



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 January 14—18, 2019

Peer Tutoring available in the Library on Tuesdays and Thursdays second half of Period 3.

Exam study skills also available in the Library, please see flyer on page 4 for dates and times.

Monday, January 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 10 Gifted Summative in the Library 12:15 pm to 2:50 pm— Mrs. Ho and Mrs. SatchiJr. Boys Basketball team to St. Brother Andre C.H.S., leaving MDHS at 2:45 pm, game at 3:30 pm, leaving location at 5:00 pm - Mr. Rass, Mr. ZhangSr. Boys Basketball team to St. Brother Andre C.H.S., leaving MDHS at 2:45 pm, game at 4:30 pm, leaving location at 6:00 pm - Mr. Rass, Mr. Zhang
Tuesday, January 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Girls Hockey team to Ray Twinney Arena, leaving MDHS at 1:30 pm, game at 3:15 pm, leaving location at 4:15 pm - Mr. HowardBoys Hockey team hosting at Markham Village Arena, leaving MDHS at 1:30 pm , game vs. St. Augustine C.H.S. at 2:30 pm, leaving location at 4:00 pm—Mr. GasteigerSr. Girls Volleyball team hosting Bill Hogarth S.S., game at 3:30 pm & Middlefield C.I. game at 4:30 pm, dismissal at 2:30 pm - Mr. Barber
Wednesday, January 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jr. Boys Basketball team to Maple H.S., leaving MDHS at 1:55 pm, game at 3:30 pm, leaving location at 5:00 pm - Mr. Rass, Mr. ZhangSenior Drama Show, 7:00 pm in the Drama Room (see page 3 of this bulletin for more information) - Ms. Duncan
Thursday, January 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessment—Period 4 (and Period 5 if necessary)St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog program during period 3 and 4 in room 113 (see page 5 of this bulletin). –G. McGillJunior Girls Volleyball team hosting St. Brother Andre H.S. at 3:30 pm and St. Jean De Brebeuf H.S. at 4:30 pm in the MDHS Gymnasium-Mr. SareenSenior Drama Show, 7:00 pm in the Drama Room(see page 3 of this bulletin for more information) -Mrs. DuncanSchool Council Sub-Committee Meeting 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Library
Friday, January 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 12 Art Installations around the building –Mrs. RosalleGrade 9 EQAO Math Assessment—Period 4 (and Period 5 if necessary)Last Day for Grade 10-12 Summatives for courses with Exams

Week of January 21-25, 2019

Exams: Thursday January 24th to Wednesday January 30th (Please see schedule on MDHS website).

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Exam-Schedules.aspx>

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Monday, January 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Tuesday, January 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Orientation for New International Students—Ms. Choi
Wednesday, January 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Thursday, January 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam Day-Please see the exam schedule on our school website: http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Exam-Schedules.aspx
Friday, January 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam Day-Please see the exam schedule on our school website: http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Exam-Schedules.aspxElementary School volleyball tournament 8:00 am-3:00 pm in the gymnasium—Mr. Feasby



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Messages from Guidance

Attention all guardians/ parent 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 with your guidance counsellor as soon as possible. When semester 2 begins, course changes will be limited and no elective courses will be changed.

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.

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 asap, if you need help, come and see us in the guidance office.

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.

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 applicaton).

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:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Exam-Schedules.aspx>

Hot Breakfast Program

Students are welcome to come to the Blue Zone (in front of the cafeteria)
for a hot breakfast every Wednesday 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

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 Drama

The Senior Drama classes are proud to present their show on Wednesday, January 16th and Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 pm in the drama room. Each evening begins with the semester one Grade 11 Drama class performing "The Tower of Tyler".

Tyler is a star. Everything he touches turns to gold, from leading the football team to winning national essay contests, but Tyler's sister is getting tired of keeping his secrets. Maybe he doesn't have the golden touch after all.

After a brief intermission, the Grade 12 Drama class takes the stage with "Nightmare High". Six high school students join forces one stormy night, staking out the bare stage of their school auditorium to discover the identity of the mysterious Locker Stalker. What begins as a half-hearted joke turns into a roller coaster evening of thrills, chills and side-splitting laughter as each student's nightmare comes to life onstage!

Tickets are just \$5 at the door or from members of the Grade 11 and 12 drama classes ahead of time. Please join us!

Message from the Math Department

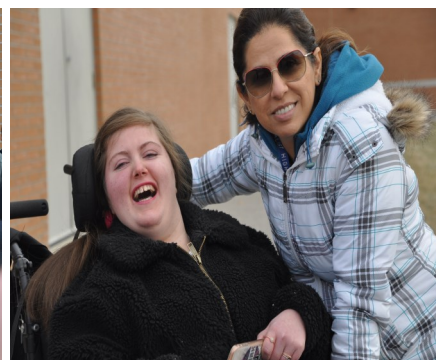
There are three multiple choice math contests coming up on February 26th:

Pascal (grade 9), Cayley (grade 10), and Fermat (grade 11).

Interested students must sign up for these contests by February 5th by making the \$5 payment on SchoolCashOnline.

Thank you—Mr. Raffoul

2nd Annual Holiday Run for Sick Kids – December 18, 2019!



The MDHS ME to WE Leadership Program organized this annual event to raise money for the Sick Kids Hospital. This year we had over 130 runners and walkers. Over these past two years, MDHS has raised over \$8,000 for this important charity. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this a successful event!



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Angel Tree Campaign

On behalf of LEAD, we would like to thank everyone who helped contribute to the Angel Tree Campaign to make the holidays more joyful for the homeless youth at 360 Kids. Thanks to all the homeroom classes, we were able to fulfill all of the wish lists with many gifts and gave over \$1000 in gift cards to those in need. We have ensured that our students at MDHS who use the 360 Kids services and facilities receive a holiday gift from us. Please know that, together we have all made a difference in a youth's life and every little bit counts! Thank you to everyone who helped contribute to this campaign. The girls in the bottom photo from right to left: Thenugaa Rajeswaran, Sabrina Samnani, Kobisha Raj



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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



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Wednesday, January 9, 2019

Dear Guardians/Parents:

Re: Therapy Dog Program at MDHS

On Thursday, January 17th, Markham District High School will be hosting the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program during the lunch periods in room 113.

The purpose of the Therapy Dog program is to provide stress and anxiety relief for our students as we approach semester one exams. Students will be able to talk with a St. John Ambulance volunteer and pet/cuddle the dog.

As outlined by the St. John Ambulance website, the program offers many benefits to students including comfort and calming, improved self confidence and esteem, stress relief and distraction from pain.

If your child has a sensitivity, allergy or fear of dogs, please have them enter and exit the building through our parking lot entrance. The dogs will only be on the school premises during our lunch period from 12:15 pm - 1:30 pm, where they will be supervised and contained in room 113.

For further information on the Therapy Dog Program, please visit The St. John Ambulance website, www.sja.ca, or contact our Guidance office at (905)294-1886.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. McGill".

Gabrielle McGill
Head of Guidance and Career Education
Markham District High School



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at work, home and play



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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.