



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.

<u>Week of October 19-23, 2020</u>		<u>Week of October 26-30, 2020</u>	
Monday, October 19th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotation #3-4A School Council Virtual Meeting 7:00 pm (see below for log-in information) 	Monday, October 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotation #3-4B Last Day for Rotation 3
Tuesday, October 20th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotation #3-4B 	Tuesday, October 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotation #4-Begins Rotation #4-5A
Wednesday, October 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotation #3-4A Edsby opens at 3:00 pm to book Parent/Teacher Virtual Interviews. Once confirmed teacher will send zoom link to parent 	Wednesday, October 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotation #4-5B
Thursday, October 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotation #3-4B 	Thursday, October 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotation #4-5A Parent/Teacher Virtual Interviews 6:00-8:00 pm (<u>by appointment only</u>)
Friday, October 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotation #3-4A Interim Report Cards Distributed Electronically 	Friday, October 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotation #4-5B

University of Waterloo Financial Literacy Competition

The University of Waterloo will be hosting the Financial Literacy Competition, which has been modified given the recent pandemic in both December 2020 and May 2021. The competition is open to all grade 9, 10 and 11 students. Certificates of Achievement will be awarded to all participants with cash prizes (\$75 gift card) to the top 20 students in each grade. Grade 12 students who were registered last May (as grade 11 students) but unable to compete will be eligible to write this year. They will also receive a levelled Certificate of Achievement. The top 5 will be recognized with a \$75 gift card as long as there are more than 50 students competing in this category.

The competition which will be held during school hours is an excellent opportunity for students to demonstrate their financial literacy skills. Online resources are available to help prepare for this competition. More information regarding registration and the online/in class format will be made available during the first week of November. - Mrs. Lovell

High School Ambassador Program (HAP)

The HAP is a Chartered Professional Accountant sponsored initiative. It provides an opportunity for students wishing to pursue a professional accounting designation to build their resume with exclusive contests, conferences and the chance to connect with CPAs. HAP is free to students and gets them access to the No Limits Conference (will be held virtually this year), CPA Showcase (60 sec., YouTube video contest), CPA InstaChallenge (periodic challenges sponsored by CPA Ontario), Write to Ignite and more. - Mrs. Lovell

Message from the Computer Studies

Hello Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 and 10 students!

We wanted to let you know about the **Beaver Computing Challenge** from the University of Waterloo. The BCC introduces computer science to students with little or no previous experience. The primary goal of the BCC is to get students interested and excited about computer science, and see the strong connections between problem solving in math and problem solving in computer science. The problems focus on computational and logical thinking so there is a lot of overlap with mathematics.

It is a 45-minute online multiple-choice contest to be held during the weeks of November 9, 2020 and November 16, 2020.

More information is available at <http://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/bcc.html>.

If you think your child/ward might be interested in writing the contest this year, please register on School Cash Online. The cost is \$2.06 and the registration deadline is Tuesday, October 27th.

Message from the Math Department

MATH CONTESTS for 2020/2021 school year:

MDHS has always offered our students the option of writing multiple Math contests throughout the school year, hosted through the University of Waterloo. In the past, we have always been proud to acknowledge many of our students have achieved top ranking in the province and even in the country! This school year, due to the unprecedented nature of the learning environment, we have made the difficult decision to postpone hosting these Math contests in a formal capacity at our school, until we feel it is safe to do so. This, however, does not mean your child is not able to participate in writing the contest. The University of Waterloo Centre for Education and Computing (CEMC), has assured us they will still be running their contests this year and have given the option for students to register for them INDIVIDUALLY rather than through the school. For any student wishing to register to write any of this year's contests, we highly encourage them to do so by visiting the following link: <https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/registration.html> and click on the button that says "New Individual / Remote Learning / Home School Application". As the year progresses, and should anything change, we will provide additional updates on how we MAY decide to host later contests, such as the Pascal, Cayley and Fermat multiple choice contests. We thank you for your understanding and support and wish all our students who register for any contests, the best of luck! - Mrs. Elliott

School Council Virtual Meeting

There will be a School Council Meeting on Monday October 19th at 7:00 -8:30 pm.
 Please see below for Go-To-Meeting information needed to join the meeting.

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/384940269>

You can also dial in using your phone.

(For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.)

Canada: +1 (647) 497-9391

- One-touch: <tel:+16474979391,384940269#>

Access Code: 384-940-269

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Revised School Screening Checklist

Every day, parents/guardians and students over 18 are responsible for reviewing and adhering to the [checklist from York Region Public Health](#). This checklist has been recently updated to reflect the Ontario government's [revised COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in Schools and Child Care](#).

Please note that the new screening guide applies to children only and the adult screening has not changed. Thank you for working with us to protect the health and safety of students, staff and families and to reduce the spread of COVID-19.



PLEASE COMPLETE BEFORE ENTERING THE SCHOOL

1. Does your child have any of the following **new or worsening** symptoms?*

 FEVER AND/OR CHILLS (temperature of 37.8°C or greater)	 NEW OR WORSENING COUGH	 SHORTNESS OF BREATH	 DECREASE OR LOSS OF SMELL OR TASTE
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IF "YES":

- Your child should stay home to isolate
- Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

2. Does your child have any of the following **new or worsening** symptoms?*

 SORE THROAT OR DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING	 RUNNY NOSE, OR NASAL CONGESTION (unrelated to seasonal allergies or returning inside from the cold)	 HEADACHE	 NAUSEA/VOMITING AND/OR DIARRHEA	 FATIGUE, LETHARGY, MUSCLE ACHES AND/OR MALAISE
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IF "YES" TO 1 SYMPTOM:

- Your child should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started
- Your child may return to school/child care if symptom is improving and they feel well enough (no test is needed)
- If the symptom persists or worsens, contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

IF "YES" TO 2 OR MORE SYMPTOMS:

- Your child should stay home to isolate
- Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

3. Has your child travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days?

Yes No

4. Has your child been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19?

Yes No

5. Has your child been instructed to stay home and self-isolate?

Yes No

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTION 3, 4 OR 5:

Your child must stay home and self-isolate for 14 days from the date of their last travel or the dates of last contact with a case. Follow the advice of York Region Public Health.

*Children who have an existing health condition identified by a health care provider that gives them the symptoms should not answer YES, unless the symptom is new, different or getting worse. Look for changes from your child's normal symptoms.