



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 more than 3 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 October 21th to 25th, 2019



Grad Photos by appointment (Oct. 22-Nov. 1). Students are required to sign up with the photographer in the Library.



Monday, October 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Professional Activity Day-No ClassesElections Canada Polling Station in the gym at MDHS 9:00 am – 8:30 pm—check your voter card for your location
Tuesday, October 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">First day for Grad Photos in the Library—by appointment onlySHSM Field Trip: McMaster University Kinesiology, leaving MDHS at 7:45 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm—Mr. WeinsteinSenior Boys Soccer Team to Father McGivney C.A., leaving MDHS at 2:00 pm, game time at 3:30 pm, leaving location at 5:00 pm—Ms. Liu & Ms. ZafirovskiSenior Boys Volleyball Team to Bill Hogarth S.S., leaving MDHS at 2:30 pm, game vs Markville S.S. at 3:30 pm and vs Thornlea S.S. at 4:30 pm—Mr. BarberJunior Girls Basketball Team to St. Elizabeth C.H.S., leaving MDHS at 2:45 pm, game time at 4:00 pm leaving location at 5:30 pm – Ms. TunnicliffSchool Council Meeting, 7:00 pm in the Library—all are welcome! Please join us!
Wednesday, October 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Thursday, October 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Rugby 7 games, all day at Fletchers Field, leaving MDHS at 7:00 am, leaving location at 4:00 pm—Mr. Sewell/ Ms. TunnicliffField Trip to Ontario College Fair at the Enercare Centre (100 Princes' Blvd), leaving MDHS at 9:30 am, leaving location at 1:30 pm—Mr. BuieCertamen Competition at North Toronto C.I., leaving MDHS at 12:10 pm, leaving location at 8:30 pm—Mr. McLaren & Ms. ZafirovskiJunior Boys Volleyball Team to Bill Crothers S.S., leaving MDHS at 1:30 pm, game vs. Pierre Elliot Trudeau H.S. at 3:30 pm and then vs. Bayview S.S. at 4:30 pm, leaving location at 6:00 pm –Mr. SareenMusic students to Markham Stouffville Hospital Benefit Concert (evening).Parent Information Meeting for History Department Trip to France, Belgium & Netherlands in the Library at 6:30 pm - Mr. Morris & Ms. Towns
Friday, October 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SHSM (Kinesiology) Field Trip to the University of Toronto, Goldring Centre for High Performance, leaving MDHS at 7:30 am, leaving location at 2:15 pm –Mr. Weinstein & Ms. HoVarsity Boys Flag Football Team to Stephan Lewis S.S., leaving MDHS at 8:15 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm—Mr. Hartslief

Week of October 28th to November 1st, 2019



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Monday, October 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Junior Boys Volleyball Team to Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S, leaving MDHS at 1:30 pm, game at 3:30 pm, leaving location at 6:00 pm – Mr. Sareen
Tuesday, October 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interim Report Cards distributed in homeroom
Wednesday, October 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grade 9 Music Retreat to Jackson's Point, leaving MDHS at 6:00 and 7:00 am, leaving location Oct 31st at 1:30 pm – Mr. CaswellDECA Online Competency Test, in the -Mrs. Webber
Thursday, October 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">SHSM Field Trip: MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL P.A.R.T.Y. Program—Mr. WeinsteinSAC Hallowe'en Activities in the Blue Zone—Halloween Haunted House 10:50 am to 1:30 pm in the Drama Room
Friday, November 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Last day for Grad Photos, in the Library—by appointment only. Sign up in the Library.



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Messages from Guidance

Scholarship News

Grade 12 students interested in obtaining information regarding scholarship opportunities as asked to join the Guidance Moodle at <http://bit.ly/SCHOLARSHIPS2016>

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

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

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 you would like to add an e-learning course for second semester, you can make an appointment now with your guidance counsellor.

Second semester course changes due to post-secondary and grad/or requirements will occur after the November mid-term report card is distributed (for grade 12's only).

If you have questions regarding semester 2 course changes, please come see us in the guidance office.

Take your Kids to Work Day

On **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**, your grade 9 son/daughter is encouraged to work with you or someone you designate for the day. Here is how you can help:

- Talk to your employer and request permission to bring your son/daughter to work with you on **Wednesday, November 6, 2019**.
- Return the signed consent form to your son/daughter's homeroom teacher **WERE DUE Tuesday, October 15, 2019** (students received these on Monday, October 3rd). Please have your son/daughter return these ASAP!
- The form entitled "**We Need Your Consent**" is located on the last page of your parent guide.
- Invite your grade 9 son/daughter to work for the day. Explain that you would like him/her to see where you work, the people with whom you work and the different types of jobs at your workplace.
- If it is not appropriate for you to take your son/daughter to work, **please ask a friend, relative or neighbour if they can host your child for the day at their work**. Perhaps, you know someone working in a field of interest to your child. Conversely, if your child has a friend in grade 9 who is unable to go to a parent's place of work, please offer to have this student attend your place of work along with your child.
- Please ask your child to speak with his/her Guidance Counsellor should support be needed to find a workplace to visit. Let's not leave any grade 9 student behind.

Message from Yearbook

Dear Parents/Guardians and students: Yearbooks are on sale on schoolcashionline.com.

This website will be used to order the yearbook online for just \$45.00.

Don't miss this chance to buy your yearbook as there will be NO yearbooks to purchase at the end of the year.

The last date to purchase a book is December 29th. —Mrs. Howard



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Student Registration Verification Sheet and Policy Agreement Checklist and Consent From

Your child was given a Student Registration Verification Sheet on the first day of school. This needed to be verified, signed and returned to their homeroom teacher by Tuesday, September 10th. If any of the information is incorrect, please cross off and write the new information on the form. Even if all the information is correct please sign and return the form.

If your child suffers from Anaphylaxis and requires an Epi-Pen to be kept in the Main Office , please have them come to the Main Office to pick up the required forms.

The blue ***Policy Agreement Checklist and Consent From*** was also give out in homeroom. If your child has first period lunch or spare, they can pick this up at the main office with their ***Student Registration Verification Sheet***.

Both these forms should be returned to the main office as soon as possible.

Message from SHSM

There are many new and exciting opportunities in our SHSM program for the coming 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:

October 22: McMaster University Kinesiology (students can choose to participate in the VO2MAX, Wingate or BODPOD testing but must complete the health questionnaire along with the field trip form)

October 24 (Ontario College Fair): open to all interested students

October 25: University of Toronto (Kinesiology Program - hands-on and tour)

October 31 (MARKHAM STOUFFVILLE HOSPITAL P.A.R.T.Y. Program) (only 30 spaces available)

November 12 (Escape Room and presentation on technical staging) - ARTS & CULTURE

November 14 (Crime Stoppers at the Richmond Hill Centre for Performing Arts) - Lunch provided

December Date to be confirmed: Taste of Transportation (Centennial College) - TRANSPORTATION

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 (it is still not too late for this year).

Grade 11 or 12 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

MAKE HISTORY COME ALIVE!!!

There will be an information meeting on **Thursday October 24th, at 6:30pm** in the school library for all those joining the History department on the France, Belgium & Netherlands trip. This will be an opportunity to acquire information about our fundraising campaign and confirm details about the trip. **5 Spots are remaining, DON'T MISS OUT!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Mr. Greg Morris
gregory.morris@yrdsb.ca

Ms. Kristin Towns
kristin.towns@yrdsb.ca



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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!



NO IDLING in the Parking lot

This year we will be instituting a new campaign to help our suffering environment and the respiratory health of the MDHS community. While you are in the parking lot dropping off your child or picking them up, **please turn off your car engine** while you wait. Idling tailpipes spew out the same pollutants as moving cars. These pollutants have been linked to serious human illnesses including asthma, heart disease, chronic bronchitis, and cancer. Turning your engine off will prevent pounds of carbon dioxide from being released, which is primary contributor to global warming. Please be respectful of this campaign and turn off your engine.

Markham District High School School Council Student Health and Wellness Safety Initiative

Ticket #:	
Date of Reminder:	
Time of Reminder:	

REMINDER

The driver of this vehicle is reminded to use the designated PUDO (Pick-Up and Drop-Off) in the west parking lot area. Please use the marked loop that goes around the parking area. After dropping off your student, exit by following the loop to the exit on Church Street. Please continue to use the PUDO to keep the parking area as safe as possible both in the morning and afternoon for our school community.



No stopping on the north side of Church Street.

Do not stop in a "No Stopping" zone for any reason. "No Stopping" zones are designated in areas where a stopped vehicle could obstruct the visibility of other drivers and pedestrians and increase the likelihood of a traffic collision.



No parking on the south side of Church Street:

Do not park in a "No Parking" zone. Stopping briefly to drop off or pick up a passenger is allowed in a "No Parking" zone. Waiting in a vehicle or leaving your vehicle unattended is not allowed. When a driver parks in a "No Parking" zone, they can contribute to traffic congestion, and the possibility of a traffic collision. They may also be obstructing the visibility of other drivers, and pedestrians.



No parking on Russell Stover Blvd.

Where a sign has been erected indicating parking is prohibited, no person shall park a motor vehicle on a highway at those places designated in Schedule "C" - Prohibited Parking to this By-law for a period in excess of the period therein specified.



No U-turns.

Do not make "U-turns", back up or make 3-point turns in a school zone. This includes driving into residential or other driveways and then backing out, to change direction.

There are hundreds of vehicles arriving to drop off or pick up students at MDHS. To establish a safer traffic environment around our school community, drivers are encouraged to consider leaving their car at home or parked safely one or two blocks away, or walking or cycling to school.

THE REAL PENALTY FOR NOT OBEYING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS IS THAT YOU MAY JEOPARDIZE THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND OTHER ROAD USERS.

We encourage walking to school.

- Buddy up. Find walking buddies, such as a sibling or neighbour, and decide on a walking route to school.
- Watch for crosswalks, stop signs, landmarks, traffic safety hazards and family friends' homes, in case of emergency.
- Put away the electronics and be alert, especially when crossing the street.

Don't let weather get in the way. Walking is great in any kind of weather!

Ride your bike to school.

- Gear check. Go through regular maintenance and repairs of your bike. Make sure your helmet fits properly and you know what to do in case of a flat tire.
- Plan a biking route to school. Enforce traffic safety rules and potential dangers.

MDHS has bike racks located near the football field. Remember to lock up.

If you take public transit:

York Region Transportation (YRT) has busing options, including School Specials, to MDHS. Go to YRT.ca > Schedules and Maps > School Services > and locate bus schedules for Markham District High School in the High School listings.

If you drive to school:

Try to form a carpool to reduce the number of cars in school zones. Pedestrian safety begins with drivers.

Be cautious and remember:

- Comply with the speed limit in school zones.
- When you see a stopped school bus with flashing red lights, you must stop, regardless of the direction you're travelling. Don't move until the red lights stop flashing and the bus begins to move, or risk a fine and demerit points.
- Do not double park or stop on crosswalks; this can block pedestrians' visibility.
- Do not stop on the opposite side of the street, requiring children to cross through traffic.
- Do not stop in moving traffic, requiring children to rush out.
- Do not drive alongside or block a school bus to keep children from missing it—this is dangerous.