



PARENT BULLETIN

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Week of June 4th to June 8th, 2018

Exam schedule for June 2018 can be found at <http://www.markhamdistrict.hs.yrdsb.ca> under news and events.
The cafeteria will be closed starting June 20th.

Monday, June 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OFSAA Tennis Team to U of T Scarborough Tennis Centre possibly until June 6 - Ms. Kerhoulas• Me to We Volunteer booth in Blue Zone period 3—Mrs. Etcheverry• Grade 10 Gifted Summative Day 1, in Library P4 & 5—Mr. Morris & Mr. Hodgins• Enrichment Band Performance
Tuesday, June 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candy Kebab sale in Blue Zone periods 2 & 5—Mrs. Lovell & Mr. Sareen• Me to We Volunteer booth in Blue Zone period 3—Mrs. Etcheverry• Peer tutoring for all Grade 9 students during lunch (period 3) in Room 217.• Grade 10 Gifted Summative Day 2, in Library periods 4 & 5—Mr. Morris & Mr. Hodgins• POPS Concert, cafeteria 3:00 pm to 10 pm—Mr. Harrison• Computer Science Club meeting after school in Room 155—Mr. Berry• Homework Club meeting after school in the Library
Wednesday, June 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exam Review outlines shared with students• Grade 9 lunchtime final concert, in cafeteria, 10:15 am—11:45 am—Mr. Harrison• Grade 10 Gifted Summative Day 3 (tentative), in Library P4 & 5—Mr. Morris & Mr. Hodgins
Thursday, June 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provincial Elections Ontario Polling Station, in west gym, 8:00 am—9:00 pm.• Peer tutoring for all Grade 9 students during lunch (period 3) in Room 217.• Homework Club meeting after school in the Library.• Athletic Banquet in the evening at Crystal Fountain at 7:00 pm
Friday, June 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locker Cleanout during Period 1• Last day for Gr. 9 In-class summatives for courses with exams• Wilderness/Rock Climbing to Tree Top Trekking from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm - Mrs. Sebastian & Ms. Pascual

Upcoming Events: June 11th to June 15th, 2018

Monday, June 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wellness group to Scott Mission, leaving 8:00 am, leaving location 12:45 pm.• OSAP presentation, in the Cafetorium start times: two sessions 1) 1:35-2:50 pm, session 2 at 3:00 pm• CMHA support drop-in - “Tackling Stress & Anxiety”, in Room 138 periods 3 & 4—Mrs. McGill• Gr. 12 IEP Post Secondary Transitions Workshop, Cafetorium, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Mrs. McGill & Mrs. Sebastian
Tuesday, June 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer tutoring for all Grade 9 students during lunch (period 3) in Room 217• Homework Club meeting after school in the Library• Grade 12 Music Rep. Final Performance Recital at Markham Baptist Church at 6:00 pm—Mr. Caswell
Wednesday, June 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 9 EQAO Math, first day.• Therapy Dogs visit in Room 113 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm —Mrs. McGill• Grade 11 Show “Sketchy, Totally Sketch”, first night, in Drama Room#151, 7:00 pm —8:30 pm—tickets available from any of the participating Drama students
Thursday, June 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 9 EQAO Math, last day• Last day for Grade 10-12 in class summative for courses with exams.• Peer tutoring for all Grade 9 students during lunch (period 3) in Room 217.• Mock Trial Club meeting at 3:00 pm in Room 226—Mrs. Sharma• Homework Club meeting after school in the Library.• Grade 11 Show “Sketchy, Totally Sketch”, second night, in Drama Room #151, 7:00 pm —8:30 pm—tickets available from any of the participating Drama students• Ramadan ends
Friday, June 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ♦ Significant Faith Day— Eid-ul-Fitr



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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

- All volunteer hours for grade 12 students must be handed in by **June 8th**. If your student needs volunteer opportunities, please have them visit the guidance office.
- MDHS is hosting a Post-Secondary Transition Workshop for students with IEPs, Monday, June 11th, 6:00-7:00 pm in the Cafetorium . Please see flyer on page 5.
- On Tuesday, June 12th the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) will be hosting a drop-in workshop in the library entitled “Tackling Stress & Anxiety” during periods 3 and 4 for any interested students.



OSAP Presentation
Monday, June 11, 2018
MDHS Cafetorium 3pm-4pm
Learn about:
- How and when to apply.
- Grants versus loans.
- Required documentation.
- Eligibility.



Summer School Information

Students must SUBMIT a copy of their summer school registration to guidance to inform counsellors of registration. As well, any student requiring the replacement of a course chosen in course selections for September 2018 must complete of a yellow form from guidance, and have it signed by a parent/guardian (if the student is under 18).

Also, online summer school registration opened April 30th. Information and registration can be found on the YRDSB web page: www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/Pages/default.aspx

Course Cancellation:

- Students will be contacted by phone (by the Continuing Education Department) if their course is cancelled.
- As an alternative, students may need to travel to another site.
- Ensure that the phone number on the registration form is clear & accurate.
- If students have any questions about summer school, they are encouraged to speak to their guidance counsellor.

Message from SHSM

SHSM APPLICATIONS:

**Appropriate for all pathways (APPRENTICESHIP, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, WORKPLACE)
as long as Co-op is taken in either grade 11 or grade 12.**

PLEASE SUBMIT (it is not too early!)

Grade 10 students interested in registering for SHSM for September 2018 or learning about SHSM are encouraged to speak to Mr. Weinstein. Signed applications for SHSM for September are being collected in Guidance daily. Please use the following link in gapps to register as a new SHSM student in one of our 5 SHSM Sectors:

CONSTRUCTION

HEALTH & WELLNESS

NON-PROFIT

TRANSPORTATION

and our brand new one beginning in September: ARTS & CULTURE

bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp



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Message from the Business Department

The Government of Ontario hosts several business initiatives that may be of interest to your son/daughter.

Summer Company - Is an opportunity available to students who want to work for themselves during the summer. Students receive hands-on training, mentoring and awards of up to \$3,000 to start their summer business. Find out how at Ontario.ca/SummerCompany or 1-888-576-4444.

Message from Drama

On Wednesday, June 13 and Thursday, June 14 the grade 11 drama class presents “*Sketchy - Totally Sketch*”, a sketch comedy show at 7:00 pm in the drama room. Tickets are \$5 from any member of the grade 11 drama class or at the door—Ms. Duncan

Message from the Co-op Department

Students who 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

Lost and Found

If your child has lost keys, glasses, a phone or jewelry during the school year please have them check with main reception. We also have a garage door opener that was found in the parking lot.

Message from Homework Club

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 Mrs. Wheatley at sarah.wheatley@yrdsb.ca.

Message from the Computer Programming Club

The MDHS Computer Programming Club continues to meet every Tuesday after school in Room 155. New members are welcome! Why not get a head start on your involvement as we plan for next year's club? The time to join is right now!

Message from Family Studies

Our Grade 9 Families Studies classes has been selected to participate in a classroom pilot resource from the National Film Board of Canada (NFB) on June 6, 2018. We will have representatives from the NFB who will be observing the classes and videotaping the lesson. This is a wonderful opportunities for the students to engage in authentic learning and broaden their understanding of Indigenous Voices.

York Region Transit Bus Tickets

York Region Transit (YRT) is transitioning towards the elimination of paper tickets and passes, and focusing on the full implementation of PRESTO and mobile fare payments systems. As part of this initiative to discontinue paper fare media, York Region Transit will be ending its fare media agreement with Markham District High School.

Once all our remaining tickets are sold, students will no longer be able to purchase tickets at the school.

Please go to prestocard.ca for more information.

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

In May, we took a team of 20 students to York University to compete in the YRDSB Science Olympics. Our Markham Junior Team placed 1st in Biology and had the 3rd highest overall combined score for all 3 science competitions. Our Markham Senior Team placed 1st in Physics. And our combined team score from both Junior Teams and Senior Teams, placed us in 2nd place for Biology in all of York Region.

We'd like to Thank our Junior Team consisting of Shirley, Yuhao, Davis, Khyla, Ali, Nubaira, Tomas, Nathan, Elysia and Arjun. And our Senior Team consisting of Shaughnessy, Christina M., Vaisnavi, Kunal, Timothy, David, Christina W., Pooja, Julia and Vithusha.

We would like to congratulate all of our teams for their excellent collaboration, perseverance and hard work! You make us proud!



On May 23rd, some of our Gr. 11 Biology students had the opportunity to visit the Humber College Anatomy Lab, where they visited their Health Science School. Students were educated about their own bodies and the interaction of various body systems, through the aid of dissected human cadavers and body organs. It was a wonderful experience for our biology students, to be able to see first-hand what medical students and health care professionals do on a daily basis.

On May 24th, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority came to Markham District to visit our Gr. 9 Science classes. They delivered a wonderful workshop on using Benthic Macroinvertebrates as bioindicators to assess the water quality of our local ravine ecosystem. The students were highly engaged in activities of chemical water testing and identify different bugs to determine the quality of our ravine. These are skills currently being used by ecologists, who study human impact on our environment.



As our Gr. 9's wrap up our Ecosystem Unit, we celebrated this week on May 30th, with the release of our salmon fry back into our local waterways. Our students visited Greenwood Conservation Area in Ajax, where we returned the salmon fry that we have been nursing for the past several months. We are happy to report that the fish are doing well and swimming along Duffins Creek. This was an outdoor experience our students truly enjoyed, as they have cared and nurtured the fish while learning about their lifecycles and habitats.

POST-SECONDARY TRANSITION WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS WITH IEPs

Monday, June 11, 2018

6:00pm - 7:00pm

MDHS Library

Markham District High School will be hosting a transitions workshop for students with IEPs entering post secondary institutions.

During the evening you will learn about the following:

- How to access supports- financially, emotionally and academically
- Information on required documentation
- Transition challenges
- Q & A session

We look forward to seeing you!

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OSAP Presentation



Monday, June 11, 2018

MDHS Library

1:45pm—2:45pm (Period 5)

or

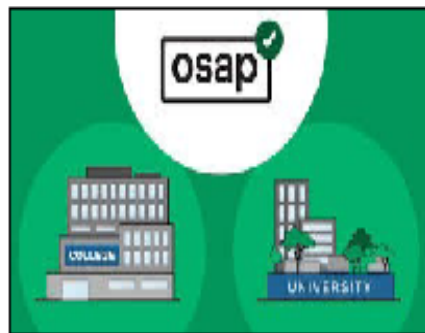
3:00pm - 4:00pm

Learn about:

- ✓ **How and when to apply**
- ✓ **Grants versus loans**
- ✓ **Required documentation**
- ✓ **Eligibility**



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Friday, May 25, 2018

Dear Guardians/Parents:

Re: Therapy Dog Program at MDHS

On Wednesday, June 13th, 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 two 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 periods which are from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm.

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 cursive script, appearing to read "G. McGill".

Gabrielle McGill
Head of Guidance and Career Education



Transition Planning Resource Days June – December 2018

York Support Services Network (YSSN) provides resource days for families who have a relative with a developmental disability living in York Region.

A 60-minute face-to-face meeting with our transition planning case manager can assist you with:

Resources relating to transition planning:

- Transition Planning Checklist
- Information on ODSP and DSO
- Navigating and understanding the developmental services system
- Locating and accessing appropriate resources

Offered at various locations, dates and times for your convenience.

Markham: 50 McIntosh Dr., Suite 239	
August 13th November 5th	9am - 5pm 9am - 5pm
Aurora: 240 Edward St., Unit 3	
July 9th October 15th	9am - 5pm 9am - 5pm
Vaughan: 9401 Jane St., 3rd floor, Suite 301	
September 10th December 3rd	9am - 4pm 9am - 4pm

Appointments are made on a first come first served basis.

To arrange an appointment, or for more information, please contact:
905-898-6455 x2274 OR 1-866-257-4776 x2274
OR by email: cmacdonald@yssen.ca



Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC)

Call for Membership Applications

Online Applications Begin: **May 1, 2018**

Online Applications Close: **June 15, 2018**

Available Positions

A. York Region District School Board (YRDSB) invites parents/guardians of students attending schools in the following areas:

- Central – ONE Elementary Position
- North – ONE Elementary Position
- West – ONE Elementary Position and ONE Secondary Position
- East – ONE Elementary Position

Membership is available for one-year or two-years on the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) to commence in November 2018. The Board will approve membership terms, as required. There are currently five (5) positions available. (To check the respective areas that schools are in use our [school locator](#).)

B. York Region District School Board invites one (1) community member from any part of the region to participate as an advisor for a term of up to four (4) years.

- Regional – ONE Position – Not required to have child/ren in school

PEAC supports encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. PEAC does this by providing information and advice on parent engagement to the Board, communicating with and supporting school councils and undertaking activities to help parents support their children's learning. The Committee's mandate is to:

- a) develop strategies and initiatives that the Board and the Board's Director of Education could use to effectively communicate with parents/guardians and to effectively engage parents/guardians in improving student achievement and well-being.
- b) advise the Board and the Director of Education on ways to use the strategies and initiatives referred to above.
- c) communicate information from the Ministry to school councils of schools of the Board and to parents/guardians of pupils of the Board.
- d) work with school councils of schools of the Board and, through the Board's Director of Education, with employees of the Board to;

- i. share effective practices to help engage parents/guardians, especially parents/guardians who may find engagement challenging, in their children's learning.
 - ii. identify and reduce barriers to parent engagement.
 - iii. help ensure that schools of the Board create a welcoming environment for parents/guardians of its pupils.
 - iv. develop skills and acquire knowledge that will assist the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee and school councils of the Board with their work.
- e) determine, in consultation with the Board's Director of Education and in keeping with the Board's policies and procedures, how funding, if any, provided under the Education Act for parent involvement is reported.

The Parent, Family and Community Engagement Committee (PEAC) is established according to Ministry legislation and members must be prepared to attend each meeting. PEAC meetings are generally scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month. Members are required to attend a minimum of six meetings and will have opportunities to participate in other workshops and events. The first meeting date for the new membership is November 13, 2018.

PEAC is composed of:

- 12 parents/guardians (2 Elementary and 1 Secondary for each Community Education Center)
- 1 Director of Education or Designate
- 1 Trustee and 1 alternate
- 1 Special Education Advisory Committee member
- 1 Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee member
- 1 Community Member at Large

Members are selected based on principles of representation that include diversity in all its manifestations, a variety of skills, experiences, location and knowledge. The contents of the Membership Applications are kept strictly confidential.

Two references are required, one of whom should be any YRDSB staff member. Parents/guardians who are also employees of the Board are asked to self-identify when applying. References are kept strictly confidential.

Further information about the role of PEAC may be found at the Ontario Ministry of Education website [School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees](#). Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an electronic application between **May 1, 2018** and **June 15, 2018** (final deadline) using the on-line [Application Form](#) or calling Education and Community Services at 905 727-0022 ext 2242 to submit a paper application.

eBook Summer Reading Opportunity



Did you know that you can now get free eBooks and audiobooks from the school library? It's easy! Just visit <http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/> and borrow digital books by logging in with your student number – just remember to put a zero in front of it! (e.g. 0xxxxxxx) You can enjoy on all major devices, such as iPhone®, iPad®, Android™ phones and tablets, Chromebooks, laptops or desktop computers. The collection includes titles from both the Canadian fiction and non-fiction bestsellers lists for both young adults and adults. Visit the York Region District School eBook library for more information or access the site 24/7 at <http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/>. Any questions? Just ask your school librarian.

NEW TO OVERDRIVE?

Use these steps to borrow digital books from your school and start reading or listening to them right in your web browser.

1

Go to your school's OverDrive website:
<http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/>

2

Sign in with your student ID or school login.

3

Borrow a book.

4

Go to your Checkouts page (under your Account). From there, click the Read or Listen button to open the book in your browser.

Borrowed titles will automatically return at the end of the lending period. You can also return titles early to free up space in your school account.



DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2018-2019

Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 15 languages at 4 high schools.

Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ileb.ca> 03/11/15)

COURSE	Level 1 (Grade 9/10)	Level 2 (Grade 11)	Level 3 (Grade 12)	SCHOOL LOCATION			
		Prerequisite: Level 1	Prerequisite: Level 2	MIDDLEFIELD C.I.	RICHMOND HILL H.S.	THORNLEA S.S.	UNIONVILLE H.S.
ARABIC	LYA BD	LYA CU	LYA DU		Saturday		
CANTONESE	LKC BD	LKC CU	LKC DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
FARSI	LYF BD	LYF CU	LYF DU			Saturday	
GERMAN	LWG BD	LWG CU	LWG DU		Saturday		
GREEK	LBG BD	LBG CU	LBG DU		Saturday		
GUJARATI	LIG BD	LIG CU	LIG DU	Saturday			
JAPANESE	LKJ BD	LKJ CU	LKJ DU			Saturday	Tuesday
KOREAN	LKK BD	LKK CU	LKK DU		Saturday		
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED	LKB BD	LKB CU	LKB DU	Saturday		Saturday	Tuesday
MANDARIN TRADITIONAL	LKM BD	LKM CU	LKM DU	Saturday		Saturday	
MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED ADVANCED PLACEMENT			LKB DUE	Saturday			
PUNJABI	LIP BD	LIP CU	LIP DU	Saturday			
RUSSIAN	LRR BD	LRR CU	LRR DU		Saturday		
SPANISH	LWS BD	LWS CU	LWS DU		Saturday		
TAMIL	LIT BD	LIT CU	LIT DU	Saturday			
URDU	LIU BD	LIU CU	LIU DU	Saturday			

Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 1st, 2018.

- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered in class will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course locations will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class

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!



Step 1: Register

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

- b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps

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

School Cash Online

Paying school items just got easier!
Sign up to get started today.

What is School Cash Online?

School Cash Online is an easy to use, safe way to pay your children's school fees.

Get Started Today

Sign Into Your Account

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.

- a) Enter the School Board Name
b) Enter the School Name
c) Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name
d) Select **Continue**
e) On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
f) Your child has been added to your account

Find Student

1. Type in the School Board name and select one from the list

York Region District School Board

☐ Change school board name

2. Select a school

Select school

3. Enter student information

Student Number

Last Name

Continue

(No students? [Click here](#))

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@schoolcashonline.com.