



# PARENT BULLETIN

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## Week of September 10th to 14th, 2018

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| <b>Monday,<br/>September<br/>10th</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Significant Faith Day— ♦ Rosh Hashanah—With respect for Inclusivity &amp; Equity; there will be no evaluations, club meetings or team practices on these dates.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Tuesday,<br/>September<br/>11th</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Significant Faith Day— ♦ Rosh Hashanah—With respect for Inclusivity &amp; Equity; there will be no evaluations, club meetings or team practices on these dates.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Wednesday,<br/>September<br/>12th</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tennis Team Tryouts @ 7 am behind Reesor Park—Ms. Kerhoulas</li><li>Grade 11 Safe Schools Assembly—Period 1</li><li>Computer Science Club first meeting in Room 155 @ 3 pm</li><li>Art Club first meeting in Room 124 @ 3 pm</li><li>Jr. Boys Soccer Tryouts after school— Mr. Kelso and Ms. Liu</li><li>Sr. Boys Soccer Tryouts after school—Mr. Sugden</li><li>Robotics Team general information meeting in Room 115 @ 3 pm—Mrs. Flowers</li></ul> |
| <b>Thursday,<br/>September<br/>13th</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grade 12 Safe Schools Assembly—Period 1</li><li>Robotics Team general information meeting in Room 115 @ 3 pm—Mrs. Flowers</li><li>Grade 9 Parent Music Information Night in the cafetorium—doors open at 6:30 pm—Mr. Simmons</li></ul>   |
| <b>Friday,<br/>September<br/>14th</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Grade 10 Safe Schools Assembly Period 1</li><li>MDHS hosting OFSAA Girls Flag Football tournament, all day on the south fields - Mr. Hartslief</li><li>Course Change Deadline Day</li><li>Grade 10-12 Photo Day! - Bring your smile! - Please see flyer that was sent home on Monday</li><li>LEAD Info session in Room 252 @ 3 pm</li></ul>  |

## Week of September 17th to 22nd, 2018

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| <b>Monday,<br/>September<br/>17th</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Co-op/SHSM workshop in Library all day</li><li>Girls Flag Football team to Creditview Sports, leaving 7:30 am, leaving location 1:30 pm—Mr. Hartslief</li><li>School Council Meeting in the school Library beginning at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!</li></ul> |
| <b>Tuesday,<br/>September<br/>18th</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>  |
| <b>Wednesday,<br/>September<br/>19th</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Significant Faith Day— ♦ Yom Kippur—With respect for Inclusivity &amp; Equity; there will be no evaluations, club meetings or team practices on these dates.</li></ul>  |
| <b>Thursday,<br/>September<br/>20th</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>  |
| <b>Friday,<br/>September<br/>21st</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li></li></ul>  |

### From International Languages

Have you ever considered learning another language? one that your high school doesn't offer? And the great thing is you do not need to know how to speak the language to take the course.

Did you know that YRDSB offers 15 International Languages CREDIT courses at 4 different high schools? Again, you do not need to speak the language to take these courses.

Did you know that learning another language can...?

- strengthen your first language and second language skills,
- create pride in your own culture and a better understanding of other cultures, and also
- can potentially enhance your career options?!

So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity. Visit your Guidance office today to get a registration form for September 2018 classes.



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## Message From Our Trustee

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.



Mr. Allan Tam  
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(416) 898-9607 [allan.tam@yrdsb.ca](mailto:allan.tam@yrdsb.ca)

## Message from Administration

Hello:

Welcome to another exciting school year at MDHS! We have been busy registering new students, orienting Grade 9 students, managing timetable changes, introducing new staff and getting teams and clubs started. Our numbers continue to grow and we currently have 1570 students enrolled with 110 teaching staff.

I have a few items I would like to highlight and have listed them below for clarity of communication:

- Check our website and the biweekly e-bulletin to ensure you are aware of upcoming dates and events.
- All students received an information package in homeroom and are required to return the blue package with parent/guardian signatures by Friday, September 14, 2018.
- All the necessary start up information (Student Information Package) including the blue signature package can be found on our website.
- Update any changes to student information (medical, address, phone contacts) with the main office so that we can ensure details are accurate.
- We are able to financially support some student activities if you need financial assistance. Contact the office or guidance so that we can work together to support all students.

We are very excited about the new school year as it always brings hope and possibility. We all expect great things from our students and this can be achieved when staff and our MDHS community work together.

*Let's continue to collaborate to create the conditions for all of us to learn and grow!  
Have an amazing school year!*

*Michelle Kane*

Principal | Markham District High School | 89 Church Street | Markham, Ontario | L3P 2M3 | phone 905.294.1886 | fax 905.294.8141

**Inspire Learning!**

## Messages from Guidance

### Scholarship News

Grade 12 students interested in obtaining information regarding scholarship opportunities as asked to join the Guidance Moodle at <http://bit.ly/SCHOLARSHIPS2016>

School sponsored scholarships that are available in September include the *Loran*. School Sponsored scholarships that are available in October include *The University of Toronto National Book Award and National Program*.

### Timetable Changes

Students are expected to follow their assigned timetable and attend all classes as scheduled. Students can request a timetable change using the on-line course change request form. Students can access this form by logging into their GAPPS account and using the following link: [tiny.cc/MDHSCOURSECHANGE](http://tiny.cc/MDHSCOURSECHANGE)

Once students submit the form, a PDF copy will be sent to their email. Please have the student print the form, sign it and have the parent/guardian sign it. Once the student is called to Guidance, they must present this form.

**This on-line form will be open until Friday, September 14, 2:50pm. Please note students can only submit ONE form.**

No appointments regarding timetables can be made at this time. Timetable change re-requests will NOT be accepted through email or by phone. If your student is having difficulty accessing the form, please ask them to come to the Guidance office and a counsellor will be happy to assist them.

Semester two timetable changes will not be addressed at this time. Announcements will be made in late October regarding this process.

Thank you for your patience during this busy time.

*Gabrielle McGill - Subject Head of Guidance and Career Education*



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

Your child was given a Student Registration Verification Sheet. This needs to be verified, signed and returned to their homeroom teacher by Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis and requires an Epi-Pen to be kept in the Main Office please have them come to the Main Office to pick up the required forms.

The blue ***Policy Agreement Checklist and Consent From*** was also give out in homeroom. If your child has first period lunch or spare they can pick this up at the main office with their ***Student Registration Verification Sheet***.

**Both these forms should be returned to their homeroom teacher or the main office by Friday September 14th, 2018.**

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### ***Report Cards***

If your child did not pick up their report cards over the summer please have them come to the office. Students must provide identification (Student Photo ID or equivalent) when picking up their report card package.

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### ***Lost and Found***

If your child has lost keys, glasses, a phone or jewelry (Pandora bracelet, etc.), please have them check with main reception. We also have a garage door opener that was found in the parking lot last year.

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### ***York Region Transit Bus Tickets***

York Region Transit (YRT) is transitioning towards the elimination of paper tickets and passes, and focusing on the full implementation of PRESTO and mobile fare payments systems. As part of this initiative to discontinue paper fare media, York Region Transit will be ending its fare media agreement with Markham District High School. Students will no longer be able to purchase tickets at the school. Please go to [prestocard.ca](http://prestocard.ca) for more information.

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

Welcome from SHSM. Students are encouraged to check their gapps email as well as the SHSM bulletin board outside of guidance for many exciting opportunities.

Students will need to pick up permission forms for field trips in guidance and return them with the appropriate signatures in a timely manner. As well, they are expected to attend the field trips 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:

**September 17 (Beanstalk Project):** At MDHS (this is a training opportunity)

**October 3 (YMCA Cedar Glen):** outdoor education centre (this is a training opportunity)

**October 11 (MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL P.A.R.T.Y. Program):** (this is a training opportunity)

**October 18 & 19 (Standard First Aid/CPR Level C/AED):** At MDHS: (this is a training opportunity)

Please note that students are **NOT** expected to attend all field trips but rather the ones that are most relevant to their sector as well as those that are required (e.g. FIRST AID).



## **TERRY FOX COIN DRIVE 2018**

On Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> Markham DHS will hold our annual **“TOONIES FOR TERRY FOX COIN DRIVE”**. All students and staff are encouraged to bring in coins and money to donate to this great cause. All amount is greatly accepted. Like last year, MDHS Families are able to directly donate to our own MDHS Terry Fox account online by clicking on this link: <http://www.terryfox.ca/MarkhamDHSMarkham>. Lastly, we encourage all to participate in Terry Fox Run on Sunday, Sept. 16 in your community. The closest Terry Fox run/walk to MDHS is at the Unionville Library starting at 9.30 am on Sunday. Thank you for your support!



## 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 60-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<br>November 5th                  | 9am - 5pm<br>9am - 5pm |
| Aurora: 240 Edward St., Unit 3               |                        |
| July 9th<br>October 15th                     | 9am - 5pm<br>9am - 5pm |
| Vaughan: 9401 Jane St., 3rd floor, Suite 301 |                        |
| September 10th<br>December 3rd               | 9am - 4pm<br>9am - 4pm |

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 1-866-257-4776 x2274  
OR by email: [cmacdonald@yssen.ca](mailto:cmacdonald@yssen.ca)



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

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.

Thank you





## Online Resources

Online Encyclopedia 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



No login  
required

Ontario Educational Resource Bank



Username: YRDSBstudent  
Password: oerbs

## Contact us!



Twitter

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



## Welcome to MDHS Library Learning Commons!

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## 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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## Contact Information:

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





## 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 ebooks/ databases and then go to the link for Gale Online Resources. They are 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*

Visit:



### 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.

1

Go to your school's OverDrive website:

<http://yrdsb.lib.overdrive.com/>

2

Sign in with your student ID or school login.

3

Borrow a book.

4

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](http://help.overdrive.com) to learn more about getting started and for help







## DR. BETTE STEPHENSON CENTRE FOR LEARNING INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM

### INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES PROGRAM- SECONDARY CREDIT PROGRAM 2018-2019

#### Why Study International Languages at High School?

Language is our connection with our community and the world. Through language we identify the world around us, express our concerns and hopes, and share our experiences and ideas.

So what are you waiting for?! Now is the time to take advantage of this opportunity and register for a YRDSB International Language CREDIT course of your choice! We offer CREDIT courses in 15 languages at 4 high schools.

#### Learning another language...

- can enhance intellectual functioning
- strengthens first language skills and facilitates learning additional languages
- creates pride in one's own cultural background and better understanding of other cultures
- enhances career options (source: <http://www.ilea.ca> 03/11/15)

| COURSE                                    | Level 1<br>(Grade 9/10) | Level 2<br>(Grade 11)    | Level 3<br>(Grade 12) | SCHOOL LOCATION  |                       |                  |                    |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|
|   |                         | Prerequisite:<br>Level 1 | Prerequisite: Level 2 | MIDDLEFIELD C.I. | RICHMOND HILL<br>H.S. | THORNLEA<br>S.S. | UNIONVILLE<br>H.S. |
| ARABIC                                    | LYA BD                  | LYA CU                   | LYA DU                |                  | Saturday              |                  |                    |
| CANTONESE                                 | LKC BD                  | LKC CU                   | LKC DU                | Saturday         |                       | Saturday         | Tuesday            |
| FARSI                                     | LYF BD                  | LYF CU                   | LYF DU                |                  |                       | Saturday         |                    |
| GERMAN                                    | LWG BD                  | LWG CU                   | LWG DU                |                  | Saturday              |                  |                    |
| GREEK                                     | LBG BD                  | LBG CU                   | LBG DU                |                  | Saturday              |                  |                    |
| GUJARATI                                  | LIG BD                  | LIG CU                   | LIG DU                | Saturday         |                       |                  |                    |
| JAPANESE                                  | LKJ BD                  | LKJ CU                   | LKJ DU                |                  |                       | Saturday         | Tuesday            |
| KOREAN                                    | LKK BD                  | LKK CU                   | LKK DU                |                  | Saturday              |                  |                    |
| MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED                       | LKB BD                  | LKB CU                   | LKB DU                | Saturday         |                       | Saturday         | Tuesday            |
| MANDARIN TRADITIONAL                      | LKM BD                  | LKM CU                   | LKM DU                | Saturday         |                       | Saturday         |                    |
| MANDARIN SIMPLIFIED<br>ADVANCED PLACEMENT |                         |                          | LKB DUE               | Saturday         |                       |                  |                    |
| PUNJABI                                   | LIP BD                  | LIP CU                   | LIP DU                | Saturday         |                       |                  |                    |
| RUSSIAN                                   | LRR BD                  | LRR CU                   | LRR DU                |                  | Saturday              |                  |                    |
| SPANISH                                   | LWS BD                  | LWS CU                   | LWS DU                |                  | Saturday              |                  |                    |
| TAMIL                                     | LIT BD                  | LIT CU                   | LIT DU                | Saturday         |                       |                  |                    |
| URDU                                      | LIU BD                  | LIU CU                   | LIU DU                | Saturday         |                       |                  |                    |

Register online via *Career Cruising* commencing May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

- Once you have registered, print a sign-off sheet and get your parents to sign for parental approval
- Students who have pre-registered in class will not need to register again in September
- Attend the first class according to the above schedule and bring your signed Career Cruising Sign-off Sheet
- Course locations will be posted in the foyer of the International Languages school on the first day of class



# every Student counts November 2018 Survey



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](http://www.yrdsb.ca) @YRDSB



# every Student counts November 2018 Survey



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](http://www.yrdsb.ca).**



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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 <http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/>.

## **Follow the easy steps on the next page to register and get started!**



[Disclaimer](#)

### Step 1: Register

a) Click on the School Cash Online button on our school's website at <http://MarkhamDistrictHS.yrdsb.ca/> and select the "Get Started Today" button.

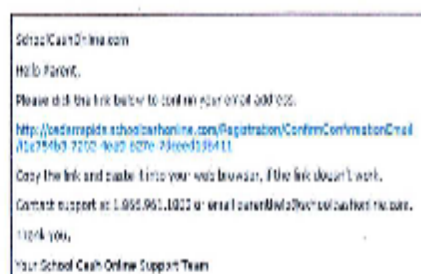
b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps

**\*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.*

- Enter the School Board Name
- Enter the School Name
- Enter Your Child's Student # and Last Name
- Select **Continue**
- On the next page confirm that you are related to the child, check in the Agree box and select **Continue**
- Your child has been added to your account

### 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 [parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com](mailto:parenthelp@schoolcashonline.com).