



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 28-February 1, 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>

Monday, January 28th	<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
Tuesday, January 29th	<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
Wednesday, January 30th	<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
Thursday, January 31st	<p>EXAM REVIEW DAY (Modified Timetable) - This is classed as a regular school day. Attendance will be taken. If your child is not planning to attend today, please notify the school via email at markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca</p> <p>Period 1 8:10 AM to 8:40 AM Period 2 8:45 AM to 9:15 AM Period 3 9:20 AM to 9:50 AM Period 4 9:55 AM to 10:25 AM Period 5 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM Lunch 11:00 AM to 12:15 PM</p> <p>This is the only chance to review your exam with your teacher. <u>Attendance will be taken.</u> 12:15-2:50 PM Teacher interviews upon request/by appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Special Education to 'LUV 2 Play' indoor playground, leaving MDHS at 9:45am, leaving location 1:00 pm - Ms. Green
Friday, February 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Professional Activity Day - No ClassesSki & Snowboard Club to Alpine Ski Resort - Full Day—depart at 7:15 am. Retuning back to MDHS at approximately 6 pm—Mr. MoreCollege Equal Consideration Deadline

Week of February 4th-9th, 2019

Monday, February 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First Day of Semester 2 ClassesImmunization Clinic—York Region Public Health 8:30 am to 3:00 pm in the LibraryGirls Hockey team hosts Stouffville D.S.S. at Markham Village Arena—game time 3:00 pm - Mr. Howard
Tuesday, February 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Significant Faith Day: Lunar New Year—With respect for Inclusivity & Equity; there will be no evaluations, club meetings or team practices on these dates.
Wednesday, February 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Sr. Girls Volleyball team at an all day tournament at Markville S.S.—Mr. BarberGrade 10 Safe Schools/Course Selection Assembly in cafeteria—Period 1Grade 9 Safe Schools/Course Selection Assembly in cafeteria—Period 2Curling team to Richmond Hill C.C., match vs. Sir Wm. Mulock S.S. at 1:00 pm, leaving MDHS at 12:15 pm, leaving location at 3:00 pm—Mr. StewartJr. Girls Volleyball Team to Milliken Mills, leaving 2:30 pm, game at 3:30 & 4:30 pm, leaving location 5:30pm - Mr. BarberFrench Club & Reach for the Top—Café Night 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in Room 210 - Mme. GrapsasGrade 9 Invitational Music Concert 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the cafeteria - Mr. Simmons
Thursday, February 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 11 Safe schools/Course Selection Assembly in cafeteria—Period 2Grade 12 Safe schools/Course Selection Assembly in cafeteria—Period 5DECA to Provincials Competition (Feb. 7th –9th) at Sheraton Hotel, leaving at 4:00 pm - Mrs. Webber—Please see further details on page 3 of this BulletinSki & Snowboard Club to Horseshoe, leaving MDHS at 2:15 pm, leaving location at 8:30 pm - Mr. More—Please see further details on page 3 of this Bulletin
Friday, February 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Report Cards for Semester 1 distributed in HomeroomSlam Poetry group to Bill Hogarth S.S., leaving MDHS at 8:45am, leaving location at 2:00 pm - Ms. PascualClassics Movie Night: "Night of the Museum" - 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm, Room 151 - Mr. McLaren
Saturday, February 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gr. 10 Band to York University Invitational Music Festival, leaving MDHS at 12:30 pm, leaving location at 8:45 pm - Mr. Caswell



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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>

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>

Message from Guidance

Attention all guardians/ parent and students! Next week (January 28-31) will be the final week to make course changes for semester 2. Courses are almost completely full, so if you're thinking of making a change, please drop by the guidance office and speak to your counsellor. The Guidance office will be open during exams. 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.

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.

The **College application deadline** for equal consideration is Friday, February 1st, if any student needs help with their application, please drop by the guidance office.

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 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.mdhscsco-op.com/> (there is a direct link to SHSM and the application).

Students are encouraged to complete their applications for next 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 (cancelled during exams).

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 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

Ski & Snowboard Club

Welcome to the 2018/19 Ski and Snowboard Club! We have 90 registered members this year, enough for two coaches. A cover sheet was distributed to interested registrants outlining the excursions for the season, but here they are for everyone to review.

The first excursion is coming up next Friday, February 1st, the PA Day, to Alpine Resort (on the Blue Mountains). We are leaving Markham District HS at 7:15 am, so students need to be at the school with their equipment by 7:00 am. We will be returning to MDHS by 6:00 pm.

The second excursion of the season will take place on Thursday, February 7 to Horseshoe Resort. Students are to bring their equipment to the storage locker on the east side of the school before 8:10 am. They will be dismissed from Period 5 at 2:15 pm to retrieve their equipment and board the appropriate coach bus. If you have questions, please contact Dustin More at dustin.more@yrdsb.ca.

Message from DECA

The DECA Provincials are taking place in downtown Toronto from February 7-9. 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 6. A coach bus has been booked to transport students to the Chelsea Hotel on Thursday, February 7 at 4:00 pm. Parents are required to pick up their son/daughter on Saturday, February 9 after his/her Awards Ceremony. A Staff Advisor will be in the lobby to greet parents upon pick up to ensure safe transfer of responsibility.

Some students are required to complete their online Competency Test on Monday, February 4 from 3-4:15. I will be sending email reminders to those students affected. If you have questions, please contact me at colleen.sheardown-webber@yrdsb.ca.

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.



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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

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

FAMILY NETWORK MEETING

JANUARY 31, 2019

TIME: 700-900PM

LOCATION: 5665 14TH AVE, MARKHAM, ON L3S 3K5

Topic: Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)

Curious about what ODSP is or how you can apply? If you are interested to learn more about the program come join us on Thursday January 31st at the Community Centre from 7-9pm where we will have special guest speakers. ODSP come in and discuss the program and answer your questions.

Please RSVP to Kamal Grewal at the email listed below

R S V P :

KAMAL GREWAL

KGREWAL@COMMUNITYLIVINGYORKSOUTH

905 294 4971 EXT 640

This is a great opportunity for you to meet other families and receive information on resources available in your community.



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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.