Ms. HoRyerson DM2 Incubator Presentation in the cafeteria, Gr. 10 in Period 1 and Gr. 11 in Period 2—Mr. M. BerryArt in school 'Design Thinking-Developing a sense of Belonging' during periods 1-3 - Ms. RosalleSki and Snowboard Club to Horseshoe Valley Resort, leaving MDHS at 2:15 pm, leaving location at 8:30 pm –Mr. MoreJr. Girls Volleyball Team to Bill Hogarth S.S., leaving MDHS at 2:40 pm, matches at 3:30 pm & 4:30 pm, leaving location 5:30 pm - Mr. BarberMusic Europe Tour Information Night for Parents—6:00 pm to 8:45 pm in cafeteria-Mr. Caswell
Friday, February 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jr. Girls Volleyball Team at all day tournament to Middlefield C. I—Mr. BarberGrade 11 Music to Yorkminster Citadel, leaving MDHS at 4:45 pm, leaving location at 9:00 pm—Mrs. CaswellCourse Selection closes at 11:59 pm for all students



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Message from Director of Education

Please refer to our website regarding new communication from the Director of Education regarding possible winter weather school closures <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>

Message from Guidance

A gentle reminder that guidance will no longer be doing elective timetable changes. If your student has concerns or questions regarding their timetable, please have them come to the guidance office and we will assist them.

Our course selection assemblies happened this past week and we encourage all students and guardians/parents to start researching their course selections for the following year. If you wish to meet with your guidance counsellor, please try and make an appointment as early as possible via teach assist (please block out two slots). The deadline for all course selections are Wednesday, February 20, 2019, if you have any questions, please contact us.

Grade 12 students, if you have completed a course outside of the YRDSB, please don't forget to submit your report card in a sealed envelope in order for the mark to be reflected on your transcript. Please also submit your volunteer hours if you haven't already done so.

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.

Semester 2 night school and e-learning night school registration is now open and closes in mid-February. Students must discuss these options with their guidance counselor to ensure their eligibility

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 (more will be added):

February 19: SHSM CONSTRUCTION (Forklift Training)

February 26: (Honda Formula): SHSM TRANSPORTATION (ICE Training)

February 28: (Georgian College): SHSM NON-PROFIT & ARTS & CULTURE (Web Design & Interior Decorating)

March 4 & 5: (Standard First AID/CPR/AED) All SHSM students who still require this training

March 21: (McMaster University - Kinesiology lab) Health & Wellness

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)

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).

Students are encouraged to complete their applications for next year and will be allowed to 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 Physical Education

The Physical Education Ski and Snowboard Trip is going to Mount St. Louis on Tuesday March 5th. See your Term 1 or Term 2 Physical Education teacher for forms to sign up!

We are offering a new Gr. 11 and Gr. 12 Female Physical Education Course! This new initiative is for the Grade 11 or 12 female who wants to participate in a female only setting and enjoys new and traditional sports in a female friendly environment. Check out this new course and review all of our other Physical Education and Fitness Courses when you are selecting your course options for the 2019-2020 school year!

Hot Breakfast Program

Students are welcome to come to the Blue Zone (in front of the cafeteria) for a hot breakfast everyday 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 \$55.00. 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—By-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!

Business Department News

The following Markham sponsored Business Contests/Competitions are available to your son/daughter this semester:

- Young Entrepreneurs, Make Your Pitch 2019 - the contest challenges students to pitch their business idea in a two-minute video that will be voted on by the public and expert judges. Finalists get to present their ideas at Discovery in Toronto and receive a reserved entry into the Summer Company Program.
- Markham Business Plan Competition - students have an opportunity to develop the skills that are essential to the success of starting and running a small business. Top award recipient will receive a plaque and a scholarship of \$600.*
Ontario Summer Company Program - is a program designed to help enterprising young people start up and run their own summer business. Successful applicants will receive hands-on business training, mentorship opportunities and awards up to \$3,000.
For more information, visit msbc.markham.ca/youth.

*Several students from Markham District High School have successfully competed in the Markham Business Plan Competition

Lost and Found-Jewelry

We have some lost jewelry in the office including a Bvlgari item and a Pandora bracelet, if anyone has lost an item in the last year please come to the main office to identify.

Graduation

Attention Grade 12 students: If you have not yet purchased the graduation package on SchoolCashOnline, please do so as soon as possible.



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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

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.