



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 November 18th-22nd, 2019

Monday, November 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mid-Term Report Cards distributed in Homerooms. For students who do not have a homeroom, they can pick up their Report Card in the Main Office.Movie Night: Thor Ragnarok 3:00 pm-6:00 pm in the drama room –Mr. McLarenSchool Council Meeting 7:00 pm, in the Library—All are Welcome! Please join us!
Tuesday, November 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">School Council Safety Blitz #2
Wednesday, November 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Canadian Intermediate and Senior Mathematics Contests, Periods 2&3, Room 213 –Mr. RaffoulLiteracy Activity, Period 5-Mrs. Etcheverry
Thursday, November 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SAC Spirit Day—Maxx Marauder’s Birthday, M-Gear will be for sale in the Blue Zone, 10-50 am-1:30 pm—Mr. MacdonaldBeanfield Center field trip, departing Markham Go Station at 6:00 am, returning to station at 5:15 pm - Ms. LovellBoys Hockey Team to R.J Clatworthy Arena leaving MDHS at 1:00 pm, game at 2:30 pm, returning at 4:15 pm—Mr. GasteigerGrade 8 Parent Information Night—6:30 pm, all rooms (self guided tours for parents) - Mrs. McGill
Friday, November 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Financial Aid Presentation in the cafeteria during period 2 for Grade 12 students—Mrs. McGill

Week of November 25th-29th, 2019

Monday, November 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Full Disclosure for Semester 1 Courses
Tuesday, November 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Transportation Skills Challenge, all day in room 114 and 163—Mr. Nemeth
Wednesday, November 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Literacy Activity Period 2—Mrs. EtcheverrySHSM Skilled Trades College (Transportation and Construction): lockout tagging & basic electrical safety departing at 8:00 am, returning approximately 3:00 pm—Mr. Weinstein
Thursday, November 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SHSM and Law classes field trip to University Court House, departing at 8:15 am, returning at 1:30 pm—Mr. Weinstein and Mr. Sareen
Friday, November 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">



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Messages from Guidance

Information for Grade 12 students:

Full disclosure date is Monday, November 25th.

There will be a financial aid presentation for all **Grade 12** students during period 2 on **Friday, November 22nd**. During this important presentation, students will learn: the cost of College/University; the importance of applying for scholarships & bursaries; the application process for OSAP.

We urge students to visit various campuses to get a feel for the schools they are interested in. Please click on the attached links to find the schedules for the College and University Fall Open House dates.

[Link to "College Open House Schedule"](#)

[Link to "University Open House Schedule"](#).

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

Don't forget to buy a
YEARBOOK
before it's too late...

Go to yrdsb.schoolcashionline.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 new and exciting opportunities in our SHSM program being planned for 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 waitlist hoping to attend.

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

November 27: Skilled Trades College (Transportation and Construction): training: lockout tagging & basic electrical safety.

November 28: (University Court House - please see Mr. Sareen for permission form - space is limited)

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

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

January 8, 2020: Green Industry Trade Show - Construction, Horticulture & Landscaping, Transportation Sectors

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

April 23, 2020: Markham Stouffville Hospital P.A.R.T.Y. Program

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

Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition:

The Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition will be held on Wednesday Dec. 4, 2019. 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 Friday November 22, 2019. Online resources are available to help prepare for this competition.

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 November 26th 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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