



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. Should your student be absent for 3 or more days, an extended absence form must be signed by each subject teacher, parent/guardian and the Vice-Principal prior to leaving for the absence.

Week of December 2nd-7th, 2019

- Angel Tree Holiday Gift Drive Nov. 27th –Dec. 9th, in the Blue Zone from 8:10 am –2:50 pm—Ms. Satchi/Ms. Ho

Monday, December 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SHSM Health and Wellness (Wrapping and Taping for Injury and Performance), Periods 4 & 5 in the Library—Mr. Weinstein• Girls Varsity Hockey Team to Aurora Community Centre, departing MDHS at 1:30 pm, game at 3:00 pm, leaving location at 4:15 pm—Mr. Howard
Tuesday, December 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tour 4 Humanity (Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Center), 7:45 am-2:50 pm, in the East parking lot—Mr. Weinstein• Wellness Class to Evergreen Brickworks departing at 9:00 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm—Mrs. Sebastian• Winter Music Concert at Markham Theatre, 7:30 pm (first night)—Mr. Caswell
Wednesday, December 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Art Students field trip to the AGO departing 8:15 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm—Ms. Rosalie & Ms. Yousaf• College Information Session #2, 8:15 am to 9:00 am in room 108—Mr. Buie• Junior Boys Basketball Team to St. Brother Andre, dismissal at 2:40 pm, game at 3:30 pm, leaving location at 5:00 pm—Mr. Rass & Mr. Zhang• Senior Boys Basketball Team to St. Brother Andre, departing at 3:20 pm, game at 4:45 pm, leaving location at 6:00 pm—Mr. Rass & Mr. Zhang• Winter Music Concert at Markham Theatre, 7:30 pm (2nd night)—Mr. Caswell
Thursday, December 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College Information Session #2, 8:15 am to 9:00 am in room 108—Mr. Buie• SHSM Transportation Field Trip: Taste of Transportation at Centennial College, leaving MDHS at 9:00 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm—Mr. Weinstein and Mr. Byam• Boys Hockey Team to Stouffville C.C., dismissal at 1:30 pm, game vs Bill Hogarth S.S. at 3:00 pm—Mr. Gasteiger
Friday, December 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classics Club Movie Night: “Star Wars—Episode 3”, 3:00 pm–6:00 pm—Mr. McLaren• HOSA Holiday Party, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm in Room 256—Ms. Bulmer• MDHS/FLL Robotics Tournament Set Up—6:00 pm–10:00 pm—Ms. Flowers
Saturday, December 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MDHS/FLL Robotics Tournament—7:00 am –3:30 pm—Ms. Flowers

Week of December 9th-13th, 2019

- Arts Week—Gr. 12 Installation, Grad. Art Show & Sale (proceeds to be donated to 360 kids)

Monday, December 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAC Holiday Door Decorating Contest Begins —Mr. Macdonald• Senior Boys Basketball Team to Father McGivney, departing at 2:40 pm, game at 3:30 pm, leaving location at 5:00 pm—Mr. Rass & Mr. Zhang• Junior Boys Basketball Team to Father McGivney, departing at 3:20 pm, game at 4:45 pm, leaving location at 4:45 pm—Mr. Rass & Mr. Zhang
Tuesday, December 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law Classes & SHSM students to the Toronto Courthouse, departing 8:15 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm—Mrs. Sharma & Mr. Weinstein• Stock Challenge Club meeting in Room 226 at 3:00 pm—Mrs. Lovell• Girls Hockey Team to Magna Centre Arena, dismissal at 1:30 pm, game at 3:00 pm, leaving location at 4:15 pm—Mr. Howard• Boys Hockey Team to Markham Village Arena, dismissal at 1:30 pm, game vs Thornlea S.S. at 2:30 pm—Mr. Gasteiger
Wednesday, December 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Girls Volleyball Team to Middlefield C.I., departing MDHS at 1:30 pm, game time at 3:30 pm—Mr. Sareen
Thursday, December 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Me to We field trip to the ME to We Global Learning Center, departing 7:30 am, leaving destination at 1:30 pm—Mr. Morris• Grade 12 Installation Art Display throughout the school, 8:10 am—2:50 pm—Ms. Rosalie• Girls Varsity Hockey Team to the Magna Centre departing MDHS at 1:30 pm, game at 3:00 pm, leaving location at 4:15 pm—Mr. Howard• Boys Hockey Team to Angus Glen, departing MDHS at 1:30 pm, vs. St. Augustine, game at 2:30 pm—Mr. Gasteiger• “Artscape” Grade 12 Grad Art Show in the Library and Blue Zone, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm—Ms. Rosalie
Friday, December 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAC Spirit Day & Holiday Market Fundraiser—11:00 am-1:30 pm in the Cafeteria and Blue Zone—Mr. Macdonald• Classics Club event—”Saturnalia” from 3:00 pm—6:00 pm in the cafeteria—Mr. McLaren



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Messages from Guidance

College Information Session #2: 'Applying to College'
Wednesday, December 4th
Period 1 in Room 108

Scholarship Information

This issue contains scholarship listings with January-March deadlines as well as updates to scholarships listed in previous newsletters. The scholarships are listed according to application submission deadline. Just a reminder: All scholarships are linked directly to the scholarship's website. Just click on the name of the scholarship.

http://seekingscholarships.com/issue-26-the-scholarship-report-nov-2019-jan-2020/?mc_cid=39fcc63eb3&mc_eid=a3d0e6a84e

Time Table Changes for Semester 2

Semester 2 changes for grades 9-11 will begin after the holiday break, Monday, January 6th and run until Friday, February 8th.

If you are a grade 12 student and would like to make a change for second semester due to post-secondary and grad/or requirements, you can now make an appointment with your guidance counsellor.

Message from Yearbook

A dark-themed graphic for a yearbook advertisement. It features the text 'Don't forget to buy a YEARBOOK before it's too late...' in white. The word 'YEARBOOK' is in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below the text, there are abstract, flowing lines in shades of purple and blue. In the bottom right corner, there is a call to action: 'Go to yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com to purchase your yearbook today for only \$45! Price will raise to \$50 by the new year.'

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Message from SHSM

There are many exciting opportunities in our SHSM programs being planned for the remainder of this year!

Students are encouraged to check their gapps email as well as the SHSM bulletin board outside of guidance for many exciting opportunities. Some have already taken place while many others will be added during the year.

Students MUST pick up permission forms for field trips in guidance and return them with the appropriate signatures in a timely manner.

Be mindful of the return dates listed on the permission forms for our planning purposes.

Students are expected to attend the field trips that they register for unless there are extenuating circumstances. We have to commit numbers and payment for many of these trips prior to attending and there are often students on a wait list hoping to attend.

The following trips have already been scheduled with many more to come:

SEMESTER 1

December 2: (Wrapping & Taping for Injury and Performance) - **HEALTH & WELLNESS** (periods 4 & 5)

December 4: Art Gallery of Ontario - **ARTS & CULTURE (NOW FULL)**

December 5: Taste of Transportation (Centennial College) - **TRANSPORTATION (NOW FULL)**

December 10: University Court House - **NON PROFIT** (limited space available - please see Ms. Sharma)

January 8, 2020: Green Industry Trade Show - **CONSTRUCTION, Horticulture & Landscaping, TRANSPORTATION**

SEMESTER 2

February 14, 2020: Beanstalk Project (Customer Service & Leadership Skills)

February 24 & 25, 2020: Standard First Aid/CPR Level C - All SHSM students who still require this certification

February 26, 2020: FCAD Day (Faculty of Communication, Art & Design - Seneca at York) - **ARTS & CULTURE**

March 3, 2020: High Five Training (Principles of Healthy Child Development) - All sectors (Very limited Space)

March 9, 2020: Ryerson SciXChange

April 15, 2020: ABA Toronto Beauty Show: Health & Wellness **ARTS & CULTURE & HEALTH & WELLNESS**

April 23, 2020: Markham Stouffville Hospital P.A.R.T.Y. Program - **HEALTH & WELLNESS & NON PROFIT**

More to come...

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. STANDARD FIRST AID).

Reminder: Grade 12 SHSM students to check that you are in a position to earn your Red Seal.

If you are missing a certification, there is still time to earn them.

If you are missing other SHSM requirements (e.g. courses), inquire to see if you are able to complete these requirements.

Some colleges and universities (e.g. Brock, University of Guelph-Humber, McMaster) offer scholarships to students in SHSM who complete their Red Seal.

REGISTRATION FOR SHSM

Grade 11 students interested in registering for SHSM for this year, feel free to speak to Mr. Weinstein for information or visit: <https://www.mdhsco-op.com/> (there is a direct link to SHSM and the application) or use the bit.ly shown below.

1. [bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp](https://www.mdhsco-op.com/)
2. Complete the application and submit
3. Print from your gapps email
4. Obtain parent/guardian signature and return

Messages from the Business Department

Stock Challenge Club:

Stock Challenge Club has started at Markham District High School. Students will learn investment terminology and how to build a diversified portfolio at our bi-monthly meetings. Students will also participate in a simulated stock market challenge which will declare a winner at the end of the semester for the student who has achieved the best overall return. Interested students are asked to come out to our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday, December 10th in room 226 at 3 p.m. -Mrs. Lovell.



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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:

- To provide start up operational funds for clubs and committees;
- To defray costs of organizing or participating in special events (such as student conferences, competitions, celebrations) related to the club or committee; and
- To support special initiatives that clubs have requested funding for via a written proposal.

Teams:

- To pay the cost of one tournament per team (students on teams are required to pay the SAF);
- To provide awards/trophies for athletic excellence and sportsmanship at the annual Athletic Banquet;
- To provide funding support for teams that qualify for OFSAA.

Student Council – Whole School Activities/School Climate Support:

- Grade 9 Welcome Day
- Spirit Week Activities
- Monthly Spirit Theme Days
- Clubs Day
- Conferences
- Prizes/Awards for Bravo Breakfast
- Hallowe'en Activities
- Fall Dance, Semi-Formal and Prom
- Valentine's Day Activities
- May Day Event
- Guest Speakers for Assemblies
- Purchasing items for the Student Body

Other:

- 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 for your support. We hope that all of our students and their families enjoy a safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing you in September!



Transition Planning Resource Days

Need help understanding the developmental services system and transition planning? Book a free, 1 hour session, with a case manager to discuss and ask important questions related to your situation.

2020 Sessions

Aurora Location (240 Edward St., Unit 3)

Dates	Times
Mon., Jan. 13	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 6	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Markham Location (50 McIntosh Dr., Suite 239)

Dates	Times
Mon., Feb. 3	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Mon., May 4	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Vaughan Location (9401 Jane St., 3rd Floor, Suite 301)

Dates	Times
Mon., Mar. 2	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Mon., Jun. 1	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We can help you:

- fill out forms and applications (e.g. ODSP, SSAH, Mobility Transit, etc.).
- find resources.
- give you information on adult services and Developmental Services Ontario (DSO).
- financial planning resources.

How to book an appointment

These sessions are for individuals who have a developmental disability, are in high school or recently graduated from high school, and need help planning for adult services.

Call: 905-898-6455 or 1-866-257-9776, ext. 2245, or email cmacdonald@yssn.ca



About us

York Support Services Network offers a range of developmental services and mental health programs throughout York Region and South Simcoe.

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