



PARENT BULLETIN

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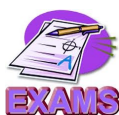
Week of January 15 to 19, 2018

Exams: Thursday, January 25th to Wednesday, January 31st (see schedule on MDHS website)
[Master Exam Schedule](#)

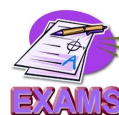
Study Skills Workshop: Period 3 in Library Lab from Tues. Jan 16 to Wed. Jan. 24 and Period 4 Mon. Jan. 22 to Wed. Jan. 24 sign up sheets in the library (see flyer on page 7 of this bulletin).

Peer Tutoring is available to all Grade 9 students on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Period 3 in the Library. Come join us!

Monday, Jan. 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jr. Girls Volleyball to Milliken Mills HS, vs. Milliken Mills at 3:30 pm, Alexander Mackenzie HS at 4:30 pm - Mr. Barber
Tuesday, Jan. 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Peer Tutoring for all Grade 9 students during lunch (period 3) in the Library.Homework Club meeting after school in the Library. See message on page 6 of this bulletin – Mrs. WheatleySr. Girls Volleyball team hosts games vs. Thornlea at 3:30 pm and P.E. Trudeau HS at 4:30 pm - Mr. SareenComputer Science Club meeting after school in room 155 - Mr. Berry
Wednesday, Jan. 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">University application deadline.DECA Meeting, 3:00 pm - Mrs. WebberSenior Drama Show “Clue” begins at 7 pm in Room 151—tickets are \$5.00 each at the door - Ms. Duncan
Thursday, Jan. 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Peer tutoring for all Grade 9 students during lunch (period 3) in the Library.Grade 9 EQAO Math testing in regular Grade 9 math classesSt. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program 11:00 am to 1:30 pm in Room 107 - Ms. McGillBoys Hockey team to Bond Lake, leaving 1:00 pm, vs. Richmond Green at 2:30 pm, leaving location 4:15 pm-Mr. GasteigerMock Trial Club meeting at 3:00 pm in Room 226—Ms. SharmaHomework Club meeting after school in the Library. See message on page 6 of this bulletin – Mrs. WheatleyGraduating Art show in the Library 4-6 pm –Mrs. RosalleSenior Drama Show “Clue” begins at 7 pm in Room 151—tickets are \$5.00 each at the door - Ms. Duncan
Friday, Jan. 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 9 EQAO Math testing in regular Grade 9 math classesLast day for in class summatives for courses with examsTamil Poster Contest Due Date Friday Jan 19th (see flyer on pages 10 & 11)



Upcoming Events: January 22– February 2, 2018



Monday Jan. 22nd	
Tuesday, Jan. 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Peer tutoring for all Grade 9 students during lunch (period 3) in the Library.Math League in Room 224 at 3:00 pm.Computer Science Club meeting after school in room 155 - Mr. Berry
Wednesday, Jan. 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">DECA Meeting, 3:00 pm - Mrs. Webber
Thursday, Jan. 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam Day for period 5 classes.
Friday Jan. 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam Day for period 4 classes.
Monday, Jan. 29th— Wednesday, Jan. 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam Days—Please see Exam Schedule on the school website
Thursday, Feb. 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam Review Day—this is the only chance that students will have to review the exam with their teacher. There is a modified schedule for the day, please see the Exam Schedule on the school website
Friday, Feb. 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Professional Activity Day—No Classes for students



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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 on vacation.



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 2018, the application deadline is Wednesday, January 17. Please try and get your applications completed asap, if you need help, come and see us in the guidance office.

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

Thank you, the guidance team

Upcoming SHSM Events include:

For SHSM students, continue to check your gapps email for exciting new opportunities in 2018 along with checking the SHSM bulletin board outside of guidance.

Permission forms are now available in guidance for SHSM students who still need to earn their Standard First AID/CPR Level C/AED. Training will take place at MDHS in the library on February 20 & 21. It is mandatory to attend both days.

Students in grade 12 are reminded to check that they have met all of their SHSM requirements (e.g. bundle of credits, certifications etc) in order to qualify to earn their Red Seal.

Grade 10 students interested in signing up for SHSM for September 2018 or learning about SHSM are encouraged to speak to Mr. Weinstein.

Message from the YRDSB Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee

Please see the attached two flyers on page 8 & 9 regarding the Anti-Black Racism and Classism Sub-Committees Community Conversations and Consultations dates.

Message from Homework Club

It is time for the Homework Club to start up again. If your child is looking for a supportive environment in which to complete homework, or work on assignments, the homework club is the place to be. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in the library. All students are welcome. A staff supervisor will be there to help with ideas and time management issues. If you have any questions, please email sarah.wheatley@yrdsb.ca. Mrs. Wheatley (see page 6).

Student Athletic Association (SAA)

Congratulations to the winners of Athlete of the Season! From:

Jr. Boys Soccer—Umen Uma
Sr. Boys Varsity Football—Brendan Seaver-Sutton

Jr. Girls Basketball—Elysia Wang
Sr. Girls Basketball, Avery Torok.



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Ski & Snowboard Club

The Ski & Snowboard Club has 81 registered members for the 2017/8 school year!! Our first excursion to Horseshoe Resort took place on Thursday, January 11. **The next evening excursion will take place on Thursday, February 8 to Horseshoe Resort.** Students are to bring their equipment to the storage locker on the east side of the school before 8:10 am. If you have questions, please contact either Colleen Webber or Dustin More.

Message from DECA

The DECA Provincials are taking place in downtown Toronto from February 8-10. Students who are competing have now been given a Field Trip Package requiring parental signatures. These forms are due to Ms. Webber as soon as possible, but no later than Wednesday, February 7. Buses have been booked to transport students to the Chelsea Hotel on Thursday, February 8 at 4:00 pm. Parents are required to pick up their son/daughter on Saturday, February 10 after his/her Awards Ceremony. If you have questions, please contact me at colleen.sheardown-webber@yrdsb.ca.

Message from the Co-op Department

Students that are interested in volunteering at Markham Stouffville Hospital in the summer of 2018 are strongly encouraged to submit their applications by the end of this semester, directly to the hospital. This experience will be beneficial to students who are interested in a placement in a medical setting for their Co-op placements. - Mr. Butler

Please see the attached poster on page 4 regarding MDHS's Co-op website.

Message from the Drama Club

The grade 12 drama class presents *Clue* (a play based on the movie based on the board game!) on Wednesday January 17 and Thursday January 18 at 7pm in the drama room. Tickets are \$5 at the door or from a grade 12 drama student.

Message from the Library

Students interested in participating in a **Study Skills Workshop** are invited to sign up in the Library. Workshops will take place during Period 3 in the Library Lab from Tuesday, January 16 to Wednesday, January 24. Period 4 workshops will take place in the Library Lab from Monday, January 22 to Wednesday, January 24. Please see the flyer on page 7 of this bulletin. See you then! - Mrs. Gibbs

Message from York Region Public Health

Flu Season is upon us. Please see flyer on page 5.

Lost and Found

If your child has lost any small items (i.e. Pandora bracelet, other jewelry, cell phone, keys, eye glasses) please have them come to the main office to claim them.



Test drive a career!

MDHSCO-OP.COM



Flu Season is on its way – are you ready?



Flu season is nearly here. Be prepared by getting the flu shot as early as possible.

The first and best step to preventing influenza (the flu), is to get the flu shot every year. Influenza spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others.

Everyone six months of age and older can get the flu shot.

Flu shots are available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

Visit ontario.ca/flu to find where you can get the flu shot.

How can the flu be avoided?

- Get the flu shot!
- [Wash your hands](#) well and often with soap and warm water. If soap and water are unavailable, use an alcohol-based [hand sanitizer](#)
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterward. Cough into your upper sleeve if you don't have a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid large crowds and stay home when you are sick
- Keep common surfaces and items clean and disinfected

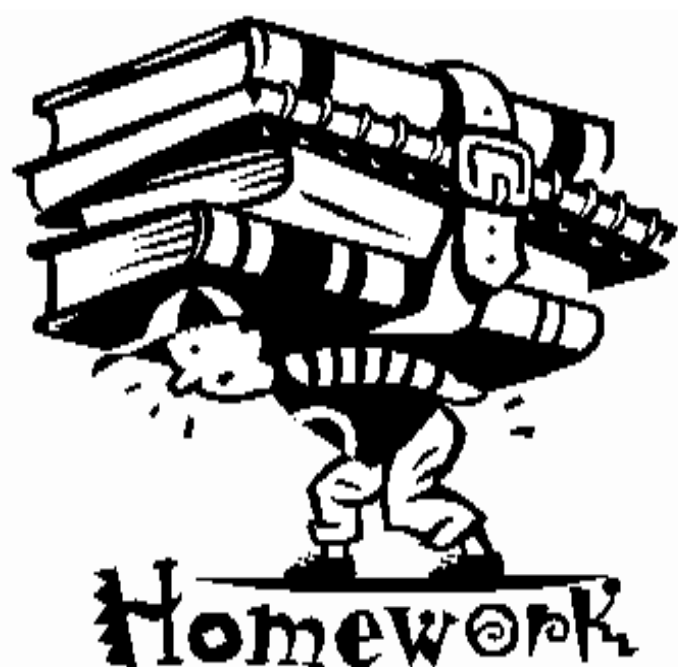
To learn more about flu and the flu vaccine visit york.ca/flu

Community and Health Services
Public Health



MDHS Homework Club

**DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH TIME
MANAGEMENT?
WOULD YOU PREFER TO RE-
LAX WHEN YOU GET HOME?
IS GETTING STARTED ON A
PROJECT DIFFICULT?
COME TO THE LIBRARY EVERY
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AF-
TER SCHOOL FOR A SUP-
PORTED AND SUPERVISED
OP.**





**Stressed out
about exams?**
....We have a solution.

ATTEND A STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOP!

- ✓ Strategies for preparing for exams
- ✓ Suggestions for managing your time
- ✓ Opportunity to review copies of previous exams
- ✓ Tips for studying
- ✓ Strategies for improving your test taking skills



Where?

Library Lab

When?

During lunch periods on:

- Tuesday, January 16 to Wednesday, January 24, Period 3
- Wednesday, January 22 to Friday, January 24, Period 4

Sign up sheets posted in the library!



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANTI-BLACK RACISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Consultations

You are invited to attend a community consultation regarding:

Actions Taken by YRDSB following Ministry Review to Support the Learning of Students of African Descent and their Families

Agenda

- An overview of the Ministry of Education's Review of YRDSB
- YRDSB Current Work and Response to the Ministry's Review on all levels (board, school and community engagement)
- Community Feedback Sessions in small group carousel format - *What is going well? What are you worried about? What needs to happen next?*
 - Board
 - School
 - Community Engagement
- Report Back and Next Steps

Dates, times and locations

Thursday January 18, 2018

6:00pm – 9:30pm

Milliken Mills High School, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

(Refreshments will be provided)

Saturday January 27, 2018

10:00am – 2:00pm

Vaughan Secondary School, 1401 Clark Ave W, Thornhill, ON L4J 7R4

(Lunch will be provided)

Registration

Please register [online](#) by Friday January 12, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact Freyja Phillips freyja.phillips@yrdsb.ca.



EQUITY AND INCLUSIVITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE CLASSISM SUB-COMMITTEE

Community Conversations

Are you an advocate for those marginalized by low income and class-based discrimination?

We are seeking passionate youth, families and community members to provide feedback regarding equity and inclusion for students in York Region public schools.

Please attend one of the five community conversations hosted by York Region District School Board's Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee.

January 15 Maple Leaf PS, 155 Longford Dr, Newmarket, ON L3Y 2Y7

January 22 Sutton District HS, 20798 Dalton Rd, Georgina, ON L0E 1R0

January 29 Bayview SS, 10077 Bayview Ave, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 2L4

February 5 Maple HS, 50 Springside Rd, Maple, ON L6A 2W5

February 12 Milliken Mills HS, 7522 Kennedy Rd, Markham, ON L3R 9S5

All Community Conversations run from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Child-minding will be provided at all locations. *If you require child minding, please email Kristine with the number of children and their ages.*

For more information or transportation support needs, please contact:

Sub-Committee Chair – Kristine Carbis

905-895-3126

k_carbis@hotmail.com



Tamil Heritage Month 2018 Poster/ Poetry Contest Details



Background:

Tamils began migrating to Ontario as early as the 1940s. Since then Tamil Canadians have overcome tremendous obstacles and have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario. For Tamil Canadians, the Tamil Harvest Festival, Thai Pongal, takes place in January. Thai Pongal is celebrated on the first day of the month *Thai* of the Tamil calendar. This year, the Thai Pongal Day is celebrated on, January 14, 2018 by Tamils in Canada and around the world.

By proclaiming the month of January as Tamil Heritage Month, the Federal government of Canada recognizes the valuable contributions that Tamil Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Tamil Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the inspirational role that Tamil Canadians have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario. This poster competition is one of the activities that are designed to engage students in York Region to learn about the rich heritage of Tamil Canadians.

Poster Competition Guidelines:

Theme for 2018: Develop a poster or a poem which reflects on Tamil heritage.

Submissions:

- Include a completed Entry Form with each format – see Entry Form below.
- A Brief Description of the Depicted Subject Matter
- Entries must be received no later than Saturday January 19th, 2018.
- Open to all York Region District School Board Students, Grades 3 – 11.
- One entry per student.
- The artist's name must appear *only* on the Entry Form and not on the poster or the poem itself.

Submission Format:

- Posters can be hand drawn
- Digital format; in JPEG. & PDF. File.
- Participants can create work on paper or canvass and scan it into a JPEG file
- Poems need to be an original composition and submitted in word or PDF attachment.

For further information please contact Initha, Subramaniam at the following email or phone number.

Email : initha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca or lvinay@ccsy.org with "Poster or Poetry Contest" in the subject line.

Courier from your home school to

Initha Subramaniam
Teacher Liaison
Inclusive School and Community Services
York Region District School Board
Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Avenue, Richmond Hill, ON
Phone: 905 884 2046 ext 228
Initha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca

Logini Vinayagamoorthy
School Settlement Worker
Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region
St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School
301 Roney Ave, Richmond Hill ON
Phone: 416 312 5240
lvinay@ccsy.org



Tamil Heritage Month Poster/Poetry Contest
in Partnership with
Inclusive School and Community Services
Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region
Trustee Juanita Nathan



ENTRY FORM - 2018
Commitment and Dedication

Title of your submission:

Please Print Clearly

Instructions:

- ✓ One entry per student.
- ✓ Your name should not appear on the work itself.
- ✓ Attach completed entry form when you send:
- ✓ to initha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca
or
- ✓ to lvinay@ccsyrr.org

Your Name: _____ Grade: _____

Please Print Clearly

Signature

Your School: _____

You're Teacher Advisor: _____

Please Print Clearly

Signature

Submission Checklist:

- ☐ Completed Entry Form
- ☐ Submission reviewed and approved by teacher advisor
- ☐ Completed submission **without entrant's name on it**

Criteria for Judging:

- Consistency with the theme
- Originality
- Creativity of the depiction reflecting the theme
- Originality
- Outstanding participants will be notified during the week of January 22nd, 2018.
- Certificates will be awarded at the official provincial Tamil Heritage Month closing ceremony



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Markham District H.S. is accepting online payments through School Cash ONLINE!

School Cash Online provides the following benefits:

- A convenient fee payment option that saves time
- Reduces paper
- No more need to send cash or cheques to school
- A quick way to register. It takes less than 5 minutes to register.

Parents that opt to participate will receive notification via email of student fees owed (both required and optional), and can make secure online payments by credit card or Interac and receive a receipt.

To view a presentation about the program, go to <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!



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[Disclaimer](#)

Step 1: Register

Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website
<http://MarkhamDistrict.HS.yrdsb.ca/>
and select the **"Get Started Today"** button.

Complete each of the three Registration Steps

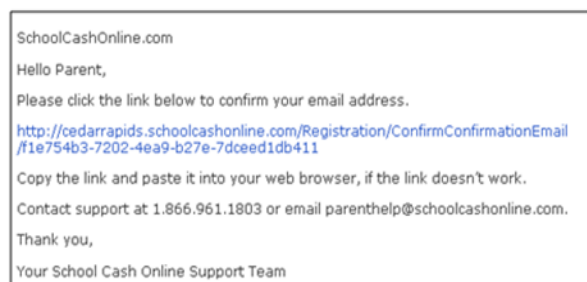
***For Security Reasons your password, requires 8 characters, one uppercase letter, one lowercase letter and a number.**



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Step 2: Confirmation Email

A registration confirmation email will be automatically forwarded to you. Click on the link provided inside the email to confirm your email and School Cash Online account. The confirmation link will open the School Cash Online site prompting you to sign into your account. Use your email address and password just created with your account.



Step 3: Find Student

NOTE: A STUDENT NUMBER IS REQUIRED

This step will connect your children to your account.

Enter the School Board Name

Enter the School Name

Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name

Select **Continue**

On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
Your child has been added to your account

Step 4: View Items or Add Another Student

If you have more children, select **"Add Another Student"** option and repeat the steps above. 5 children can be added to one parent account.

If you do not wish to add additional children, select **"View Items For Students"** option. A listing of available items for purchase will be displayed.

NEED HELP?

If you require assistance, select the **GET HELP** option in the top right hand corner of the screen or contact School Cash Online – Parent Help Desk at 1-866-961-1803 or parenthelp@schoolcashionline.com.