



PARENT BULLETIN

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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.

<u>Week of November 16-20, 2020</u>		<u>Week of November 23-27, 2020</u>	
Monday, November 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotation #5-1B • Virtual School Council Meeting 7:00 pm 	Monday, November 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotation #5-1A
Tuesday, November 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotation #5-1A 	Tuesday, November 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotation #5-1B
Wednesday, November 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotation #5-1B • Literacy Activities for Grade 10 students 	Wednesday, November 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotation #5-1A • Literacy Activities for Grade 10 students
Thursday, November 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotation #5-1A • Virtual Post-Secondary Planning Info Session (see below for more information)-6:30 pm 	Thursday, November 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotation #5-1B
Friday, November 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotation #5-1B • Mid-Term Report Cards distributed electronically 	Friday, November 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (New Rotation) #6-2A • Full Disclosure for Semester 1 courses

Fuel-Up Breakfast Program

Staff volunteers will once again be serving a free nutritious breakfast before school on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY mornings in the BLUE ZONE starting at 7:45 am. York Region Public Health has approved the following COVID-19 conscious safety guidelines that will be in place until further notice:
 All food items will be individually wrapped (except fresh fruit/vegetables) and packaged by MDHS staff in accordance with Safe Food Handling practices.
 Students will be required to use hand sanitizer before taking any items.
 Breakfast will be offered "Grab & Go" style to minimize student contact and allow for easy flow of hallway traffic.
 Students will be able to eat their breakfast and/or other snacks during designated break times in class.

University of Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition

The University of Waterloo will be hosting the Financial Literacy Competition, which has been modified given the recent pandemic in both December 2020 and May 2021. The competition is open to all grade 9, 10 and 11 students. Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all participants with cash prizes (\$75 gift card) to the top 20 students in each grade. Grade 12 students who were registered last May (as grade 11 students) but unable to compete will be eligible to write this year. They will also receive a levelled Certificate of Achievement. The top 5 will be recognized with a \$75 gift card as long as there are more than 50 students competing in this category.

The competition which will be held during school hours is an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their financial literacy skills. Online resources are available to help prepare for this competition. More information regarding registration and the online/in class format will be made available during the first week of November. - Mrs. Lovell

High School Ambassador Program (HAP)

The HAP is a Chartered Professional Accountant sponsored initiative. It provides an opportunity for students wishing to pursue a professional accounting designation to build their resume with exclusive contests, conferences and the chance to connect with CPAs. HAP is free to students and gets them access to the No Limits Conference (will be held virtually this year), CPA Showcase (60 sec., YouTube video contest), CPA InstaChallenge (periodic challenges sponsored by CPA Ontario), Write to Ignite and more.- Mrs. Lovell

"Post-Secondary Planning" Info Session for Parents/Guardians

Presented virtually by MDHS Guidance on **Thursday, Nov. 19 @ 6:30 pm**

- Are you and your student interested in additional information on the following:
- Differences between college & university
 - Researching programs and prerequisites for college & university entrance
 - How to apply to college & university
 - Apprenticeships and other post-secondary pathways

Please consider joining us as this info session is for **all interested parents/students of all grades**. **Following the recorded presentation at 6:30 pm there will be a live Zoom Q&A drop-in session hosted by Guidance.** Links to the presentation and Q&A Zoom will be provided via email next week.

Message from the Math Department

MATH CONTESTS for 2020/2021 school year:

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". As the year progresses, and should anything change, we will provide additional updates on how we MAY decide to host later contests, such as the Pascal, Cayley and Fermat multiple choice contests.

We thank you for your understanding and support and wish all our students who register for any contests, the best of luck! - Mrs. Elliott

Attention all Female/Non-Binary Math Enthusiasts:

One of our very own Grade 11 students here at MDHS was selected to be a coordinator for the very first InteGIRLS Toronto chapter. InteGIRLS is a math competition open to females and non-binary students from grades 6-8 and 9-12. Their very first competition will be taking place on November 21st and prizes will be awarded to the winners. If you or anyone you know may be interested in participating in the competition please visit the link attached, to their website for further information on the competition and registration.

Website - <https://linktr.ee/integirls.toronto> -Mrs. Elliott



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School Council meetings for the 2020/21 school year

Monday, November 16, 2020
Tuesday, January 19, 2021 (Sub-Committee Meeting)
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
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, go to meeting information to follow.

York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities (YRAACC)

Sankofa Mentoring Program for youth between the ages of 12 and 18

Bridging the past with the present. Navigating the present into the future.

Mentorship, Leadership, Cultural Experience, Field Trips, Life Skills, Retreats, Self-Awareness, Career Exploration, Academic Support The Sankofa Mentoring Program is rooted in an African Rites of Passage framework that highlights the principles of Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, Faith and Self-Respect.

When we meet: **(During physical distancing we will be online on Thursdays for all students)**

Tuesdays at Vaughan Secondary School from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm or

Thursdays at Bur Oak Secondary School from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Food is provided

For more information please contact the program manager at pgmmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca or call (647) 807-2016.

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION-WE ARE ONLINE NOW!!!

During this period of physical distancing due to COVID-19, the program will be delivered online on Thursdays only from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm for all York Region students.

The program will continue to offer mentoring, workshops and tutoring. We are also offering laptops and cellphones to students to support their participation.

C.I.C.E. Virtual Information Evening

Thursday, November 19, 2020

7 pm. - 9 pm.

The Work Experience Transition Department, York Region District School Board, would like to extend an invitation to all students, parents/guardians and school staff to attend an information presentation on C.I.C.E. (Community Integration through Cooperative Education) Programs. The presentations will be held **virtually Thursday, November 19, 2020 from 7-9 pm**. There will be representation from each of the three community colleges within the GTA: Durham College, Georgian College and Humber College. An overview of each program will be presented. College Program topics to be discussed include eligibility, program structure and content, costs, benefits and level of support. The presentations will be followed by a question and answer period.

Please join our C.I.C.E. Programs information sessions to learn about and explore post-secondary college opportunities. These college programs may be a viable option for your son or daughter either immediately after secondary school or in the future. Many of our graduating students over the years have been accepted to and attended these specialized college programs with great success.

Please sign up by Monday, November 16, 2020. Click here [College Information Night Sign Up](#)
A Zoom link will be sent to you via email a few days before the info night.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, November 19, 2020. -YRDSB Work Experience Transition Department

PEO York Chapter is Proud to Present:



AMD Mathletics has two levels of competition:

YORK REGION STUDENTS:

You are invited to exercise your math abilities in a contest and apply your math skills to solve engineering problems for fun & prizes.

Saturday, November 14, 2020

Location: Virtual

- Junior level (9:30 AM to 1:00 PM) – Open to students that are currently in grades 7 and 8 below (intended for grades 7 and 8 – based on grade 6 curriculum)
- Senior level (2:00 PM to 5:30 PM) – Open to students that are currently in grades 9 or 10 (based on grade 8 curriculum)
- Each level includes an AMD session with an opportunity to win additional prizes

Registration fee is \$7 per entrant. Online registration starts on Saturday Oct 8 at 8 AM and ends when all seats are sold out.

For additional information and registration link go to the following link:

<https://www.peoyork.com/committees/education/eng-mathletics>



Uncomfortable going back to school?

Something bothering you?

Need to talk?

Virtual
WALK
IN 
Counselling

Free immediate mental health single session counselling



CALL 647-619-9030
TO SCHEDULE A
VIRTUAL (PHONE & VIDEO)
COUNSELLING SESSION

Offered in Cantonese, Mandarin, English for age 12 to 25



WALK IN VIRTUAL COUNSELLING

How can I have a session?

Please call 647-619-9030 for more information or to book your session. We will schedule you in for a 45 – 60 minutes phone or video counselling session. We speak Cantonese, Mandarin and English.

How long will I have to wait for a session?

Your session will be scheduled to happen within 5 business days.

What platform will be used for video counselling?

We use OTN (Ontario Telemedicine Network), a private and secure platform used by many health care practitioners in Ontario to communicate with and care for patients, and connect with peers and specialists. We also use Microsoft Teams.

What equipment do I need for video counselling?

A computer, a webcam, and stable internet. Or, a smartphone or tablet with the download of an App. If possible, set up in a private space you feel comfortable to speak openly in.

What can I expect if I choose phone counselling?

You will receive a call from a Clinician named "No Caller ID" at your scheduled time.

When can I come to the Walk-In in-person again?

We are closely following provincial re-opening guidelines. Announcements will be made on our website and social media when in-person service is available again. For now, all services continue to be offered virtually first.

What languages will be offered?

Cantonese, Mandarin and English

Who do you offer services to?

We offer counselling to Asian youth age 12 to 25 living in Toronto and York Region.

What are the qualifications of the Clinician?

Your Clinician is qualified and trained to provide mental health counselling. Your Clinician is registered with their professional College.



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MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION



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Revised School Screening Checklist

Every day, parents/guardians and students over 18 are responsible for reviewing and adhering to the [checklist from York Region Public Health](#). This checklist has been recently updated to reflect the Ontario government's [revised COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in Schools and Child Care](#).

Please note that the new screening guide applies to children only and the adult screening has not changed. Thank you for working with us to protect the health and safety of students, staff and families and to reduce the spread of COVID-19.



PLEASE COMPLETE BEFORE ENTERING THE SCHOOL

1. Does your child have any of the following **new or worsening** symptoms?*

			
FEVER AND/OR CHILLS <small>(temperature of 37.8°C or greater)</small>	NEW OR WORSENING COUGH	SHORTNESS OF BREATH	DECREASE OR LOSS OF SMELL OR TASTE

IF "YES":

- Your child should stay home to isolate
- Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

2. Does your child have any of the following **new or worsening** symptoms?*

				
SORE THROAT OR DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING	RUNNY NOSE, OR NASAL CONGESTION <small>(unrelated to seasonal allergies or returning inside from the cold)</small>	HEADACHE	NAUSEA/VOMITING AND/OR DIARRHEA	FATIGUE, LETHARGY, MUSCLE ACHES AND/OR MALAISE

IF "YES" TO 1 SYMPTOM:

- Your child should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started
- Your child may return to school/child care if symptom is improving and they feel well enough (no test is needed)
- If the symptom persists or worsens, contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

IF "YES" TO 2 OR MORE SYMPTOMS:

- Your child should stay home to isolate
- Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

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| 3. Has your child travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4. Has your child been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5. Has your child been instructed to stay home and self-isolate? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTION 3, 4 OR 5:
Your child must stay home and self-isolate for 14 days from the date of their last travel or the dates of last contact with a case. Follow the advice of York Region Public Health.

*Children who have an existing health condition identified by a health care provider that gives them the symptoms should not answer YES, unless the symptom is new, different or getting worse. Look for changes from your child's normal symptoms.

