



## 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 November 19th-23rd, 2018
Monday, November 19th	<ul> <li>Cosmetology group to the Hair Academy, leaving 9:00 am, leaving location 2:00 pm - Ms. Khalighi</li> <li>Curling Team to York CC vs. Sacred Heart: match time 2:30 pm, leaving MDHS at 1:15 pm, leaving location 4:30 pm - Mr. Stewart</li> <li>School Council Meeting: "Tech Update Presentation" at 7:00 pm in the Library (see page 4 for agenda). Please join us!</li> </ul>
Tuesday, November 20th	<ul> <li>SHSM/Tech group to Centennial-Ashtonbee, leaving 9:00 am, leaving location 2:00 pm—Mr. Weinstein</li> <li>Drama group to Omescape, leaving 9:00 am, leaving location 1:30 pm - Ms. Duncan</li> </ul>
Wednesday, November 21st	<ul> <li>Canadian International &amp; Senior Math Contest, Room 213, Periods 1 and 2 - Mr. Raffoul</li> <li>York University/MDHS Music hosting Gr.8 Transition Collaboration Day 9:30 am-2:00 pm - Mr. Caswell</li> <li>Boys Hockey team to Elgin Barrow—game vs Alexander Mackenzie at 2:30 pm, leaving MDHS at 1:00 pm, leaving location at 4 pm—Mr. Gasteiger</li> <li>Literacy Activity for all Grade 10 students during Period 5—Mrs. Etcheverry</li> <li>Music Enrichment Day-Final Concert with York University, 6:30—9:00 pm—Mr. Caswell</li> </ul>
Thursday, November 22nd	<ul> <li>Full Disclosure for Semester 1 courses</li> <li>Business group to Globe &amp; Mail Centre, taking GO transit, leaving 6:45 am, returning 5:15 pm- Mrs. Lovell</li> <li>Family Studies to One of a Kind Show at the Exhibition, leaving 8:15 am, leaving location 1:45 pm- Mrs. Flowers</li> <li>SHSM Tour 4 Humanity—Mr. Weinstein</li> <li>Boys Hockey team practice 4:00-5:00 pm at Mount Joy Arena—Mr. Gasteiger</li> <li>Wellness Presentation on 'Youth Mental Health' will be held on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:45-8:30 pm in the library presented by Sunnybrook Hospital Family Navigation Project. All are welcome. Sponsored by the MDHS School (Parent) Council.</li> <li>MDHS Student Advisory Council Semi-Formal Evening—"Hollywood" from 5-10 pm. Hosted at Peter and Paul Banquet Hall, 231 Milner Ave, Scarborough. Doors open at 5 pm and close with no further entry at 6 pm. Students attending the event must bring their receipt of ticket payment from School Cash Online along with their Student ID, otherwise admission to the event will not be granted.</li> </ul>
Friday, November 23rd	Professional Activity Day—no classes.

Arts Week (runs until November 30th). Curling team to York CC: game vs. Huron Heights at 2:30 pm, leaving MDHS at 1:15 pm, leaving location 4:30 pm - Mr. Stewart
Computers Studies group to All Day Ryerson Competition - Mr. M. Berry Me to We group to Ryerson University, leaving 7:00 am, leaving location 3:00 pm - Mr. Morris SHSM group to Durham College, Whitby & Oshawa Campus, leaving 8:15 am, leaving location 2:15 pm—Mr. Weinstein Boys Hockey team hosts St. Robert CHS at Markham Village, dismissal at 1:30 pm, game time—2:30 pm—Mr. Gasteiger
Movember Barber Shop (Cancer Awareness Project) in the Cosmetology room (153) from 8:10 am to 1:00 pm—Mrs. Etcheverry Law group to Toronto Court House (1st day), leaving MDHS at 8:15 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm— Mrs. Sharma Literacy Activity for all grade 10 students during Period 2—Mrs. Etcheverry Girls Hockey team at Family Leisure Complex vs. St. Maximilian CHS, leaving MDHS at 1:30 pm, game time—3:00 pm—Mr. Howard
Law group to Toronto Court House (2nd day), leaving MDHS at 8:15 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm– Mrs. Sharma Boys Hockey team practice at Mount Joy Arena 4:00-5:00 pm—Mr. Gasteiger Grade 12 Financial Aid Presentation Period 2 in the cafeteria—Mrs. McGill



# PARENT BULLETIN

Tel: (905)-294-1886 Email: markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca Website: http://www.markhamdistrict.hs.yrdsb.ca

## Messages from Guidance

Attention all guardians/parents 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 via TeachAssist with your guidance counselor as soon as possible. When semester 2 begins, course changes will be limited and no elective courses will be changed. Thank you, the guidance team.

Full disclosure date is Thursday, November 22.

There will be a financial aid presentation for all <u>Grade 12</u> students during period 2 on <u>Friday, November 30th</u>. During this important presentation, students will learn: the cost of College/University; the importance of applying for scholarships & bursaries; the application process for OSAP.

#### Save the Date:

December 5: College Information Session #2: "Applying to College"

#### Dual Credit Announcement

Students registered in a dual credit are encouraged to continue to check their Gapps account for information regarding accommodations if they have an IEP. Attendance is really important - do your best to attend every class. Students planning to drop their dual credit course must speak with their college coordinator and must drop the course by the deadlines below (or risk having a failing grade on their transcript): Seneca College: November 18th

Please contact Steph Parent by email if you have any questions or concerns. Also, meet with your guidance counselor if you are interested in taking a DUAL CREDIT course in semester 2. You must be in grade 11 or 12 to be eligible.

#### 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.

The following trips have already been scheduled with many more to come:

November 20 (Taste of Transportation): for SHSM Transportation students

November 27 (Durham College): for SHSM Health & Wellness (tour and interactive workshop with a professor in microbiology) December 10 (Athletic Wrapping and Taping for Performance and Injury): for Arts & Culture and Health & Wellness SHSM students

Grade 10 students interested in registering for SHSM for next year, feel free to speak to Mr. Weinstein for information or visit: <u>https://www.mdhsco-op.com/</u> (there is a direct link to SHSM and the applicaton).

1. bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

- 2. Complete the application and submit
- 3. Print from your gapps email
- 4. Obtain parent/guardian signature and return







#### Sunnybrook Presentation

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"Wellness Presentation on 'Youth Mental Health' will be held on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:45-8:30 pm. in the library at MDHS by Sunnybrook Hospital Family Navigation Project'. All are welcome". Sponsored by your MDHS School (Parent) Council

#### Hot Breakfast Program

Students are welcome to come to the cafeteria for a hot breakfast every Wednesday from 7:30 am-8:00 am.

#### Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS)

In November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the *Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS)*. The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. Students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to complete the survey online during class time.

The surveys are voluntary and confidential. Information about the surveys and the process is available at <u>www.yrdsb.ca/escs</u>. This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments.

#### **Computer Science Club**

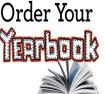
Some exciting news from <u>Computer Programming Club</u>: a team of five of our students entered the 2018 CanHack competition through RBC-Ryerson, an online cybersecurity competition developed and run by Carnegie Mellon University, in Pittsburgh, USA. The contest features a series of digital challenges based on unique storylines, which challenge students to develop and demonstrate skills associated with computer hacking. MDHS had a strong push at the finish and secured 3rd place of all Canadian high schools! There will be an awards ceremony for these deserving students on November 27th. More to come on this later!

Meanwhile, our club continues to meet every Tuesday after school in room 155. The club helps students develop their skills in Java and Python and prepare for the opportunity to compete in competitions such as the Canadian Computing Competition run by the University of Waterloo. Students will also get to compete against other York Region schools in the ECOO competition. -Mr. M. Berry

#### Message from the Business Department

#### University of Waterloo's Financial Literacy Competition

For students currently enrolled in BBI2O1 - Intro to Business, the Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition is being held on December 5, 2018. Students are asked to see their teacher for further instructions. For additional details, please click on the following link: <u>https://uwaterloo.ca/school-of-accounting-and-finance/teachers-and-guidance-counsellors/financial-literacy-classroom</u>-Mrs. Lovell



## Order Your DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY? DON'T WORRY, LET YEAR-BOOK REMEMBER THINGS FOR YOU!

Dear Parents/Guardians and students: Yearbooks are on sale on <u>schoolcashonline.com</u>. This website will be used to order the yearbook online for just \$50.00. 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 tireless collects and displays countless memories of your high school days for you to look back on later.

#### School Parking

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. To ensure student safety, please use the "PUDO" and do not block the crosswalk when dropping off and picking up students. Thank you for your cooperation to support student safety.

Message from the Math Department

**Canadian Intermediate/Senior Math Contest is** open to all students to be written on Nov 21st. Registration deadline was Nov 2nd on School Cash Online—Mr. Raffoul—Subject Head of Mathematics

#### Message from School Council

**"Tech Update Presentation" at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 19th in the Library.** Join us in reviewing the functionality of GAPPS - Google Classroom and Creating and Sharing Documents. All parents are welcome!





# MDHS School Council Agenda- November 19, 2018

- 1- Welcome 7:00 pm
- 2- Review of minutes from last meeting 7:05 pm
- 3- MDHS Student Council Update 7:10 pm
- 4- Technology Presentation 7:20 pm-7:50 pm
- 5- MDHS School Staff Update 7:50 pm-8:00 pm
- 6- School Council Treasurer's Update 8:00 pm-8:05 pm
- 7- School Council Updates 8:05 pm-8:20 pm Meeting with Student Council- October 16, 2018

School Safety Initiative Update

- Safety Blitz
- YRDSB Active and Safe Routes to School Coordinator Role Meeting with Board
- YRT Outreach program

Student Wellness

Wellness presentation update (Sunnybrook) Legalization of Marijuana presentation update

Budget Pro Grant update Fundraising update

PEAC Fall Forum- CEC East, Nov 26, 5:30-8:30 pm, Milliken Mills H.S.

8- School Updates by Principal- 8:20-8:25 pm

9- New Topics/Concerns/ Questions- 8:25-8:30 pm







Student Transportation Services of York Region 320 Bloomington Road West Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1 905-713-2535 FAX: 905-713-2533 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 moming, 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 <u>www.schoolbuscity.com</u>, 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





### Student Activity Fee – A Message for Parents and Guardians

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Your support of the Student Activity Fee is needed for Markham District High School to continue to provide a vast array of opportunities that respond to the diverse interests of our students. We know that parents and guardians of MDHS students appreciate the value of extracurricular activities in building school spirit, fostering a sense of community and support positive mental health and wellbeing within our students.

The Student Activity Fee helps to fund engaging opportunities that occur before school, at lunch and afterschool. Monies collected cover or subsidize costs of events and activities — including those run by the Student Activity Council (SAC) — that build school spirit, promote inclusivity, create memories and enrich the learning experience beyond the classroom and the designated subject curriculum. Our Student Activity Council (in collaboration with Staff Advisors and Administration) manages the allocation of the Student Activity Fees collected at registration.

Here are some examples of how SAC allocates Student Activity Fees (SAF) at MDHS:

#### **Clubs & Committees:**

o To provide start up operational funds for clubs and committees;

o To defray costs of organizing or participating in special events (such as student conferences, competitions, celebrations) related to the club or committee; and

o To support special initiatives that clubs have requested funding for via a written proposal.

#### Teams:

o To pay the cost of one tournament per team (students on teams are required to pay the SAF); o To provide awards/trophies for athletic excellence and sportsmanship at the annual Athletic Banquet; and

o To provide funding support for teams that qualify for OFSAA.

#### Student Council – Whole School Activities/School Climate Support:

o Grade 9 Welcome Day

- o Spirit Week Activities
- o Monthly Spirit Theme Days
- o Clubs Day
- o Conferences
- o Prizes/Awards for Academic Pep Rally
- o Hallowe'en Activities
- o Fall Dance, Semi-Formal and Prom
- o Valentine's Day Activities
- o May Day Event
- o Guest Speakers for Assemblies
- o Purchasing items for the Student Body

#### **Other:**

o The Music, Drama, Visual Arts and Classics programs have co-curricular clubs and activities which receive funding from SAC through the SAF.

Please note that even if you choose not to pay the \$45 Student Activity Fee it means that your child will pay higher entrance fees for tickets to school events.





# 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 <u>School Cash Online</u>. In the "Gift Information" section, please ensure you select <u>"MARKHAM D.H.S.-E404"</u> to ensure the funds are allocated to the <u>MDHS</u> 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.

# FLU SEASON IS HERE

Get the flu shot as early as possible



The first and best step to preventing the flu (or influenza), is to **get the flu shot every year**. The flu spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others and anyone can get it. Getting the flu shot can protect you, your family and those around you.

Students may be at higher risk of getting the flu as they come together in close public spaces including the classroom, gymnasium, cafeteria and library.

The flu shot is especially important for students who have a chronic condition (e.g. asthma, diabetes) or those who live with or have close contact with a pregnant woman, kids less than five years old, or a resident of a nursing home or other chronic care facility since these groups are at higher risk of getting very sick or being hospitalized because of the flu.

Flu shots are free and are readily 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

In addition to getting the flu shot annually, here are some other health tips that can help prevent the spread of the flu:

- Wash your hands well and often with either soap and water or alcohol based hand rub
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze (if you do not have a tissue, cough into your upper sleeve)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you're sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and shared items

It's important to get the flu shot as early as possible as it can take nearly **two weeks** for the influenza vaccine to take full effect.

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

PUBLIC HEALTH 1-877-464-9675 TTY 1-866-512-6228 york.ca/flu







# Help us learn more about the students in our school communities.

In November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 to participate in an important census to better understand who they are and how they feel about school.

# Inspire Learning.' www.yrdsb.ca







The **Every Student Counts Survey** is part of our Board's commitment to improving student achievement and well-being. Students' voices are important. We want to learn more about the students we serve and create more equitable and inclusive school environments.

The survey is confidential and voluntary. The census will be sent home with students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 to be completed with a parent/guardian. Students in Grade 7 to 12 will be invited to complete the census at their school. Accessibility options will be available for any student who needs assistance completing the survey. All students will be given the opportunity to participate.

Look for more information from the school in September or visit www.yrdsb.ca.





# **Online Resources**



Online Encyclopedia National Film Board





Create your own login

# CBC Streaming Resources Naxos Music Library





Create your own login

Username dsbvorkMM Password: dsbyorkMM

# Library and Archives Canada



# **Ontario Educational Resource Bank**



Username: YRDSBstudent Password: oerbs



# Contact us!



The MDHS Library has its very own Twitter account (@MDHS Library). Follow us for all your library and school related information.





# **Contact Information:**

Rose Gibbs (Subject Head) Email: rose.gibbs@yrdsb.ca



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Welcome to **MDHS** Library Learning Commons!



# **Library Hours**

The library is open Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Students are welcome before school, at lunch, after school and

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# Gale Online Resources

Our online resources from Gale are available. We have a number of ebooks as well as many other databases.

These databases may be accessed from the library link on the school website. Please click on <u>ebooks/</u> databases and then go to the link for <u>Gale Online Resources</u>. They ae also on the Library home page.



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# Gale Virtual Reference Library

<u>The Gale Virtual Reference Library</u> with the MDHS ebook collection is also available. The link to the Gale Virtual Reference Library is available in the list of Gale Online Resources and also on the Library <u>Ebooks and Databases</u> link on the website.

Password for remote access: york

Borrow audiobooks, eBooks & streaming video from our school collection

Read anytime, anywhere on your phone, tablet, or computer

<u>Visit:</u>



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# 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.



Sign in with your student ID or school login.

3 Borrow a back.

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

# Questions?

Visit help.overdrive.com to learn more about getting started and for help





# 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 6o-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 McIn	tosh Dr., Suite 239
August 13th November 5th	gam - Spm gam - Spm
Aurora: 240 Edv	vard St., Unit 3
July 9th October 15th	gam - Spm gam - Spm
Vaughan: 9401 Jane St	., 3rd floor, Suite 301
September 10th December 3rd	CHATTER STREET

## 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 1-866-257-9776 x2274 OR by email: <u>cmacdonaid@yssn.ca</u>

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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 <a href="http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/">http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/</a>.

# 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 <u>http://MarkhamDistrict.HS.yrdsb.ca/</u> 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.

# 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

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SchoolCashOnline.com Hello Parent,

Please click the link below to confirm your email address

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Copy the link and paste it into your web browser, if the link doesn't work. Contact support at 1.866.961.1803 or email parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com. Thank you,

Your School Cash Online Support Team

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# 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 <u>parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com</u>.

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### School Cash Online – Parent Registration