



# 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](mailto:markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca).

<u>Week of November 2-6, 2020</u>		<u>Week of November 9-13, 2020</u>	
Monday, November 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation #4-5A</li></ul>	Monday, November 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation #4-5B</li><li>Grade 10 Civics/Careers Turnaround Day</li></ul>
Tuesday, November 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation #4-5B</li></ul>	Tuesday, November 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation #5-1A</li></ul>
Wednesday, November 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation #4-5A</li><li>Ontario College Virtual Fair 4pm-8 pm (please see below for more information)</li></ul>	Wednesday, November 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation #5-1B</li><li>Remembrance Day Virtual Assemblies</li></ul>
Thursday, November 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation #4-5B</li><li>Ontario College Virtual Fair 9 am-1 pm (please see below for more information)</li></ul>	Thursday, November 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation #5-1A</li></ul>
Friday, November 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rotation #4-5A</li></ul>	Friday, November 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PA DAY-No classes</li></ul>

### 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 7:45am. 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.

*A nutritious morning meal can help improve overall learning and focus – so Fuel Up!*

### 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

### Ontario College Virtual Fair—Please make sure to register!

This year’s College Information Fair will be a virtual event. Attendees will be able to speak with faculty and staff from 24 of Ontario’s colleges in a fully interactive virtual environment. Prospective students can participate in information sessions, learn more about available programs, and how to apply to college. Students are not allowed to attend during class time.

Visit <https://ontariocollegefair.ca/> for registration information.

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 4 pm — 8 pm  
Thursday, November 5, 2020 9 am — 1 pm

### 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

### Student Information Verification

A Student Information Verification sheet was sent home a few weeks ago with your child. If there are changes to be made and you have not yet emailed us those changes, please do so at your earliest convenience. Do not send the form back to the school, instead please email any changes to: [Markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca)



## 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 to 8:30 p.m. or

Thursdays at Bur Oak Secondary School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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.

## JOIN THE MULTICULTURAL AWARENESS CLUB!

Celebrating diversity, promoting inclusivity.

Join our Google Classroom or contact us on Instagram to sign up! Sign up deadline is **TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10** and our first meeting will be on **THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12**

Google Classroom Code: dkhza3t

Teacher Advisor: Teesha McNeilly (teesha.mcneilly@yrdsb.ca)

**FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @MDHS\_MAC**

**DM US WITH YOUR QUESTIONS!**



## 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**  
(temperature of 37.8°C or greater)



**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**  
(unrelated to seasonal allergies or returning inside from the cold)



**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

#### 3. Has your child travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

☐ Yes ☐ No

#### 4. Has your child been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19?

☐ Yes ☐ No

#### 5. Has your child been instructed to stay home and self-isolate?

☐ Yes ☐ 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.