



# 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). 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 January 13-17th, 2020

- **“Koalas In Care” Information/Fundraising Booth January 14-16, In the Blue Zone 9:30 am–1:30 pm–Mrs. Sebastian**

<b>Monday, January 13th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Boys Hockey Team to Thornlea S.S., dismissal at 1:00 pm, game at 2:30 pm—Mr. Gasteiger</li><li>• Jr. Boys Basketball team hosts Unionville H.S., game time 3:30 pm—Mr. Sareen</li><li>• Sr. Boys Basketball team hosts Unionville H.S., game time 4:45 pm—Mr. Rass</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday, January 14th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last Day for Grade 9 In-Class Summatives for courses with Exams</li><li>• Computer Programming Club meet every <u>Tuesday</u> after school in room 155 from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm – Mr. Berry</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday, January 15th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sr. Girls Volleyball Team to Milliken Mills H.S., dismissal at 1:30 pm, matches begin at 3:30 pm— Mr. Barber</li><li>• Jr. Boys Basketball team hosts Milliken Mills H.S., game time 4 pm—Mr. Sareen</li><li>• Grade 12 Drama Show –7:00 pm—Ms. Duncan—Tickets available from any Grade 12 drama student</li></ul>
<b>Thursday, January 16th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grade 12 Drama Show (Day 2) –7:00 pm—Ms. Duncan—Tickets available from any Grade 12 drama student</li></ul>
<b>Friday, January 17th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Last Day for Grade 10-12 In-class Summatives for courses with exams</li></ul>

## Week of January 20-24th, 2020

### Exams: Thursday January 23rd to Wednesday January 29th

- Exam Schedule and Information has been posted on our website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Exam-Schedules.aspx>

<b>Monday January 20th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Therapy Dogs, in Room 108 and 113, 11:00 pm -1:30 pm—Mrs. McGill</li><li>• School Council Meeting (sub-committee), 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, in the Library.</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday January 21st</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Students Orientation—Ms. Choi</li><li>• Computer Programming Club meeting every <u>Tuesday</u> after school in room 155 from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm –Mr. Berry</li></ul>
<b>Wednesday January 22nd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Students Orientation—Ms. Choi</li></ul>
<b>Thursday January 23rd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Exam Day-Period 1 Exams</b> (Please see the exam schedule on our school website).</li></ul>
<b>Friday January 24th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Exam Day-Period 2 Exams</b> (Please see the exam schedule on our school website).</li></ul>

## Messages from Guidance

Attention all guardians/ parent and students! Now is the time to make your course changes for semester 2. Courses are starting to fill up quickly, so if you're thinking of making a change, please make an appointment with your guidance counsellor as soon as possible. When semester 2 begins, course changes will be limited and no elective courses will be changed.

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 for assistance or begin looking for volunteer opportunities.

The guidance office will be open during exams, however, we will be seeing students on a first come, first serve basis. There will be no formal appointment times. Should you require an appointment, please contact the appropriate guidance counsellor.

On behalf of the guidance team, we wish everyone good luck on their exams!

## College Application Reminder

Equal Consideration Deadline for College Applications is February 1, 2020.  
If you have any questions, please see your Guidance Counsellor for assistance.

## Aquatic Leadership Program

Registration is now open for the Aquatic Leadership Program – Part 2. The program will be offered in Aurora and Markham second semester. Successful students will receive a Grade 12 Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership - PLF4M credit while earning qualifications to be a trained lifeguard and swim instructor.

### Markham Location:

**Start Date:** February 11, 2020

**End Date:** June 18, 2020

**Location:** Milliken Mills Community Centre, 7600 Kennedy Road, Markham, ON, L3R 9S5, 905-447-6410

**Cost:** \$300.00 (covers Lifesaving Society course materials and exam fees; all types of payment accepted by City of Markham)

### Aurora Location:

**Start Date:** February 10, 2020

**End Date:** June 17, 2020

**Location:** Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex - 1400 Wellington Street East, Aurora , ON, 905-726-4770

**Cost:** \$300.00 (covers Lifesaving Society course materials and exam fees; all types of payment accepted by City of Aurora)

More information is available on the website: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/ALP-Overview.aspx>



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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) **ALL 6 SECTORS**

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

## *Message from Yearbook*

The winter break is over and that means that the yearbook price has gone up from \$45 to \$50. Please order by Monday, February 10th. We will not be taking orders past this date. If students have any questions, please don't hesitate to DM our Instagram @mdhs\_yrbk or pop by room 154 (which is across the cafeteria doors) periods 3-5. You can also find a yearbook member in room 154 during period 3-Mrs. C. Howard

## *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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## *MDHS Student Earns Spot on Canadian U19 World Cup Cricket Team*



Markham District High School is very proud to announce that our very own, Mihir Patel, was named to the Canadian National Under-19 Cricket Team, which will represent Canada at the upcoming World Cup championships. Mihir, a MDHS grade 12 student, will be heading down-under in early January to compete at the 16-team event which is being hosted by South Africa. The tournament will see the best young and upcoming cricket stars from around the world play from Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup> to the championship match on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. The Canadian team is made up of 15 players where Mihir will be a batsman on the squad. MDHS would like to encourage everyone to follow Mihir and Team Canada's progress via the internet. Most of the Canadian games will be streamed live on the web. Please check the website for start times.

Team Canada is in Group D with hosts South Africa, Afghanistan, and United Arab Emirates. India is the defending champions of the tournament with Australia being the runner ups. Best of Luck, Mihir! Make MDHS proud!

<https://www.icc-cricket.com/u19-world-cup/>

### **TEAM CANADA U19 WCC SCHEDULE 2020**

Game 1 – Saturday, January 18 - CAN vs. UAE

Game 2 – Wednesday, January 22 - CAN vs. S. Africa

Game 3 – Friday, January 24 - CAN vs. AFG

## *York Support Services Network*

York Support Services Network is a community-based agency that offers a range of case management and community crisis services throughout York Region, to support individuals with a developmental disability and/or a serious mental illness. They offer a variety of events and programs for people with developmental disabilities, their caregivers and people with mental health challenges. Please refer to the website to register for any of their upcoming December and January workshops and counselling sessions. <https://www.yssn.ca/Events#singlemh>

## *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** 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 until 4:00. 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](http://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](http://Ontario.ca/SummerCompany), as spaces are limited.-Mrs. Lovell

Are you stressed about exams?

# Exam Study Skills

Period 3 January 10, 13, 17, 20,  
and 21.

Location: Library Computer Lab



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Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Dear Guardians/Parents:

**Re: Therapy Dog Program at MDHS**

On Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, Markham District High School will be hosting the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program during the lunch periods in rooms 108 and 113.

The purpose of the Therapy Dog program is to provide stress and anxiety relief for our students as we approach semester one exams. Students will be able to talk with a St. John Ambulance volunteer and pet/cuddle the dog.

As outlined by the St. John Ambulance website, the program offers many benefits to students including comfort and calming, improved self confidence and esteem, stress relief and distraction from pain.

If your child has a sensitivity, allergy or fear of dogs, please have them enter and exit the building through our parking lot entrance. The dogs will only be on the school premises during our lunch period from 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, where they will be supervised and contained in rooms 108 and 113.

For further information on the Therapy Dog Program, please visit The St. John Ambulance website, [www.sja.ca](http://www.sja.ca), or contact our Guidance office at (905)294-1886.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. McGill".

Gabrielle McGill  
Head of Guidance and Career Education  
Markham District High School



**St. John Ambulance**

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at work, home and play



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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](mailto: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.

[yssn.ca](http://yssn.ca)

## Connect with us!

