



# 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](mailto: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 May 27th to May 31st, 2019

<b>Monday, May 27th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SHSM Tour 4 Humanity (Friends of Simon Wiesenthal), 7:45 am to 2:50 pm in east parking lot—Mr. Weinstein</li><li>SHSM TECH to Pearson Airport/Air Canada, leaving MDHS at 8:30 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm—Mr. Nemeth</li><li>Senior Girls Flag Football team—Home game, dismissal at 2:00 pm—Mr. Hartslief</li><li>Wellness Grant Project Documentary Viewing Party, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm in Room 214—Mrs. Sebastian</li><li>Ultimate Team to Bill Hogarth SS, leaving MDHS at 3:00 pm, games at 3:45 pm &amp; 4:45 pm, leaving location at 6:00 pm -Ms. Morrison</li><li>Makrham Coffee Chat with Trustee Allan Tam, Board Chair Corrie McBain and Vice-Chair Juanita Nathan, 3:30 pm – 5:00 in the Library (see flyer on page 7 of this bulletin)</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, May 28th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Girls Slo-Pitch Team to Milliken Mills Park, leaving MDHS at 7:40 am, leaving location at 3:30 pm—Mr. Barber</li><li>Boys Rugby Team to Dr. Denison SS, leaving MDHS at 1:35 pm, game at 3:30 pm, leaving location at 4:30 pm—Mr. Sewell</li><li>Girls Soccer Team to Bur Oak SS, leaving 2:45 pm, game at 4:00 pm, leaving location at 5:00 pm—Ms. Liu</li><li>LEAD Multicultural Fest, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm, in the Library—Ms. Ho &amp; Ms. Satchi</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, May 29th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Track &amp; Field Team to OFSAA Central Championship at Oshawa Civic Centre, first day, all day—Ms. Whittaker</li><li>Ultimate Team to Bill Hogarth SS leaving MDHS at 3:00 pm, games at 3:45 pm and 4:45 pm, leaving location at 6:00 pm - Ms. Morrison</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, May 30th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Track &amp; Field Team to OFSAA Central Championship at Oshawa Civic Centre, last day, all day—Ms. Whittaker</li><li>Wellness to Drum Circle Training from 9:00 am—2:50 pm in Room 214 - Mrs. Sebastian</li><li>SNAP Track &amp; Field Team to Bill Crothers SS, leaving MDHS at 9:30 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm—Ms. Borovicka</li><li>Tamil Dance Club to Pierre Elliot Trudeau HS for Competition, leaving at 3:30 pm—Mr. Avery</li><li>Music Banquet in the evening—tickets required for event (available to be purchased through Music dept.)</li></ul>
<b>Friday, May 31st</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Last day for Field Trips</li><li>Gifted Students to YMCA Cedar Glenn, leaving MDHS at 8:00 am, leaving location at 8:30 pm - Ms. Ho</li><li>Auto Class to Georgian College, leaving MDHS at 8:00 am, leaving location at 3:00 pm - Mr. Weinstein</li><li>ESL students to AGO, leaving MDHS at 9:30 am, leaving location at 1:45 pm - Ms. Choi</li><li>Ms. Diceman's class is hosting a Plastic Pledge in Blue Zone periods 3 and 4</li></ul>

## Week of June 3rd to June 7th, 2019

<b>Monday, June 3rd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ultimate Team to Play-Offs at Fletcher's Field, leaving MDHS at 7:45 am, going all day—Ms. Morrison</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, June 4th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Exam review outlines shared with students</li><li>Music Repertoire Final Performance/POPs concert in the evening, outside if weather permits</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, June 5th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>♦ Significant Faith Day Eid-ul-Fitr—no team practices, club meetings or after school activities due to the Diamond Day</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, June 6th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grade 9 Music Repertoire Lunch Concert, 9:30 am to 12:15 pm in the Cafeteria-Mr. Simmons</li><li>IEP Post Secondary Transitions Workshop, 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, in the Library-Mrs. McGill &amp; Mrs. Sebastian (see flyer on page 4 of this bulletin)</li></ul>
<b>Friday, June 7th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Last Day for Grade 9 In-Class Summative for courses with Exams</li><li>SHSM Welcome Breakfast, 8:10 am to 9:30 am, in the Library –Mr. Weinstein</li></ul>



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## *Messages from Guidance*

- All volunteer hours for grade 12 students must be handed in by June 7<sup>th</sup>. 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, Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00 pm in the Library. Please see flyer on page 4.

## *Summer School*

Summer School information is available on the YRDSB website.

### Summer School

**Eligible Students:** Grades 9 to 12

**Acceleration** - July 3 to 26 (Bussing is not provided)

**Youth Innovation by Design** (IDC4U or IDC4O)

**Reinforcement** (Only for students who have not successfully earned the credit) -Session 1, July 3 to 15; Session 2, July 16 to 26

Students must use myPathway Planner to register for in-class summer school: <https://mypathwayplanner.yrdsb.ca/>

Students should reference the My Pathway Planner and Secondary Online Course Selection

### Summer School e-learning

**Eligible Students:** Grades 10 to 12

**Program Dates:** July 2 - 25

Students can find out about course offering and register for summer e-learning using the following: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Summer-Registration.aspx>.

Students should consider consulting with their guidance counselor regarding summer school courses regarding:

1. Eligibility
2. The process if they have already selected their desired summer school course for next September
3. Informing their counselor if registering for an e-learning course as counselors must know to provide the required approval (if the student is eligible for that course).

Key information for summer school:

### **EMAIL ADDRESS**

Applications that include inappropriate email addresses will NOT be processed. Include an alternate email address with a different provider on the application. If your primary email address is with **hotmail**, provide an alternate with **gmail** or another email provider. Unfortunately, there have been many instances of emails not going through to hotmail accounts.

### **ATTENDANCE**

In person attendance for all MANDATORY face-to-face activities at the scheduled date, time and location is required. No exceptions allowed for MANDATORY events.

### **TIME COMMITMENT and Dates**

A minimum of 8-10 hours of study time per day is required.

1 course = 8-10 hrs/DAY

At most **1 full credit course** may be taken during the summer session.

Mandatory exam attendance in person at Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning on:

July 11, 2019 3:00 - 4:30 PM for Session 1 CHV2O & GLC2O,

July 23, 2019 3:00 - 4:30 PM for Session 2 CHV2O & GLC2O and

July 23, 2019 3:00 - 4:30 PM for all full credit courses.

## *NEW Summer Dual credit courses*

YRDSB students have an opportunity to participate in the NEW Summer Dual credit courses! Courses are taking place from July 2-26, 2019 at both Seneca College (York University campus) and Centennial College (Story Arts Centre and Progress Campus). Please see guidance for details about both the course offerings and schedule.

### **How to register:**

1. Ensure that you meet the dual credit eligibility criteria: Students should be currently in grade 11 or 12.
2. Complete an online application using your GAPPS account [bit.ly/yrdsbsummerdc](http://bit.ly/yrdsbsummerdc)
3. Students will receive a copy of their completed application in their GAPPS email. You will also receive a link to fill in the accompanying college application. Signed and completed summer school applications and college applications should be returned to your guidance counselor.

Students are encouraged to register as soon as possible as seats for each of the courses is limited. Similar to College delivered Dual credits offered in the school year, transportation costs will be covered using the best transportation mode available.

### ***International and Indigenous Languages (IIL) Program- Credit Courses***

Students can earn credits while learning a language. International and Indigenous Languages offers over 15 languages for students in Grades 9 to 12. Level 3 language credit courses can even be counted towards college and university acceptance.

For the upcoming 2019/2020 school year, we are excited to announce that the Indigenous languages, Ojibwe and Cree, will be offered.

Please see our credit course offerings on our website: [IIL Credit Program](#)

**Interested in getting volunteer hours?** Students can earn up to 40 hours of community service in our program towards graduation requirements. Please send us an e-mail to request information about student volunteer opportunities: [international.languages@yrdsb.ca](mailto:international.languages@yrdsb.ca)

#### **Registration for YRDSB Students**

The course offerings and sites are available on [My Pathway Planner](#) login page. Students can register through My Pathway Planner from May 1st until September 11th. For assistance, view the [My Pathway Planner Tip Sheet](#). Print a copy of the sign-off sheet and obtain parent/guardian signature before submitting the registration form on the first day of classes at the selected language site.

If you do not have the opportunity to register through 'My Pathway Planner' before September 11, 2019, please download a registration form from this website: (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Documents/FOR-nonYRRegistration.pdf>). Please complete the registration form and submit it to the selected language site on the day of registration.

Dates are available in the Credit Program Flyer: [IIL Credit Program](#).

Please do not hesitate to e-mail us if you have any questions: [international.languages@yrdsb.ca](mailto:international.languages@yrdsb.ca).

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### ***YRDSB Dual Credit Program***

#### **Dual Credit information is now available for next school year.**

The Dual Credit program allows Gr. 11 & 12 students to take College courses that count towards both the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a college certificate or diploma. Students may earn up to a maximum of four optional credits through college-delivered dual credit courses.

#### **BENEFITS TO STUDENTS:**

- Earn high school AND college credits simultaneously
- No cost
- Experience college campus life
- Learn from college instructors in state of the art facilities
- Explore different pathways options
- Opportunity to try something new

Students can check out the link below for information and are encouraged to discuss this great opportunity with their guidance counselor to see if it can work with their timetable (students must have space on their timetable to take a dual credit course).

Courses include such amazing opportunities as Aeronautics, Culinary, Intro to Forensic Science, Social Psychology, Welding Techniques and many others.

#### **How Students Register:**

1. Meet with a Guidance counselor to ensure that Dual Credit is the right fit
2. Complete the on-line Dual Credit application form on the YRDSB Dual Credit homepage: [www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/dualcredit](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/dualcredit)

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### ***Message from SHSM***

#### **Friday, June 7: SHSM Breakfast (period 1).**

SHSM students (new for next year and current SHSM students) can pick up a form from guidance if they wish to attend. Students must submit their **RSVP by May 31st.**

Students should CHECK their Gapps email as well as the SHSM bulletin board outside of guidance for exciting opportunities.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the following planned field trips for 2019:**

- **Friday, May 31: Georgian College Auto Show (please see Mr. Byam for a permission form)**

Students are expected to attend field trips that they commit to unless there are extenuating circumstances. Please contact Mr. Weinstein if that is going to be the case. Students who do not attend may be preventing other students from participating in that opportunity!

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, time is running out to earn them.

If you are missing other SHSM requirements (e.g. courses), inquire to see if you are able to complete these requirements. Some colleges and universities (e.g. Brock, University of Guelph-Humber, McMaster) 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.mdhscop.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](https://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp)
2. Complete the application and submit
3. Print from your gapps email
4. Obtain parent/guardian signature and return

# **POST-SECONDARY TRANSITION WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS WITH IEP'S**

**Thursday, June 6, 2019**  
**6:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**MDHS Library**

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

During the evening you will learn about the following;

- Learn about how to access supports- financially, emotionally and academically
- Information on what documentation is needed
- Transition challenges
- Student Panel
- Q & A session

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## MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Dear Guardians/Parents:

**Re: Therapy Dog Program at MDHS**

On Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 11:00 am - 1:15 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](http://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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Markham Tennis Club is looking for Students to work afternoons and weekends at the Markham Tennis Club. Any interested students can contact the Guidance Department or Mr. Feasby in the Physical Ed. Department for more information.

## Lost and Found

We have a hearing aid that was found. Please come to the main office reception to claim.

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MAY 24, 2019  
\$200.00/WEEK FOR CLYS MEMBERS,  
\$220.00/WEEK FOR NON-MEMBERS  
  
AFTER MAY 25TH, 2019:  
\$220.00/WEEK FOR CLYS MEMBERS,  
\$242.00/WEEK FOR NON-MEMBERS  
  
ONE-TO-ONE SUPPORT IS NOT PROVIDED BY  
CLYS. IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER REQUIRES  
1:1 SUPPORT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR  
COMMUNITY SUPPORT COORDINATOR.

COMMUNITY LIVING YORK SOUTH  
SUMMER CAMP  
2019  
JULY 2 TO  
AUGUST 23  
children 14-17  
youth/adults 18+

EARLY BIRD DEADLINE:  
MAY 24, 2019

TO REGISTER CONTACT:  
MARKHAM: SADIA SHAUKAT  
905-884-9110 EXT 640 | [SSHAUKAT@COMMUNITYLIVINGYORKSOUTH.CA](mailto:sshaikat@communitylivingyorksouth.ca)  
LOCATION: BUR OAK SECONDARY SCHOOL, 933 BUR OAK AVE, MARKHAM  
RICHMOND HILL: ANNIE ZHANG  
905-884-9110 EXT 382 | [AZHANG@COMMUNITYLIVINGYORKSOUTH.CA](mailto:azhang@communitylivingyorksouth.ca)  
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WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE: THARINI THARMALINGAM  
905-884-9110 EXT 703 | [TTHARMALINGAM@COMMUNITYLIVINGYORKSOUTH.CA](mailto:ttharmalingam@communitylivingyorksouth.ca)  
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Mindfulness Workshops

When  
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM EDT  
[Add to Calendar](#)

Where  
York Support Services Network  
240 Edward St.  
Unit 3  
Aurora, ON L4G 3S9

Feeling stressed and overwhelmed? Join us.  
  
Our 4-day Mindfulness Workshops available every Tuesday, starting May 28 to June 18, 2019, will teach you how to reduce stress, increase resiliency, improve relationships and regulate emotions. Core concepts of mindfulness will be explored through meditation and mindful exercises. All levels of experience are welcome.  
  
Register before May 21, 2019, by clicking on the Register Now! link below:  
  
**Register Now!**  
  
[I can't make it](#)  
  
Please contact me for more information about the workshops.  
  
I look forward to seeing you there!  
  
Sincerely,  
  
Esther Kearney  
York Support Services Network  
[ekearney@yssn.ca](mailto:ekearney@yssn.ca)  
905.898.6455 ext. 2227  
  
YSSN is a scent sensitive environment. Please avoid using scents (e.g. perfumes, colognes, lotions, scented hair products, scented soaps, etc.) when participating in our workshops and programs, and visiting our offices.

## 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.



**Thank you for your continued support!**

You will be provided with a tax receipt for your donation over \$ 25.00, as the Board is a registered Canadian Charitable organization.



Dear Markham families,  
Join us in an opportunity to discuss issues that **matter to you**,  
including the **role of trustees** and current topics in education.

**WHAT** Markham Coffee Chat

**WHEN** May 27, 2019  
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**WHERE** Markham District High School - Library  
89 Church St., Markham, Ontario

**WHO** Corrie McBain, Board Chair  
Juanita Nathan, Vice Chair  
Allan Tam, Trustee

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