



# PARENT BULLETIN

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## Week of September 24th to 28th, 2018

### **SAC SPIRIT WEEK-MDHS Goes to Disneyland**

<b>Monday, September 24th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P.A. Day - no classes</li><li>• DECA Fall Leadership Symposium</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, September 25th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rugby to Fletcher Field, leaving 7:30 am, leaving location 4:30 pm - Mr. Sewell</li><li>• SAC Spirit Week - MDHS Goes to Disneyland (Twin day) 10:55-1:35 pm, newlywed game in the Blue Zone</li><li>• Jr. Boys Soccer to Keswick HS, Leaving 1:50 pm, leaving location 5:15 pm - Ms. Liu</li><li>• Jr. Boys Volleyball Tier 1 practice 3-4:45 pm in the gym</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, September 26th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Toonies for Terry” - Coin Drive during period 1 in support of the Terry Fox Foundation</li><li>• SHSM Training for Safety in Construction in Auto Room - Mr. Weinstein</li><li>• Cross-Country team to Milne Park meet — all day — Ms. Whittaker</li><li>• University Information Session #1 (Period 2) in Cafetorium</li><li>• SAC Spirit Week - Hawaiian day (Lilo &amp; Stitch) 10:55-1:35 pm, limbo in the Blue Zone</li><li>• Sr. Boys Soccer to Ft. McGivney CA, leaving 3 pm, leaving location 5 pm - Mr. Sugden</li><li>• Jr. Boys Volleyball Tier 1 practice 3-4:45 pm in the gym</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, September 27th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Music Guest Composer Robert Sheldon during periods 1 &amp; 2 - Mr. Caswell</li><li>• SAC Spirit Week - Pajama Day (Sleeping Beauty) 10:55-1:35 pm in the blue zone. Guess the number of chocolate kisses in the jar.</li><li>• SAC Movie Night—postponed to Semester 2</li><li>• Jr. Boys Volleyball Tier 1 practice 3-4:45 pm in the gym</li></ul>
<b>Friday, September 28th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special Ed. to Markham Fair, leaving 9:15 am, leaving location 1:45 pm - Ms. Puri</li><li>• Wind Symphony to Markham Fair Ground, leaving 9:30 am, leaving location 1:40 pm - Mr. Caswell</li><li>• Special Ed. to AANIA CC for swimming, leaving 9:45 am, leaving location 1:00 pm - Ms. Green</li><li>• SAC Spirit Week –Denim &amp; Plaid day (Andy’s Coming Friday) - Disney Trivia, toy and clothing donations in the Blue Zone 10:55-1:35pm</li></ul>

## Week of October 1st to October 6th, 2018

<b>Monday, October 1st</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jr. Boys Volleyball Tier 1 practice 37-8 am in the gym</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, October 2nd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 9 Retreat to Camp Green Acres, leaving 9 am, leaving location 2:00 pm - Mr. Macdonald</li><li>• Jr. Boys Volleyball Tier 1 team to Unionville HS: matches vs. UHS &amp; PETHS begin @ 3:30 pm—Mr. Barber</li><li>• Skilled Trades Information Night at 6:30-9:30 pm in Blue Zone, Cafeteria and through out the school—Mr. Butler. All are welcome! Please join us!</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, October 3rd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SHSM to YMCA Cedar Glen, leaving 7:45am, leaving location 2:30pm - Mr. Weinstein</li><li>• College Information Session #1 'Preparing to Apply to College' - Period 3 - Room 164-Mr. Buie</li><li>• Jr. Boys Volleyball Tier 1 practice 4-5 pm in the gym</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, October 4th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rugby to Fletcher Field, leaving 7:30 am, leaving location 4:30 pm - Mr. Sewell</li><li>• Sr. Boys Soccer to Hogarth, leaving 3:00 pm, leaving location 5:00 pm - Mr. Sugden</li><li>• Jr. Boys Volleyball Tier 1 team to Bur Oak SS: matches vs. BCSS &amp; FMMA begin @ 3:30 pm—Mr. Barber</li></ul>
<b>Friday, October 5th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Special Ed. to AANIA CC for swimming, leaving 9:45am, leaving location 1:00 pm - Ms. Green</li></ul>
<b>Monday, October 8th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Thanksgiving Day—No Classes, School Closed</b></li></ul>





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## *Messages from Guidance*

Guidance has completed all timetable change requests for semester 1. If your student would like to make changes to their semester 2 timetable or speak to their guidance counsellor about any other matters, they can make an appointment via teach assist according to the students last name. Due to staffing changes, the alpha for each guidance counsellor changes annually. Please note, the following;

<b>Ms. G. McGill</b>	<b>A - G</b>	<b>Ext 516</b>
<b>Mr. J. Buie</b>	<b>H- Kh</b>	<b>Ext 517</b>
<b>Mr. M. Weinstein</b>	<b>Ki - Q</b>	<b>Ext 519</b>
<b>Ms. E. Kerhoulas</b>	<b>R - Z</b>	<b>Ext 518</b>

## *Information for Grade 12 Students:*

The first in a series of University information sessions will be held on Wednesday, September 26 during second period. In this session, students will learn about what the University application process will look like and how students should prepare.

The scholarship moodle has been updated, so please have a look at the most recent Scholarship Report, in addition to other relevant information. <http://bit.ly/SCHOLARSHIPS2016>

## *College Information Session #1*

Wednesday, October 3rd  
Period 3 - Room 164

## *MDHS University & College Liaison Day 2018 - Presentations & Fair*

On Tuesday, October 16th, all grade 12 students will be participating in an in-school event, beginning after period 1. Representatives from over 30 universities and colleges will be delivering presentations (periods 2-4) and then be available in the cafetorium for the Fair (period 5) with research materials and representatives to answer questions. Students are asked to bring their lunch on this busy day. Parents are invited to join students for the Fair portion of the day from 1:45 to 3 pm.

## *Message 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 26 (Fire Safety & Fire Extinguisher Use) (Construction and Transportation students ONLY)**

**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)

Others currently in the EARLY planning stage (with many others to come):

Centennial College

OCAD

Second City

York University

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).

Lastly, it is still not TOO late for eligible grade 11 and 12 students to register for SHSM.

Students must log into their gapps account,

1. enter [bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp](http://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp)
2. Complete and submit the application
3. Print the application from gapps
4. Submit to guidance with parent/guardian signature

Thank you, Mr. Weinstein



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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 as soon as possible.

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 homerooms. ***This form is available on our web site under the parent newsletters/bulletin.***

**Both these forms should be returned to their homeroom teacher or the main office as soon as possible.**

## ***Message from Co-Op***



## ***TERRY FOX COIN DRIVE 2018***



**TOONIES FOR TERRY FOX COIN DRIVE is Sept. 26** Our school is proud to be supporting the Terry Fox Foundation. Please join our school community and support this worthy cause, click: <http://www.terryfox.ca/MarkhamDHSMarkham> to be taken to our school's fundraising page at [terryfox.org](http://terryfox.org). The Terry Fox Foundation has a great reputation with 82 cents of every dollar going directly to cancer research." Thank you for joining us in the fight against cancer and keeping Terry's dream alive. MDHS is also having a coin drive at MDHS. On Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> Markham DHS will hold our annual coin drive for Terry Fox which we call **Toonies for Terry Fox**. All students and staff are encouraged to bring in coins and money to donate to this great cause. All amount is greatly accepted.

## ***Bravo Breakfast***

Markham District High School will be hosting its first annual Awards Breakfast on Wednesday October 10, 2018 at 8:50 am. Our student awardees from 2017-2018 received an invitation in homeroom this week. We welcome the parents and guardians of our awardees to join us for breakfast and the awards ceremony. Please have your son or daughter return the RSVP card to the main office by September 28th.

## ***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. If you are a parent/guardian of child(ren) in Grades 7-12 and do **not** want them to participate in the survey, please contact CCI Research at 1-866-450-4907 **no later than October 9, 2018**.

The surveys are voluntary and confidential. Information about the surveys and the process is available at [www.yrdsb.ca/escs](http://www.yrdsb.ca/escs). This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments.

## ***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.



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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.

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### *Message from MDHS School Council*

Support the School Council at Markham District High School !

Would you like to support the MDHS School Council by helping a student attend a school event, increase student safety during morning arrival and afternoon departures, or contribute to enhancing the technology available for the students at school but don't have the time to? If so, you can support School Council by making a monetary donation to the school today. Your support of the 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.

With funds previously raised, School Council was able to support a variety of initiatives including:

- Ensuring inclusiveness by supporting students requiring financial assistance to attend school events.
- Organizing parent and student information sessions with experts on topics such as cyber safety, social media, inclusivity and student wellness.
- Creating signage that encourages alternate transportation for students to and from school.

You will be provided with a tax receipt for a donation of \$25 or more as the Board is a registered Canadian Charitable organization, so donate today! Your donation can be made through School Cash Online. In the "Gift Information" section, please ensure you select "MARKHAM D.H.S.-E404" to ensure the funds are allocated to the MDHS School Council.

Thank you in advance of your support,  
Your MDHS School Council



# SEPTEMBER IS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**BUY A BUTTON!  
SUPPORT THE CAUSE**

**PERIOD 5 IN ROOM 111  
OR IN THE BLUE ZONE  
TUES. SEPT. 25  
WED. SEPT. 26**



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO  
THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION**



The City of Markham  
cordially invites you to the  
official dedication of

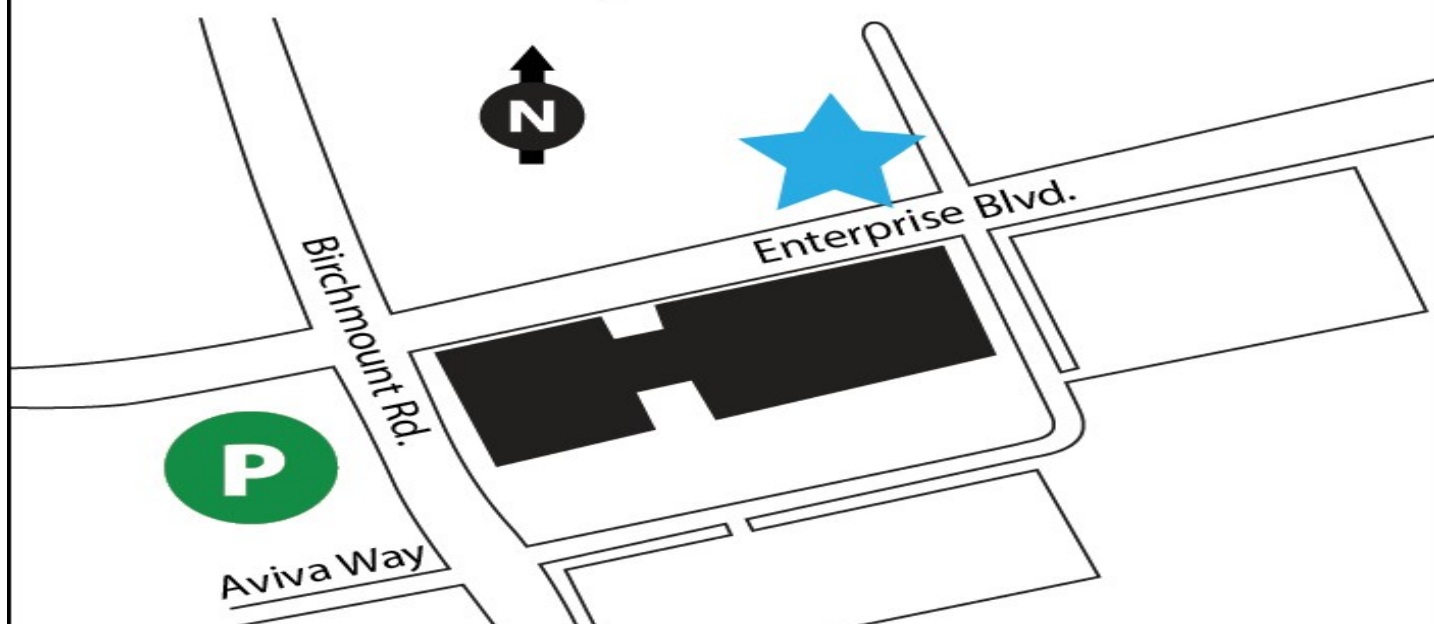
**Andre De Grasse Street**



**Join Andre for a  
community celebration**

*FREE ice cream for the first 1,000 guests*

**Saturday, Sept. 22 • 2 p.m.**  
**180 Enterprise Boulevard**







## 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*

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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.

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







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

# 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).**





## 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 <http://MarkhamDistrict.HS.yrdsb.ca/> and select the "Get Started Today" button.

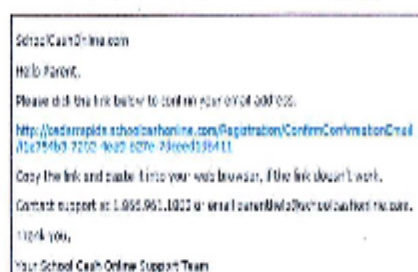
- b) Complete each of the three Registration Steps

**\*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

**Find Student**

- Type in the School Board name and select one from the list  
York Region District School Board  
☐ Change school board name
- Select a school  
Select school
- Enter student information  
Student Number  
Last Name

**Continue** [No students? Click here](#)

## 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).