



# PARENT BULLETIN

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## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

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**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 March 11th to March 15th, 2019

- ***Mid Winter Break –Have a safe and relaxing break with family. Classes resume Monday, March 18th.***

## Week of March 18-22, 2019

Monday, March 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SAA group to Scotiabank Arena Raptors game, leaving MDHS at 4:30 pm, leaving location at 10:15 pm - Mr. Morris</li></ul>
Tuesday, March 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City of Markham Presentation for Business Students-competitions and work opportunities, 8:30-10:30 am in the Library (see page 3) - Mrs. Lovell</li><li>• Volunteer/Job Fair 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the Blue Zone (see Flyer on Page 4) - Mrs. McGill</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OSSLT Final Preparation—Mrs. Etcheverry</li></ul>
Thursday, March 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SHSM group to McMaster University, leaving MDHS at 7:45 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm - Mr. Weinstein</li><li>• Art in school ‘Design Thinking: Developing a sense of Belonging’ during periods 1 to 3 - Ms. Rosalle</li></ul>
Friday, March 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interim Report disturbed in Homeroom. Any student who does not have a homeroom class, can pick up their Interim Report Card in the main office.</li><li>• Slam Poetry Club to Dr. G.W. Williams SS, leaving MDHS at 8:10 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm - Ms. Pascual</li><li>• SHSM group to P.E. Trudeau HS for ICE Training, leaving at MDHS at 8:15 am, leaving location at 3:00 pm - Mr. Weinstein</li><li>• Canadian Computer Programming Competition at Huron Heights SS, leaving MDHS at 8:00 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm—Mr. M. Berry</li></ul>

## Week of March 15-29, 2019

Monday, March 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HOSA group to Metro Toronto Convention Centre, leaving MDHS at 7:15 am, leaving location at 5:45 pm - Ms. Thomas</li></ul>
Tuesday, March 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HOSA group to Metro Toronto Convention Centre, leaving MDHS at 7:30 am, leaving location at 3:00 pm - Ms. Thomas</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OSSLT Test (modified school day). Every student received a personalized letter with the location of their test. If your child is writing the test, but did not receive their letter, please have them come to the main office as soon as possible.</li></ul>
Thursday, March 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• History group to Ryerson University for Social Justice Training, leaving MDHS at 7:30 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm - Mr. Morris</li><li>• Drama group to “Omescape”, leaving MDHS at 9:00 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm - Ms. Duncan</li><li>• Art in school ‘Design Thinking: Developing a sense of Belonging’ during periods 1 to 3 - Ms. Rosalle</li><li>• SAC Election Information Session during lunch periods and after school—Mr. Macdonald</li></ul>
Friday, March 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SHSM group to National Heavy Equipment Tradeshow, leaving MDHS at 9:30 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm—Mr. Weinstein</li><li>• SAA’s Markham Madness-Staff vs. Students Basketball Game during Period 5. There is a \$2.00 buy-in cost and students require permission forms signed by both their parents and teacher to attend the event. Students <u>must</u> attend Period 5 for attendance and then proceed to the gym. They <u>must</u> present their ticket and a valid Student ID card.</li></ul>



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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***

Attention all students, March break is here, so please take this opportunity to go out and do some volunteering if you need hours! Please don't forget to perform your volunteering at "not for profit" organizations, if you are unsure then do your research!

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](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, come prepared with a resume in hand!

## ***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):**

**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.**

**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](http://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*

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!

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## *MDHS Breakfast Program*

Students are welcome to come to the Blue Zone (in front of the cafeteria) for a breakfast everyday from 7:30 am-8:00 am.

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## *Business Department News*

### **City of Markham Business Opportunities:**

A representative from the City of Markham will be conducting an information session in the school library on Tuesday March 19, 2019, for students currently enrolled in Business courses. The session will be held in the school library during periods 1 and 2 and will provide information about the following opportunities:

Young Entrepreneurs, Make your Pitch, Markham Business Plan Competition, and Ontario Summer Company. These opportunities are aimed at fostering youth entrepreneurial spirit.

### **Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition:**

Each semester the University of Waterloo holds a financial literacy competition which is open to students who have or are currently enrolled in BBI2O1 - Introduction to Business. The contest which will be held on May 14, 2019, during school hours is open to Grade 9, 10 and 11 students and offers prizes at two levels; Junior (Grades 9 and 10) and Senior (Grade 11). Students will be challenged with 60 questions (primarily multiple choice, sort/match/rank, fill in the blank) in 60 minutes covering financial literacy topics in the areas of accounting, economics, investing, banking, budgeting and income management, credit, home ownership, post-secondary education financing and financial safety and ethics.

The University of Waterloo offers on-line quizzes and workbooks that can be used by students independently to help them prepare for the competition. If your child is interested in competing please have them see Mrs. Lovell.

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## *Graduation*

Attention Grade 12 students!

If you have not yet purchased the graduation package on SchoolCashOnline, please do so by Friday March 29th.

# 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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320 Bloomington Road West  
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1  
905-713-2535  
FAX: 905-713-2533  
Web site: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://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](http://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

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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.