



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 25-March 1, 2019

Monday, February 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Tuesday, February 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SHSM to Formula One, leaving MDHS at 8:00 am, leaving location at 3:00 pm - Mr. WeinsteinSHSM to FCAD Day at Seneca@York (at York Campus), leaving MDHS at 8:10 am, leaving location at 3:00 pm - Mr. WeinsteinMath Contests (Pascal, Cayley and Fermat), Period 1 in room 213—Mr. RaffoulCurling Quarter Finals, leaving MDHS at 1:45 pm, game at 3:00 pm at Sutton CC, leaving location 5:00 pm - Mr. Stewart
Wednesday, February 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Curling Semi Finals and Finals at Richmond Hill CC, all day - Mr. StewartLiteracy Activity Period 5—Mrs. EtcheveryOSSLT Assembly for grade 10 students in the cafeteria at 2:00 pm —Mrs. EtcheveryDeadline for Course Selection for September 2019 – Guidance Department
Thursday, February 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Black History Month CelebrationSHSM to Georgian College, leaving MDHS at 7:30 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm - Mr. WeinsteinVocal Music to Central Peel SS, leaving MDHS at 7:45 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm - Mrs. CaswellMale Black Mentorship Program to Thornlea S.S departing MDHS 9:30 am leaving location at 3:20 pm —Ms. McGillLatin team to NJCL Certamen Competition, leaving MDHS at 11:45 am, leaving location at 8:30 pm - Mr. McLarenSki & Snowboard Club to Horseshoe Valley Resort, leaving MDHS at 2:15 pm, leaving location at 8:30 pm
Friday, March 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Multicultural Club and the Markham Memory Keepers present “Freedom Road” in the Library Periods 2 and 4.Wind Symphony to GTI Festival at York University leaving MDHS at 3:15 pm, leaving location at 9:15 pm—Mr. Caswell

Week of March 4-8, 2019

Monday, March 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SHSM Standard First Aid/CPR Training (Day 1) - Mr. WeinsteinGrade 9 Music Washington DC Trip information night in the cafetorium
Tuesday, March 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Physical Education Department-Ski and Snowboard Trip to Mount St. Louie, leaving MDHS at 7:15 am, leaving location 3:30 pm-Ms. MorrisonOntario Vocal Jazz Festival at Mayfield S.S departing MDHS, 7:45 am returning 1:00 pm—Mrs. CaswellCurling Club YRAA Finals, team leaving MDHS at 11:00 am, game at 12:30 pm at Sutton Curling Club-Mr. StewartSHSM Standard First Aid/CPR Training (Day 2) - Mr. Weinstein
Wednesday, March 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Senior Music Trip to Europe departs today, returning Friday March 15 - Mr. Caswell
Thursday, March 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SAC Spirit Day— “P.J.s & Pancakes” Day—show your school spirit by wearing your school appropriate pajamas and eating some yummy pancakes in the Blue Zone during periods 3 & 4Art in school “Design Thinking-Developing a scene of Belonging” during periods 1-3 Ms. Rosalle
Friday, March 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last day of regular classes before March Break. Have a safe and relaxing break with family. Classes resume Monday, March 18th.



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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

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.

The first OUAC/OCAS transmissions have occurred, please ensure that your students marks and courses are accurately reflected.

If there are any issues, please contact your guidance counselor.

Please see the recent issue of the Scholarship Report: http://seekingscholarships.com/issue-22-the-scholarship-report-feb-2019/?mc_cid=698530fbdd&mc_cid=a3d0e6a84e

Markham District Employment Services Job and Volunteer Fair: Tuesday, March 19, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Blue Zone

Summer School

Summer school information will be posted on the YRDSB website close to March Break. Information will be posted at

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/default.aspx>

Students who are interested in YRDSB Day summer school or who require it, will need to register through myPathway planner. More information will be provided once registration is open.

Students interested in YRDSB e-learning summer school will need to register (when available) at:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Summer%20School%20e-Learning.aspx>

Students should discuss the viability of this option with their guidance counselor and they will need to let their counselor know if they are registering for a course.

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):**ing

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

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

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

(for ANY GRADE 12 SHSM student still requiring this training, this is your final opportunity to earn this at MDHS)

March 21: (McMaster University - Kinesiology lab) Health & Wellness - **There are a few spaces still available**

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) 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 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 schoolcashionline.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

Message from the Math Department

The deadline to register for the final Math Contests of the year is quickly approaching! Please go onto CashOnline by Friday March 8th to pay for the following contests from the University of Waterloo:

The Euclid contest is open to Grade 12 students. It is a 2.5 hour contest running on April 3rd, and it requires students to present full solutions. The registration fee is \$17.

The Fryer / Galois / Hypatia contests are open to Grade 9 / 10 / 11 students respectively. They are 75 minute contests running on April 10th, and they require students to present full solutions. The registration fee is \$11.—Mr. Raffoul

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



Slam Poetry

Earlier this month the MDHS Slam Poetry team members Hannah Flores, Erum Naqvi, Sydney Baxter, Ali Jafri and Benson Zhang competed at the YRDSB Slam Poetry Quarter Finals hosted by Bill Hogarth Secondary School. The team was amazing and placed first, advancing to the Semi Finals which will take place next month. Amazing work, team!

-Mrs. Pascual

Lost and Found-Jewelry

We have some lost jewelry in the office including a Blygari item, a Pandora bracelet, and several rings 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.

MARKHAM

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

JOB & VOLUNTEER FAIR

Looking for your first job?

Markham District High School

(89 Church St., Markham, ON L3P 2M3)

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 • 11:00am to 1:00pm

Part-time job and volunteer opportunities available.

Bring your resume and check it out.

For individual **resume & job search** assistance:

CONNECT WITH US

(905) 948.9996 – Ask for Deanna or Stephanie
djoyce@jobskills.org or scarvalho@jobskills.org



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**EMPLOYMENT
ONTARIO**

Celebrating Black History - Beyond The Month

The Multicultural club and
the Markham Memory
Keepers present "*Freedom
Road*"

Friday, March 1st Periods 2
& 4 in the Library.

Please join us!



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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

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.