



	Week of October 22th to 26th, 2018			
Grade Photos by appointment (Oct. 23rd-Nov. 2nd). Students are required to sign up in the main office.				
Monday, October 22nd	• P.A. Day - No classes for students			
Tuesday, October 23rd	 Alliance Club to Sheraton Parkway Toronto North leaving 8:00 am, returning to MDHS 3:30 pm—Mr. Stetina Grad Photos by appointments only, starts today and goes to Nov 2nd in the Library Photo Retake Day—in the cafetorium—students will be called via announcements Volunteer/Job fair from 11:00 am-1:00 pm in Blue Zone–Mrs. McGill Sr. Girls Basketball team to Jean Vanier CHS, leaving 2:15 pm, game time: 3:30 pm—leaving location 4:45 pm—Ms. Morrison Jr. Boys Volleyball team practice in the gym 3-4:30 pm—Mr. Barber 			
Wednesday, October 24th	 Special Education to AANIIA CC for swimming, leaving at 9:45 am, leaving location 1:00 pm - Ms. Green Jr. Boys Volleyball team hosts Home Game, after school - Mr. Barber US College Expo Tour Fair from 3:00-3:45 pm in Blue Zone–Mrs. McGill 			
Thursday, October 25th	 Cross Country out all day to Boyd Conservation Area—Ms. Whittaker Yearbook class to YCDSB Center for the Arts, leaving at 8:15 pm, leaving location 2:00 pm—Mrs. Howard Jr. Boys Volleyball team practice in the gym 3-4:45 pm—Mr. Barber Sr. Boys Volleyball team to Bill Crothers S.S., leaving at 3:15 pm, matches vs. PETHS & BCSS begin at 4:15 pm, leaving location 6:00 pm—Mr. Sareen Sr. Girls Basketball team to Markville S.S, leaving MDHS at 3:20 pm, game time: 4:45 pm, leaving location at 6:00 pm—Mr. Zhang Sr. Boys Volleyball team to Bill Crothers S.S., leaving at 3:15 pm, matches vs. PETHS & BCSS begin at 4:15 pm, leaving location 6:00 pm—Mr. Sareen Music group to Laser Quest, leaving at 4:30 pm, leaving location at 7:45 pm—Mrs. Caswell New date: Event move to Thursday, Nov. 8th. Post Secondary Information Session for Parents, 6:30-8:30 pm in Cafeteria—Ms. Kerhoulas 			
Friday, October 26th	 SAA HOCO Event from 10:50 am-4:30 pm in Blue Zone, Gym and outside fields—permission forms required Special Education group to AANIIA CC for swimming, leaving 9:45 am, leaving location at 1:00 pm—Mrs. Green 			

Week of October 29th to November 2nd, 2018				
 Monday, October 29th Sr. Boys Volleyball team to Bur Oak S.S., leaving at 2:30 pm, matches vs. SDSS & MMHS begin pm—Mr. Sareen Jr. Boys Volleyball team to Unionville H.S leaving at 2:30 pm, matches vs. BOSS & MCI begin pm—Mr. Barber 				
	• Jr. Girls Basketball team hosts Unionville H.S.: game time 4 pm—Mr. Zhang			
Tuesday,	Literacy Activity Period 1 for all Grade 10 students			
October 30th	DECA Online Regional Competency Test after school– Mrs. Webber			
	• Jr. Boys Volleyball team practice in the gym 3-4:45 pm—Mr. Barber			
Wednesday,	y , • SAC Hallowe'en Activities during lunch time in the Blue Zone and Cafetorium—Mr. Macdonald			
October 31st	DECA Online Regional Competency Test after school—Mrs. Webber			
	• Jr. Boys Volleyball team practice in the gym 3-4:45 pm—Mr. Barber			
Thursday,	No Grade 10 Field Trips do to Civics/Careers Summatives (Nov 1-8)			
November 1st	Parent-Teacher Interview Night—6-8 pm—appointments booked via Edsby			
Friday,	Last day for booked Grad Pictures			
November 2nd	• Special Education to AANIIA CC for swimming, leaving 9:45am, leaving location 1:00 pm - Ms. Green			

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.



PARENT BULLETIN

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 <u>http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Newsletters.aspx</u>

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 <u>Wednesday, November 14, 2018</u>, 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.**
- Return the signed consent form to your son/daughter's homeroom teacher on or before **Tuesday**, **October 23**, **2018**.
- •The form entitled **"We Need Your Consent**" is located on the last page of your parent guide.
- 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, <u>please ask a friend, relative or</u> <u>neighbour if they can host your child for the day at their work</u>. 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.

<u>Volunteer / Job Fair</u>

MDHS will be hosting a volunteer/ job fair on Tuesday, October 23 during periods 3 and 4 in the blue zone for any interested students. Students are asked to come with a resume if they are seeking employment.

U.S College Expo

We will be hosting the U.S College Expo tour on Wednesday, October 24 from 3:00 pm- 3:45 pm. Students will get an opportunity to ask questions and learn about the U.S admissions process. If students are interested in coming, they are asked to register at <u>www.USCOLLEGEEXPO.COM/school-tours-registration</u>

Post-Secondary Info Night for MDHS Parents on Thursday, November 8 at 6:30 pm!! (NEW DATE)

Guidance will be presenting a general information session for parents 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, along with course & mark prerequisites, scholarship opportunities and entering highly competitive programs. All parents are welcome!

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
Centennial College:	November 16th
George Brown College:	October 29th

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.



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.

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/</u><u>escs</u>. This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments.

Computer Science Club

Computer Science Club meets every Tuesday in room 155 after school. Students develop their skills in Java and Python and get 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. They are currently competing against other schools in the Ryerson university CanHack competition.

Message from Family Studies

The Grade 9s have started an Inquiry Based Research Project on the Foundations of Food which will provide information we will need later this month when we get into Room 125 to do some cooking and sampling. Underlying this approach is the idea that both educators and students share responsibility for learning. For students, the process involves open-ended investigations into a question or a problem, requiring them to engage in evidence-based reasoning and creative problem-solving. They are looking forward to the "eating" part of the research! - Thank you, Ms. More

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.

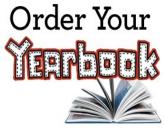
https://uwaterloo.ca/school-of-accounting-and-finance/teachers-and-guidance-counsellors/financial-literacy-classroom

Mrs. Lovell-Business Studies Head



TERRY FOX THANKS YOU!

On September 26^h Markham DHS held our annual **Toonies for Terry Fox Coin Drive**. This year we were able to raise over \$900. Thank you to all students, staff and parents who donated to this worthy cause. A special thank you goes to Ms. Green Autism class who helped make many customized buttons for the event. Another big thanks also goes out to Ms. Puri and Mr. Stetina's class for sorting and counting the money. Parents can still donate to our cause by donating directly online to Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you! <u>http://www.terryfox.ca/MarkhamDHSMarkham</u>



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.



PARENT BULLETIN

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

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:

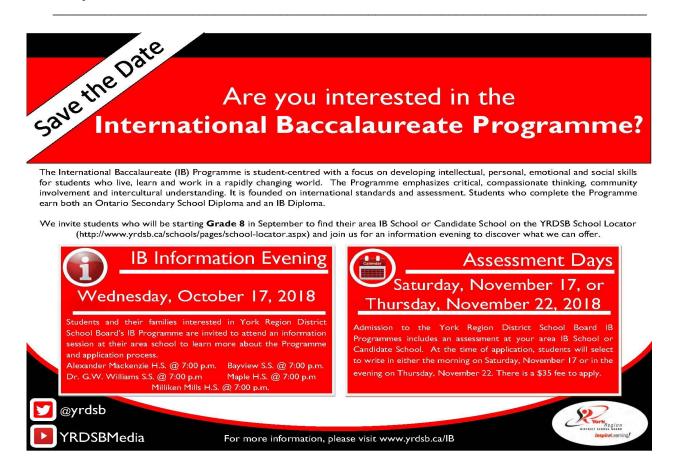
- 1. bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp
- 2. Complete the application and submit
- 3. Print from your gapps email
- 4. Obtain parent/guardian signature and return to guidance

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.

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





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

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.

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.

Hichelle Kane **Principal** |Markham District High School|

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October 16, 2018

As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals **19 and older** to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario. **Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time.**

It is illegal for **anyone** regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:

- at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- on children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- in places where home child care is provided even if children aren't present

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student's Health Care Plan.

If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful. You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know https://smh-assist.ca/wp-content/uploads/WEB-Cannabis-Information-Document-SMHA-CAMH-ENGLISH.pdf

Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk With Your Teen https://www.drugfreekidscanada.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/34-17-1850-Cannabis-Talk-Kit-EN-10.pdf

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.

Regards,

Michele Kare





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



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



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	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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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.







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 <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