



# 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.

Week of November 5th-11th, 2018			
Monday, November 5th	• Girls Hockey to Markham Village Arena vs. Newmarket H.S. at 3:00 pm.		
Tuesday, November 6th	Significant Faith Day - Diwali		
Wednesday, November 7th	<ul> <li>English to Stratford leaving 9:00 am, leaving location 5:00 pm - Mr. Keyes-Renaud</li> <li>University Information Session #2 during period 2—PIN distribution (changed from Nov. 13th)</li> <li>ME to WE Graduation Ceremony in Library &amp; Cafeteria from 7:00 -8:30 pm—Mr. Caswell</li> </ul>		
Thursday, November 8th	<ul> <li>Grade 10 Civics/Careers Turnaround Day</li> <li>Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge—Mr. Raffoul</li> <li>Family Studies to Royal Winter Fair, leaving 8:00 am, leaving location 1:45 pm - Ms. Flowers</li> <li>Post-Secondary Information Session for Parents from 6:30-8:30 pm in Cafeteria—parents for students of all grades are welcome—Ms. Kerhoulas</li> </ul>		
Friday, November 9th	<ul> <li>Annual Remembrance Day Assemblies—periods 1 &amp; 2—Mr. Morris</li> <li>Special Education to AANIIA CC for swimming, leaving 9:45am, leaving location 1:00 pm - Ms. Green</li> </ul>		
Saturday, November 10th	<ul> <li>DECA Regional Competition at St. Robert CHS starting at 8:30 am—Mrs. Webber</li> <li>Wind Symphony to Veteran's Hall for Remembrance Day Ceremony—Mr. Caswell</li> </ul>		
Sunday, November 11th	• Remembrance Day		

Week of November 12th-17, 2018		
Monday, November 12th	<ul> <li>SHSM group to Seneca College, leaving MDHS 8:45 am, leaving location 2:00 pm - Mr. Weinstein</li> <li>Learning Strategies group to George Brown, leaving 9:00 am, leaving location 1:45 pm - Ms. Sebastian</li> <li>Girls Hockey vs St. Max at Markham Village Arena game at 3:00 pm.</li> </ul>	
Tuesday, November 13th	<ul> <li>Swim Team Prep meet 2. Students should be back by Period 5.</li> <li>Classics Club hosts the Certamen—an interschool Classics tournament/competition, 1:15-9:30 pm through out the school—Mr. McLaren</li> <li>Senior Girls Basketball YRAA semifinals at St. Brother Andre at 4:00 pm.</li> </ul>	
Wednesday, November 14th	<ul> <li>Grade 9 Take Your Kid to Work Day—all Grade 9 students offsite at individual work locations</li> <li>Grade 8 Take Your Kid to High School Day – all day—workshops and classroom visits throughout the building—Guidance Office</li> <li>Girls Hockey to Magna Arena, leaving 1:30 pm, game at 3:15, leaving location 4:15 pm - Mr. Howard</li> </ul>	
Thursday, November 15th	<ul> <li>Mid term Report Cards distribution in Homerooms</li> <li>SAC Spirit Day—"Meme Day" - club activities in the Blue Zone during periods 3 &amp; 4</li> <li>SHSM/Tech to Metro Hall, leaving 8:00 am, leaving location 2:00 pm - Mr. Weinstein</li> <li>Drama to Second City, leaving 9:30 pm, leaving location 2:00 pm - Ms. Duncan</li> <li>English to Richmond Hill Silver City, leaving 9:30 am, leaving location 2 pm - Ms. Pascual</li> <li>Grade 8 Parent Information Night, 6:30 pm-8:30 pm in Cafeteria (NEW TIME) for more info please go to: http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/guidance/Pages/Grade-8-Parents-Night-aspx</li> </ul>	
Friday, November 16th Saturday, November 17th	<ul> <li>Special Education to AANIIA CC for swimming, leaving 9:45 am, leaving location 1 pm - Ms. Green</li> <li>LEAD group to Willowgrove Centre, leaving 9:30 am, leaving location 8 pm - Ms. Ho</li> <li>Grade 10 Band – "We Play for Africa" Rehearse-A-Thon, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm - Mr. Caswell</li> <li>Me to We to Ryerson University, leaving 7:30am, leaving location 5pm - Ms. Duncan</li> </ul>	





## Messages from Guidance

Attention all guardians/parents of grade 11 & 12 students, you will find the Fall Open House schedules for both Universities and Colleges on our website <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Newsletters.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Newsletters.aspx</a>

University Information Session #2: "Applying to an Ontario University" Thurs. Nov. 7 period 2 for all university-bound grade 12s

<u>Post-Secondary Planning Info Night for MDHS Parents / Guardians & Students</u> on Thursday, November 8 at 6:30 pm!! (NEW DATE)

Guidance will be presenting a general information session for parents/guardians & students from all grades who are interested in learning more about application and admissions to university and/or college in Ontario. Discussion topics include: researching programs, applying to and accepting offers of admission, course & mark prerequisites, scholarship opportunities and entering highly competitive programs. All are welcome!

### Take Our Kids to Work for Grade 9 Students

*Take Our Kids to Work* is a national initiative sponsored by the Learning Partnership, a non-profit organization of business people, educators and community leaders. The Learning Partnership is committed to creating challenging learning and career opportunities for young people and to showing them just how important skills, training and education are to their success.

On **Wednesday, November 14, 2018**, your grade 9 son/daughter is encouraged to work with you or someone you designate for the day. Here is how you can help:

• Talk to your employer and request permission to bring your son/daughter to work with you on **Wednesday**, November 14, 2018.

 $\cdot$  Please return the signed consent form to guidance as we must account for every student.

- •The form entitled "We Need Your Consent" is located on the last page of your parent guide.
- $\cdot$  Invite your grade 9 son/daughter to work for the day. Explain that you would like him/her to see where you work, the people with whom you work and the different types of jobs at your workplace.
- If it is not appropriate for you to take your son/daughter to work, **please ask a friend, relative or neighbour if they can host your child for the day at their work.** Perhaps, you know someone working in a field of interest to your child. Conversely, if your child has a friend in grade 9 who is unable to go to a parent's place of work, please offer to have this student attend your place of work along with your child.

#### Grade 8 Parent Information Night (November 15th)

For more information please see the guidance page on our website: <u>http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/guidance/Pages/</u> <u>Grade-8-Parents-Night-.aspx</u>

#### 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

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 18thCentennial College:November 16th

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 12 (A Day in the Life of a Business Student: Seneca College): Please see Ms. Lovell (limited space) November 15 (Skilled Trades Expo and Skilled Trades in the Film Industry)

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

December 10 (Athletic Wrapping and Taping for Performance and Injury): for Arts & Culture and Health & Wellness SHSM students

Grade 11 students interested in registering for SHSM - it is NOT too late (students are eligible even if they plan to take coop in grade 12 rather than in grade 11). Please see Mr. Weinstein for information or visit:

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





### 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

The University of Waterloo is now holding the Financial Literacy Competition twice a year, for students who are enrolled in BBI2O1 -Introduction to Business. This is an online competition which is 75 minutes long and held at MDHS. The semester 1 competition date is December 5, 2018. Please have your son/daughter see your teacher for additional details. Additional information can be accessed through the link below.

https://uwaterloo.ca/school-of-accounting-and-finance/teachers-and-guidance-counsellors/financial-literacy-classroom

Mrs. Lovell-Business Studies Head



# DON'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY? DON'T WORRY, LET YEARBOOK 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.

*Michelle Kane* Principal |Markham District High School|

#### Student Registration Verification Sheet and Policy Agreement Checklist and Consent From

During the first week of school every student was given a *Student Registration Verification* sheet. This needs to be verified, signed and returned to the office as soon as possible even if all there were no changes. The blue *Policy Agreement Checklist and Consent From* was also give out in homerooms. *This form is available on our web site under the parent newsletters/bulletin*. Both these forms should be returned to the main office as soon as possible.





### Message from the Math Department

**COMC (Canadian Open Math Contest)** open to all students to be written on Nov 8th. Registration deadline is October 24th on School Cash Online.

PARENT BULLET

Canadian Intermediate/Senior Math Contest open to all students to be written on Nov 21st. Registration deadline is Nov 2nd on School Cash Online.

Mrs. Elliott -Department Head of Mathematics

### Message from Special Education

Reminder to parents/guardians that IEP's went home October 17, 2018. If you have not seen the IEP, please ask your student if they received it. Those parents who did not receive their copy from their student, please contact your child's SERT or the Special Education Department. Parent Consultation Forms also went home. Please complete and return this form as it is your opportunity to be consulted in the development of your student's IEP. Once you have reviewed the IEP, please sign and return it to the school. - Mrs. Cairns



## Message from DECA

Registration for MDHS DECA is complete (78 members), and the first tier of competition has started! The Regional Online Competency Test was completed on Wednesday, October 31 at school. The York Regional Competition itself is taking place on Saturday, November 10 at Richmond Hill HS. A letter outlining the itinerary for the day was sent home, along with the Field Trip Permission Form. Individual Role Plays will take place in the morning; Principle Events and Team Role Plays will take place in the afternoon. Please ask your son/daughter what their category is.

As this competition is on a Saturday, students must arrange for their own transportation to and from the competition. This was also outlined in the letter and on the field trip form. If you have any questions, I can be reached at <u>colleen.sheardown-webber@yrdsb.ca</u>.

Best of luck to all competitors!!! Colleen Webber







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

PARENT BULLETIN

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 School Council</u>.

To make a donation, please click the 'Make Donation' icon in Cash online screen and follow the instructions.

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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.

# 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



# EVERY SEUCENT COUNTS SEUCENT 2018 November 2018



# 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!







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**



National Film Board





Username: dsbyork Password: dsby7692

Create your own login

# CBC Streaming Resources Naxos Music Library





Create your own login

Username dsbyorkMM Password: dsbyorkMM

# Library and Archives Canada



# Ontario Educational Resource Bank



Username: YRDSBstudent Password: oerbs



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# 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



Created: Sept 2018 (RG/KV)



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



# 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.





# Gale Virtual Reference Library

The Gale Virtual Reference Library 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 Ebooks and Databases 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>





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

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Co to your school's OverDrive website: http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/

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 McIntosh Dr., Suite 239		
August 13th November 5th	9am - 5pm 9am - 5pm	
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		

## 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

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Please click the link below to confirm your email address.

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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