



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 on vacation.

Week of September 23th to 27th, 2019

- SAC Spirit Week
- YRDSB Safety Week

Monday, September 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional Activity Day –No Classes
Tuesday, September 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAC “Cozy Day”- Pyjama Day (Outfits must follow our dress code), 10:50 am to 1:30 pm• DECA Fall Leadership Symposium—Mrs. Webber
Wednesday, Sep- tember 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rowan’s Law Day-(Concussion Awareness Day)• University Info Session #1, 8:50 am to 9:30 am in the cafeteria.• SAC “Monsters University” - wear University gear, M-Gear or Club gear,10:50 am to 1:30 pm• Student Athletic Association (SAA) meets every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in room 138
Thursday, September 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SHSM Standard First Aid/CPR Training (Day 1) in the Library—Mr. Weinstein• SAC “Retro Day” - Throwback Thursday, 10:50 am to 1:30 pm• Senior Boys Volleyball team hosts
Friday, September 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bravo Breakfast RSVP card due to the main office• SHSM Standard First Aid/CPR Training (Day 2) in the Library—Mr. Weinstein• Junior Girls Flag Football—Ontario Invitational Tournament @ MDHS (Main Field) 9:00 am –4:20 pm—Mr. Hartslief• SAC “Tropical Day” -10:50 am to 1:30 pm. Purchase a piece of cake for \$1 to support the Bahamas Hurricane Relief Project• #Earthstrike (Display/Community Awareness) 10:50 am to 1:30 pm, in the Blue Zone• Loran Scholarship application due in Guidance by 2:50 pm• Last day we will be accepting donations for the “Backpack for the Bahamas” Fundraiser• Classics Club Movie Night “Troy”, in room 151, 3:00 pm –6:00 pm—Mr. McLaren

Week of September 30th to October 4th, 2019

Monday, September 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant Faith Day ♦ Rosh Hashanah—With respect for Inclusivity & Equity; there will be no evaluations, club meetings or team practices on these dates.
Tuesday, October 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant Faith Day ♦ Rosh Hashanah—With respect for Inclusivity & Equity; there will be no evaluations, club meetings or team practices on these dates.
Wednesday, October 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College Session #1: Preparing to Apply for College, Period 1 (8:10 am) in Portable 1—Mr. Buie• Student Athletic Association meets every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in room 138• Skilled Trades Expo at MDHS—7 pm in the cafetorium—Mr. Butler
Thursday, October 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SHSM to YMCA Cedar Glen, Outdoor education Centre in Schomberg leaving MDHS at 7:45 am, leaving location at 2:30 pm—Mr. Weinstein• Subject Awards Bravo Breakfast Period 1, in the Cafeteria—Ms. Clifford
Friday, October 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HOCO Event—Period 5—hosted by the MDHS Student Athletic Association (see page 4 for important information)• Wind Symphony to Markham Fair, leaving at 9:30 am, leaving location at 1:40 pm-Mr. Caswell



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Messages from Guidance

Guidance has completed all timetable change requests for semester 1. If your student would like to speak to their guidance counsellor, they can make an appointment via teach assist according to the students last name. Due to staffing changes, the alpha for each guidance counsellor changes annually. Please note, the following:

Ms. G. McGill	A - F	Ext 516
Mr. J. Buie	G-La	Ext 517
Mr. M. Weinstein	Le - R	Ext 519
Ms. E. Kerhoulas	S - Z	Ext 518

Scholarship News

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

School sponsored scholarships that are available in September include the Loran and the deadline to apply is Monday, September 30th at 2:50pm in the guidance office.

Please see the first installment of the scholarship report for 2019/2020, this contains important deadlines for upcoming scholarships.

<http://seekingscholarships.com/the-scholarship-report-september-2019-issue-25/>

University Session #1: Preparing to Apply for University for Grade 12 Students

The first in a series of University info sessions will be held on Wednesday, September 25 during period 1 (second half).
The presentation will include researching and applying to an Ontario University.

College Session #1: Preparing to Apply for College

Wednesday, October 2
Time: Period 1 (8:10 am)
Location: Portable 1

MDHS University & College Liaison Day 2019 - Presentations & Fair

On Wednesday, October 16 (Periods 2-5), all grade 12 students will be participating in an in-school event, beginning after Period 1. Representatives from over 40 universities and colleges will be delivering presentations (periods 2-4) and then be available in the cafetorium for the Fair (period 5) with research materials and representatives to answer questions. Students are asked to bring their lunch on this busy day. Parents are invited to join students for the Fair portion of the day from 1:45 to 3 pm.

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.

Student Council

If your son or daughter plans to join a school club or a school team it is important that they pay the Student Activity Fee. Student Council uses this money for a number of different things. We help to subsidize teams by paying a tournament fee or by paying some of the transportation costs. We subsidize clubs to help pay for contest entry fees. The Student Activity Fee also covers such things as guest speakers, leadership opportunities and for the many activities that Student Council runs throughout the year such as Spirit Week, Spirit days, Oktoberfest / Club Day and May Day.

Please consider paying the Student Activity Fee, if you have not already done so. To pay the fee just go on to School Cash Online.

If your grade 9 son or daughter is interested in getting involved with Student Council this year we will be holding interviews for Grade 9 Representatives shortly. Application forms will be available online, at mdhssac.com and on the door of the SAC Office, located just opposite the Attendance window.

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:

September 26 & 27 (Standard First Aid/CPR Level C/AED): At MDHS:

(This is required for all SHSM students - if you students already earned these certifications, they must bring proof of these to Mr. Weinstein)

October 3 (YMCA Cedar Glen): Outdoor education centre in Schomberg (earn 2 certifications)

October 7 (Wrapping & Taping for Performance & Injury): Afternoon only

October 10 (TIFF Bell Lightbox - creating a documentary)

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

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
2. Complete the application and submit
3. Print from your gapps email
4. Obtain parent/guardian signature and return

School Bus Information

For students who ride a school bus, school van or school taxi to school, here is some important information.
If the bus does not arrive to your home or stop at the scheduled time; when the cold weather and snow comes, there may be times the bus will be late. Also on inclement weather days the busses may be cancelled.
Before calling the school, please check schoolbuscity.com, for listings of late and cancelled buses.



History in the Making

Join the History Department during the spring of 2020, as they tour France, Belgium & the Netherlands, in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands. More than half of the spots are already booked, so don't miss out.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact either of us here at MDHS, or go to the following website for more information.
explorica.ca/Morris-6048

Ms. Towns
kristin.towns@yrdsb.ca

Mr. Morris
gregory.morris@yrdsb.ca



On Friday Oct. 4th, 2019 we will be holding our 4th annual 'HOCO' event where we highlight our student-athletes from fall sports teams. **The event features food trucks, photo booth and prizes.**

SAA will be hosting the following games:

- Junior Boys Volleyball game at 12:00 pm
- Junior Girls Flag Football – kickoff at 12:30 pm vs. Confederation S.S. (Greater Sudbury)
- Senior Girls Flag Football – kickoff at 1:45 pm vs. Confederation S.S. (Greater Sudbury)
- Senior Boys Basketball – tip off at 2:00 pm
- Varsity Boys Soccer – kickoff at 2:00 pm YRAA league game vs. Milliken Mills
- **Students with Period 4 lunch OR classes accompanied by their teacher are welcome. The buy-in begins Period 5.**

Permission forms will be available in the Blue Zone starting Sept. 25th.

Leading up to the event

- 1) Students ask their Period 5 teacher for permission to attend the event and have them sign the blue 'HOCO' ticket.
- 2) Students get permission from their parent/ guardian and sign the white permission form.
- 3) Students drop off the forms with \$2 (OR a non-perishable food item) during Period 2, 3, 4, or beginning of 5 to the Blue Zone Oct. 1st - 3rd and get their ticket stamped to the event. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT!**

On the day of the event - Fri. Oct. 4th, 2019 Period 5 "buy-in":

- A) Students go to class to have attendance taken and then proceed to the gym or field. They **MUST** present their ticket to enter the venue so we can track attendance.
- B) Students stay in the gym or at the field to watch the games during Period 5.
- C) Students are free to stay and cheer the teams on after the bell rings.

SAA would like to encourage everyone to show their support for HOCO by sporting their favourite BLUE outfit or Markham Gear on Oct. 4th.

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!

Information of how to use **School Cash Online** can be found on our website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>

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

SAFTEY WEEK – September 23rd to September 27th

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN YORK REGION THERE IS:



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.

BACKPACKS FOR THE BAHAMAS

Please support MDHS Student Council’s Backpacks for the Bahamas Project by making a financial donation or bringing in non-perishable goods or toiletries. The last day to donate is Friday, September 27th.

Your support is greatly appreciated in helping the 74,000 Bahamians who are homeless and in need.



Upcoming Workshops

The following workshops are for parents and other caregivers supporting someone with an intellectual disability.

Workshop/Program	Date	Time	Location	RSVP
Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder (English/Chinese)	Sept 26, 2019	10:00am-1:00pm	Angus Glen Public Library 3990 Major Mackenzie Dr. E Markham, ON L6C 1P8	Enoch Wong 905-294-4971 ext 267 enochwong@communitylivingyorksouth.ca
Family Network Meeting: Transition Planning for Adults	Sept 23, 2019	6:30pm-8:00pm	Aaniin Community Centre 5665 14th, Ave Markham, ON, L3S 3k5	Sadia Shaukat 905-294-4971 ext 640 sshaukat@communitylivingyorksouth.ca
Pumpkin Carving + Yoga	Oct 5, 2019	10:30am-12:00pm	Kind Yoga by Heart 3390 Major Mackenzie Drive East Markham ON, L6C 1P8	Zainab Zaidi 905-294-4971 ext 385 zzaidi@communitylivingyorksouth.ca
Family Network Meeting: Restorative Yoga	Nov 5, 2019	6:30pm-8:00pm	CLYS Markham Office 5694 Hwy 7, Unit 13 Markham, ON L3P 1B4	Sadia Shaukat 905-294-4971 ext 640 sshaukat@communitylivingyorksouth.ca
Family Network Meeting: Managing Challenging Behaviours	Dec 2nd, 2019	6:30pm-8:00pm	Aaniin Community Centre 5665 14th, Ave Markham, ON, L3S 3k5	Sadia Shaukat 905-294-4971 ext 640 sshaukat@communitylivingyorksouth.ca

