



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 January 27th-31st, 2020

Monday, January 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam Day-Period 5 Exams														
Tuesday, January 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam Day-Period 3 Exams														
Wednesday, January 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Exam Day-Period 4 Exams														
Thursday, January 30th Exam Review Day Modified Schedule (Attendance will <u>be taken</u>)	<table><tr><td>Period 1</td><td>8:10 – 8:40</td></tr><tr><td>Period 2</td><td>8:45 – 9:15</td></tr><tr><td>Period 3</td><td>9:20 – 9:50</td></tr><tr><td>Period 4</td><td>9:55 – 10:25</td></tr><tr><td>Period 5</td><td>10:30 – 11:00</td></tr><tr><td>Lunch</td><td>11:00 – 12:15</td></tr><tr><td>12:15 – 2:50</td><td>Teacher interviews upon request/appointment</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none">MDHS School Council Sunnybrook FNP Mental Health Presentation, in the Library 7:00 pm-8:45 pm (please see flyer on page 4 of this Bulletin for further details)	Period 1	8:10 – 8:40	Period 2	8:45 – 9:15	Period 3	9:20 – 9:50	Period 4	9:55 – 10:25	Period 5	10:30 – 11:00	Lunch	11:00 – 12:15	12:15 – 2:50	Teacher interviews upon request/appointment
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Friday, January 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Professional Activity Day—No Classes														

Week of February 3rd-8th, 2020

Monday February 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First Day of Semester 2 Classes
Tuesday February 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Council Safety Blitz #3
Wednesday February 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 10 Safe Schools & Course Selection Assembly-Period 1Grade 9 Safe Schools & Course Selection Assembly-Period 2Grade 9 Invitational Music Festival, in the Cafeteria, 4:30 pm-9:00 pm—Mr. Simmons
Thursday February 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 11 Safe Schools & Course Selection Assembly-Period 2Grade 12 Safe Schools & Course Selection Assembly-Period 5DECA Provincials (Feb 6-8), departing MDHS at 4:00 pm, Chelsea Hotel (please see Page 3 of this Bulletin for details)
Friday February 7th	
Saturday February 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 10 Band to York University Invitational Music Festival—Mr. Caswell

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.

COURSE SELECTION ASSEMBLIES for School Year 2020-2021

Wednesday, February 5th—Grades 9 & 10

Thursday, February 6th—Grade 11

Courses are requested by students through "My Pathway Planner".
Submission deadline is February 24, 2020.

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 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

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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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

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 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 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!

Message from DECA

DECA's annual Provincial Competition is taking place from Thursday, February 6th to Saturday, February 8th. Field Trip Permission packages have been sent home with students who are competing at this competition, and these forms must be returned by Wednesday, February 5th at the latest. The competition takes place at the Sheraton Hotel and Convention Centre, but we are staying at the Chelsea Hotel (33 Gerrard Street West).

The fee paid **includes transportation to** the hotel on Thursday, February 6th. We are leaving MDHS at 4:00 pm. Students may go home to get their luggage, or they may store it in the morning in the Staff Lounge.

Parents are required to pick up their son or daughter from the Chelsea Hotel directly after the Awards Ceremony attended (there are three). A staff member will be in the hotel lobby to meet, greet and thank you.

Looking forward to another year of successful competition! Best of luck to all competitors.—Mrs. Webber

Should you have questions, please email Mrs. Webber at colleen.sheardown-webber@yrdsb.ca

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School Council Hosts



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2020
Time: 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Place: Markham District High School
Library

- Youth mental health and its impact
- Treatment and importance of self-care
- Open discussion

**Guest speakers from Sunnybrook Hospital, Family
Navigation Project**

Miriam Blond, Family Navigator
Tracey Addison, Parent Advocate with Lived Experience
(PAL)

Thank You Markham Starbucks!

Markham District High School Council would like to acknowledge the community support for the Safety Blitz Program.



Sanjay (left), Manager, at Starbucks on Highway 7 and Markham Road has supported the Safety Blitz Program for the past 2 years! Sanjay provided us with coupons for Starbucks to hand out randomly during our Safety Blitz. Peter Triantafillakis (right), School Council Chair, presented Sanjay with a small token of thank you.