



# PARENT BULLETIN

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## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Parents/Guardians are reminded to report all late or absent notices by emailing [markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca) or calling 905-294-1886, and selecting option 1.  
If you do not report the late or absence you will receive an automated call and email after school.  
Please respond to every email so that we can update your child's attendance records.

## February 22nd-26th, 2021

Monday, February 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation 1-Cohort A</li></ul>
Tuesday, February 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation 1-Cohort B</li></ul>
Wednesday, February 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation 1-Cohort A</li></ul>
Thursday, February 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation 1-Cohort B</li></ul>
Friday, February 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Feedback Support Day—Modified Schedule—Cohort A&amp;B: AM: Whole Class Online Synchronous (schedule to be emailed separately) PM: Feedback Opportunity with Classroom Teacher for students</li></ul>

## March 1st-5th, 2021

Monday, March 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation 2: Cohort A</li></ul>
Tuesday, March 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation 2: Cohort B</li><li>School Council presents: York Hills Centre for Children, Youth, and Families 7:00-8:30 pm. The link to the presentation will be shared closer to the date.</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation 2: Cohort A</li></ul>
Thursday, March 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation 2: Cohort B</li></ul>
Friday, March 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation 2: Cohort A</li></ul>

## Important Information for Inclement Weather Days

This year, given the importance of adhering to our [health and safety guidelines](#) to reduce the spread of COVID-19, schools will be closed to students when an inclement weather day is declared and school transportation is cancelled. Please do not send your child to school when an inclement weather day is declared. Please ensure that you take the time to make plans in the event of an inclement weather day school closure. Student learning will continue on inclement weather days when schools are closed to students. To find out if transportation is cancelled, check:

- [Board website](#)
- [@YRDSB](#) Twitter account
- [Student Transportation Services' \(STS\) website](#) or hotline: 1-877-330-3001
- Markham District website
- Radio and TV media outlets

Learn more about inclement weather, and important information for students and parents/**guardians** by visiting the [Severe Weather Conditions webpage](#).

## Start up Forms

After carefully checking our records, it has come to our attention that some students and parents have not yet submitted their Start up Forms. These forms were due in September. The student form assists with the review and confirmation of very important policies and safety protocols in place for students at the school. The parent form has the "Consent for Recording/Displaying Student Images by School Staff". This is a vital form which will grant permission for the student's photo to be published in the yearbook and school newsletters. Please complete this form with your student as soon as possible.

Start-up Forms Parent/Guardian <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/>

Start-up Form Student: <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students/>

## Message from the Yearbook Team

YEARBOOK WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US BY PURCHASING A BOOK THUS FAR. If you are still wishing to purchase a book, they are available on School Cash Online for \$30. The deadline for purchasing is Friday February 26th. Please do not be left without a book this year.

GRADUATES - We need your help! Please submit your own grad photo and blurb to the Google Form that was sent out to your Gapps account from the school. The deadline for submissions is Monday March 1st. We cannot accept entries past this date.

STUDENTS - Please follow Yearbook on instagram @mdhsyrbk2021 and DM any of your own photos to be included in the book this year. Be sure they are appropriate and only have students from MDHS in them to be included in the book. We look forward to see all of you this year in the book!!!

## Waterloo Math Contest Reminder

MDHS has always offered our students the option of writing multiple Math contests throughout the school year, hosted through the University of Waterloo. In the past, we have always been proud to acknowledge many of our students have achieved top ranking in the province and even in the country! This school year, due to the unprecedented nature of the learning environment, we have made the difficult decision to postpone hosting these Math contests in a formal capacity at our school, until we feel it is safe to do so. This, however, does not mean your child is not able to participate in writing the contest. The University of Waterloo Centre for Education and Computing (CEMC), has assured us they will still be running their contests this year and have given the option for students to register for them INDIVIDUALLY rather than through the school. For any student wishing to register to write any of this year's contests, we highly encourage them to do so by visiting the following link:

<https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/registration.html> and click on the button that says "New Individual / Remote Learning / Home School Application"

## Message from the Student Athletic Association

Your Student Athletic Association (SAA) has over 50 General members but there's still time to join us! Please fill in the [SAA General Membership Google Form](#) and we will add you to our Google Classroom. We meet online each Wednesday from 3:00 pm - 3:15pm. Be sure to check School Cash Online for our 'OFSAA Virtual Challenges' and 'SAA Online Events'. Once the permission form is signed, we will add you to those classrooms for contest details & participation.

**For those who have Instagram - follow us @mdhssaa for updates and virtual activities!**

## Message from Computer Science

The **Computer Programming Club** continues to meet every Wednesday after school, virtually. Please email [michael.berry@yrdsb.ca](mailto:michael.berry@yrdsb.ca) to be added to the Google Classroom for the club.



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## Message from the Guidance Department

### MDHS COURSE SELECTIONS for 2021-2022:

As outlined in previous email blasts and in our biweekly Guidance Bulletin...

Students are to **SUBMIT** their course requests between Feb 16 – 24<sup>th</sup> using My Pathway Planner/My Blueprint.

Instructions and guidelines can be found in:

1. MDHS Course Selection Google Classroom – all students are encouraged to join with access code **dqysjtq**
2. My Blueprint – while in the High School Plan, students can click on "Course Selection Resources"
3. MDHS Guidance Webpage <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>
4. Online Q&A Drop-in sessions with a Guidance Counsellor – link, dates & times posted in GC and on Web

**Note:** Gr 12 potential graduates are asked to log into My Blueprint and complete the "Not Returning" process.

Students may make appointments with their alpha counsellors in Teach Assist.

Please contact MDHS Guidance (x515) if you have any general questions or concerns.

~ MDHS Guidance

## School Council Meetings remaining for the 2020/21 school year

Monday, March 22, 2021 (Sub-Committee Meeting)

Monday, April 19, 2021

Monday, May 17, 2021

All meetings are virtual and begin at 7:00 pm, meeting link information to follow via separate email.

MDHS School (Parent) Council, email contact: [markham.dhs@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](mailto:markham.dhs@sc.yrdsb.edu.on.ca)

The MDHS School Council would like to invite families to the following:

York Hills Centre for Children, Youth, and Families is able to present virtually to our parent community on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 7:00-8:30 pm.

The link to the presentation will be shared by York Hills closer to the date.

## 211 Ontario

Do you need help finding food, housing, financial assistance, mental health support, employment support, support for seniors, winter clothing and/or shelter? For information and referral to government, health, community and social services, call 2-1-1, search 211Central.ca, text 21166, live-chat at 211Ontario.ca/chat or email get help@211Ontario.ca. 211 is free, confidential and available 24/7 in 150+ languages to connect you to local community supports.

## Message from the Visual Arts Department

In honour of Black History Month, Alysha Khanna (gr. 11) created a poster with the intended theme: 'Standing on Strong Shoulders'.

Congratulations Alysha for an outstanding design contribution.

Alysha Khanna is a grade 11 Graphic Design student. Congratulations Alysha!!-Mrs. Howard

