



# 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 March 9-13, 2020

Monday, March 9th	•
Tuesday, March 10th	• Guest Speaker-Deron Douglas-Aboriginal Artist, 8:10 am-1:30 pm in Room 124—Ms. Rosalle
Wednesday, March 11th	• SAC Spirit Day—Pajamas/MDHS Gear & Waffle day, during periods 3&4 in the Blue Zone—Mr. Macdonald
Thursday, March 12th	• Music Trip to New York City departs—Mr. Caswell
Friday, March 13th	• <b>Last day of regular classes before March Break. Have a safe and relaxing break with family. Classes resume Monday, March 23rd.</b>

### Week of March 16-20 2020 Mid-Winter Break-No Classes

Monday March 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Music Trip returns from New York City</li> <li>• <b>Mid-Winter Break-No Classes for the week</b></li> </ul>
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## Messages from Guidance

Course Selection via MyBlueprint is now closed. Thank you to everyone for submitting in a timely manner. However, we have noticed that some students have not submitted their course request sign off forms with parent/guardian signatures. Please ensure that your student has handed in their form to the guidance office asap. If you or your student have any questions on how to print the form, please give us a call or drop by the guidance office and we will be happy to help you.

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.

March Break would be a great time to take advantage of some volunteering opportunities!

### *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 website.** 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>

### *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

#### **Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition:**

The Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition will be held on Wednesday May 13, 2020. The competition is 60 minutes long and is open to all students in grade 9, 10 or 11. There is no requirement to have previously taken a business course. The competition will be held during school hours and will challenge students' financial literacy in areas such as accounting, economics, investing, banking, budgeting and income management, credit, home management, home ownership and post-secondary education financing. Interested students should see Mrs. Lovell before Thursday April 30, 2020. Online resources are available to help prepare for this competition. More information can be accessed from the following link: <https://uwaterloo.ca/school-of-accounting-and-finance/teachers-and-guidance-counsellors/financial-literacy-classroom>

#### **Stock Challenge Club**

Students will learn investment terminology and how to build a diversified portfolio at our bi-monthly meetings, which are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Students will also participate in a simulated stock market challenge. The student who achieves the best overall return will be declared a winner. Interested students are asked to come out to our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday March 10th, in room 226 at 3 p.m.—Mrs. Lovell



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## Message from SHSM

SHSM SECTORS at MDHS

*Arts & Culture, Construction, Health & Wellness, Horticulture & Landscaping, Non-Profit and 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:**

**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

## Summer Co-op Program

Eligible grade 11 & 12 (in September 2020) students interested in taking summer co-op must register using the bit.ly below. This DOES qualify for co-op toward SHSM.

- 1) **2 Credit Co-op** for both SHSM and Non-SHSM students in multiple Sectors:  
Students will work with the Co-op teacher to determine Co-op placement requests and location.  
Application Deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup>  
Visit Google Site for more Information and Registration: <http://www.bit.ly/SummerCo-op2020>
- 2) **1 Credit Co-op** for both SHSM and Non-SHSM students in multiple Sectors:  
2 Sites are available: Dr. Bette Stephenson CFL and Sutton District High School  
Students will work with the Co-op teacher to determine Co-op placement requests and location.  
Application Deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>  
Visit Google Site for more Information and Registration: <http://www.bit.ly/SummerCo-op2020>

**Registration will open for all 3 programs opened on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**  
Additional information can be found on the [BWW](#) and [WWW](#) (currently being updated)

## Lost and Found

We have lots of small items (glasses, jewelry, keys, a portable speaker, large Bluedio headphones, chargers and earphones) in the main office that were lost last semester or the last school year. There are 4 pairs of glasses: Black Ray-Bands in a case, black frame glasses in a black case from I-Wear Express, and one pair with a clear frame. If your child has lost an item please have them speak to one of the Secretaries at the front desk.

## 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.

## Message from Computer Science Department

The 2020 **York Region Programming Contest** will be happening again this year, on Friday March 27th at Huron Heights S.S. Student are interested in participating on one of the three MDHS teams (of four students each), please come to the **Computer Programming Club** meetings on Tuesdays after school in room 155, or you can speak to Mr. Berry directly.

## ***MDHS Students in the News:***



Hannah Flores wrote a poem and recorded it in a video with meaningful imagery. It caught the eye of a CBC Radio producer and then Hannah was on CBC's Here and Now. Hannah with Here and Now Friday host Angeline Tetteh-Wayoe

Listen to the interview. <https://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-82-here-and-now-toronto/clip/15763310-a-16-year-old-slam-poet-inspires>

Watch the video [https://youtu.be/s\\_jDcg5pg0E](https://youtu.be/s_jDcg5pg0E)

**Three of our students worked with Markham Fire and Emergency Services to learn more about the role Firefighters play in protecting and saving Markham citizens.**

<https://www.yorkregion.com/news-story/9860373-markham-fire-cadet-program-blazes-new-trails-for-special-needs-teens/>



Grade 9 Markham District High School student Daniel Abbate receives a certificate from Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Fire Chief Dave Decker during a graduation ceremony congratulating students on the completion of the city's cadet program for special needs students.—Heidi Riedner/Torstar



The 2020 Ontario Winter Games were hosted by the city of Orillia, February 27 - March 1, 2020.

The short track speed skating event took place in Barrie on Friday and Saturday. Only the top 32 skaters in Ontario (of each gender) were qualified to compete.

There are 4 distances; 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m and 3000 m.

MDHS' very own, Sasha Butterworth won gold in the 500 m, silver in the 1000 m and 3000 m, and bronze in 1500 m

Amazing payoff for dedication and effort—Way to go Sasha!



Hey girls, want to play Slo-Pitch?



Tryout dates in the gym:

🧤 Wed. March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm

🧤 Fri. March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm

🧤 Thurs. April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 3 pm

Girls from Gr. 9-12 are welcome!!!

For more information please see Mr. Barber or Mr. Sareen



# LET'S GET MOVIN'!

JOIN US TO TRAIN FOR A 5K THAT'LL RAISE MONEY  
FOR WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVES IN  
MARKHAM

MISSED THE INFO MEETING? CHECK OUT OUR  
INSTA [@RUNFORIT.MDHS](#) FOR OUR  
NEXT PRACTICE DATE!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

