



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 February 10th-14th, 2020

Monday, February 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OBA Concert Band Festival—Grade 9 Concert Band—Mr. Simmons• Last day to order Yearbooks, see Mrs. C. Howard in room 154• Junior Girls Tier 2 Volleyball Team to Bill Hogarth S.S, game vs. Father Michael McGivney at 3:30 pm and game vs. Bur Oak S.S. at 4:30 pm—Mr. Barber
Tuesday, February 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Youth International—Spring Festival (Lunar New Year 2020), 10:55 am-1:30 pm in the Blue Zone—Mr. Hamid• OBA Concert Band Festival—Mr. Caswell
Wednesday, February 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OBA Concert Band Festival—Grade 11 & 12 Band—Mr. Caswell• Literacy Activity Period 3—Mrs. Etcheverry• Canadian Computing Competition, 11:00 am-3:00 pm, Room 164—Mr. M. Berry• Junior Girls Tier 2 Volleyball Team practice in the gym, 3:00 pm –4:00 pm—Mr. Barber
Thursday, February 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• OBA Concert Band Festival—Grade 10-12 Band—Mrs. Caswell
Friday, February 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• St. Valentine’s Day-SAC Festivities in the Blue Zone during periods 3 & 4• Beanstalk Project (Co-op/SHSM workshop), in the library 8:10 am –2:50—Mr. Weinstein• Junior Girls Tier 2 Volleyball Team practice in the gym, 3:00–4:00 pm—Mr. Barber

Week of February 17th-21st, 2020

Monday February 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family Day—No Classes—School Closed
Tuesday February 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immunization Clinic, in the Library, 8:15 am-2:45 pm—Ms. Clifford• School Council Meeting, in the Library 7:00 pm-8:30 pm—All are welcome! Please join us!
Wednesday February 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Literacy Activity Period 2—Mrs. Etcheverry
Thursday February 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black History Display by the Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum, 8:10 am-2:50 pm in the Library—Mr. Hamid
Friday February 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black History Display by the Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum, 8:10 am-2:50 pm in the Library—Mr. Hamid• Grade 11 Wind Symphony Invitational (Evening) – Mr. Caswell

Messages from Guidance

A gentle reminder that guidance will no longer be doing elective timetable changes. If your student has concerns or questions regarding their timetable, please have them come to the guidance office and we will assist them.

Our course selection assemblies happened this past week and we encourage all students and guardians/parents to start researching their course selections for the following year. If you wish to meet with your guidance counsellor, please try and make an appointment as early as possible via teach assist (please block out two slots).

The deadline for all course selections are Monday, February 24, 2020, if you have any questions, please contact us.

Grade 12 students, if you have completed a course outside of the YRDSB, please don’t forget to submit your report card in a sealed envelope in order for the mark to be reflected on your transcript. Please also submit your volunteer hours if you haven’t already done so.

Any grade 12 student who has outstanding community hours is asked to submit all missing hours as soon as possible. If hours still need to be completed, please come to the guidance office or begin looking for volunteer opportunities. If you need help, please come to the Guidance office.

Semester 2 Night School and E-Learning Night School registration is now open and closes in mid-February.

Students must discuss these options with their guidance counselor to ensure their eligibility.—Mrs. McGill

The Scholarship Report

This issue contains scholarship listings with APR-MAY 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 web-site.** Just click on the name of the scholarship.

<http://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Issue-27-The-Scholarship-Report-FEB-MAR-2020-1.pdf>



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Message from SHSM

SHSM SECTORS at MDHS

Arts & Culture
Construction
Health & Wellness
Horticulture & Landscaping
Non-Profit
Transportation

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

Students should check their Gapps email as well as the SHSM bulletin board outside of guidance for many exciting opportunities. Many have already taken place while others will be added.

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 2

February 14, 2020: Beanstalk Project (Customer Service & Leadership Skills) - half or full day option **ALL 6 SECTORS**

February 20, 2020: Formula Honda - **TRANSPORTATION**

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**

February 26, 2020: Taste of Aviation (Centennial College) - **TRANSPORTATION**

March 3, 2020: High Five Training (Principles of Healthy Child Development) - All sectors (25 Spaces)

March 3, 2020: University of Guelph-Humber (Justice Studies and Counselling) - **NON-PROFIT & HEALTH & WELLNESS**

March 5, 2020: Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre "STOP THE BLEED": **FULL**

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 should consider attending field trips that are most relevant to their sector or that are of particular interest to them. Most opportunities are optional although all students **MUST** complete **Standard First Aid/CPR Level C** training.

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

If you are missing a certification (e.g. Working at Heights for Construction, Standard First AID/CPR Level C), there is still time to earn them. If you are missing other SHSM requirements (e.g. courses, Reach Aheads, Experiential Learning), inquire to see if you are able to complete these requirements.

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

REGISTRATION FOR SHSM

For Grade 11 students interested in registering for SHSM (and are now planning to take coop in grade 12 or who took coop this year), feel free to speak to Mr. Weinstein for information.

For Grade 10 students interested in registering for SHSM for next year (and are planning to take coop in grade 11 or grade 12), 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)

To apply to MDHS SHSM programs, use the bit.ly shown below.

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

E-sport Club

Are you a fan of video games? MDHS is starting its own E-sports club! Come to room 224 Thursdays after school to socialize and play games. Free feel to bring your own consoles!



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Message from York Region Transit

York Region Transit passengers on routes 411 and 416 please take note. There are too many students taking the 411 to get home, causing overcrowding. If you can, please take Route 416 instead, so that there is enough space for the students who need to take Route 411. Please come to the front office to see the posted schedule and route information or call the YRT Contact Centre for more information.—Mr. McArthur

Bus or School Cancellations

With winter weather already here, we want to share some important reminders for families.

When an **inclement weather** or **extreme cold** or day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) are cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. If you drive your child to school, or your child takes alternate transportation, you must make arrangements for your child to get home at the end of the day. Please call the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when **emergency winter events** occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure.

Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, [Board](#) and school website and on [twitter @YRDSB](#).

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather and emergency weather days are outlined in the Board's [Severe Weather policy](#), which has been recently updated and is available for public comment. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process. All [policies available for comment](#) are sent to school council chairs and are posted on the Board website, along with information about how to provide feedback.

Message from the Computer Science Department

The Computer Programming Club continues to meet every Tuesday after school in room 155 from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm. All are welcome!

The **Canadian Computing Competition** will be held this year on Wednesday, February 12th.

The cost is **\$8.25** per student which can be paid via school cash online. Please see Mr. Berry in Computers for more information.

Registration deadline is Monday, February 3rd.—Mr. M. Berry

Message from the Business Department

Business Plan Competition:

Each year the City of Markham, together with the Markham Small Business Centre sponsors a Business Plan Competition. The competition is open to all High School students who reside and attend school in Markham. The program encourages students to develop a business concept, undertake research to determine feasibility and write a business plan. The objective is to create entrepreneurs for aspiring your entrepreneurs. New this year is the Video Pitch Winner for students who are interested in creating a 2-minute video pitch about their business which will accompany their business plan. Winners will receive cash prizes.

The deadline for all business plans is May 22, 2020. Contact msbc.markham.ca/youth for my information.

Summer Company:

The Summer Company is run by Ontario Centres of Excellence and the Ontario Government. The program challenges Ontario high school students to pitch their business ideas in a two-minute video. Finalists receive a trip to Toronto, expert training and present their pitch at OCE's Discovery conference in May. The winners of the pitch competition are reserved a spot in Summer Company, which gives them the space, mentorship, training and networking opportunities to bring their idea to life, with funding of up to \$3,000 to get them started.

Apply early Ontario.ca/SummerCompany, as spaces are limited.—Mrs. Lovell

Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition:

Congratulations to Justin Chu who placed first in the University of Waterloo's Financial Literacy Competition - Senior Division. The competition which was held this past December had 361 students from Ontario high schools participate. Congratulations Justin!

Graduation

Parents/Guardians of Grade 12 students, if you have not yet purchased the graduation package on School Cash Online please do so as soon as possible.