

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. Forms are available from the attendance secretary or main office.

<u>Week of Dec 19th-23rd, 2022</u>					
SAC Winter Wonderland Spirit Week					
Monday, Dec 19th	 Grad Photo Retake Day in the Library Reptilia Presentation for Grade 10 Science Classes in the Library 8:20 am-2:30 pm-Ms. Thomas SAC Spirit Day-Adam Sandler Day Cookie Decorating at lunch in Room 217 and 218-SAC Holiday Movie Night "Home Alone" 3:30-5:30 pm, in the cafeteria-Mr. Avery 				
Tuesday, Dec 20th	 SAC Spirit Day-Tacky/Ugly Sweater Day Anime Club in room 163 at lunch —Mr. Kee Archery Safety Training (Mandatory) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Library-Mr. Kee Music Department's "Sound of the Season" Winter Concert-at the Markham Theatre 7:00-9:30 pm-Mr. Siu 				
Wednesday, Dec 21st	 SAC Spirit Day Activity - Karaoke/Sing-Along in the cafeteria at lunch Badminton Team practice in the gym 2:45 pm-Mr. Kee SAC Winter Wonderland Assembly Dress Rehearsal in the cafeteria from 2:45-4:00 pm Coaches Classic Hockey Game at Mount Joy Arena 4:00-5:00 pm 				
Thursday, Dec 22nd	 SAC Spirit Day - Holiday Hat Day Law Club meeting at lunch in room 226-Ms. Sharma Magic Card Club in room 163 at lunch —Mr. Kee Archery Safety Training (Mandatory) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm in the Library-Mr. Kee Markham Music Holiday Bash in the cafeteria at 4:00 pm-6:00 pm-Mr. Siu 				
Friday, Dec 23rd	 MDHS Winter Fest Assembly 8:20 am-11:00 am Tamil Student Association (TSA) Meeting 2:45 pm -4:00 pm-Mr. Avery 				

Tamil Student Association presents "Holiday Movie Night for Mental Health"

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. This year, YPAM & MDHS will be hosting a Holiday Movie Night where we will raise awareness and collect money for Markham Stouffville Hospital's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit. Tickets will be sold for \$2 in the Blue Zone from December 7th to December 14th. The Holiday Movie Night will be on Monday, December 19th from 3:30 pm - 5:15 p.m. This event is open to MDHS students only.

Reptilia is coming to MDHS!

On Monday, December 19th, Reptilia will be coming to MDHS to provide our Gr. 10 science students with some hands-on learning experience with a wide range of reptiles. We are so excited for this in-school field trip!

Our students will be learning about the different organs and organ systems found in these fascinating creatures and to make comparisons with our own body. If your child is taking Gr. 10 science this semester, please return all permission forms and **payment of \$3** using school cash online. Do not miss this opportunity! **Please pay by Wednesday, December 14**th.-Ms. Ho



MDHS Winterfest

Get ready, because the annual Winter Wonderland Assembly is back!

On Friday, December 23rd the wonderful talents that Markham District has to offer will be on display!

If you would like to audition to share your talent, then fill out the following form by Monday 12th!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/

e/1FAIpQLSdDqf41Xo2j4c1ZFAO3Ph32SY0u6ht7j OnGeojiUC5dp2VIA/viewform?usp=sf link

The auditions will be held on December 14th and 15th during lunch. All acts must be 3 minutes or less and must be performed live. You can perform anything from singing to dancing, to skits, etc!-MDHS SAC



<u>Archery Club</u>

YRDSB's first archery club is starting! This club is open to all levels of experience and students will be trained by a nationally certified archery coach. Students must attend the mandatory safety training after school on Tuesday or Thursday in the library and sign up to the Google Classroom (link on the door of room 163). There will be an in-school tournament in March to determine our team that will compete at Provincials in May. If you have any questions, please contact-Mr. Kee



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PEERS Program for Students with Autism

This January, in YRDSB, there is an exciting opportunity for students with Autism! We will be offering students the opportunity to participate in an evidence based social skills program called Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relationship Skills (PEERS®) The PEERS® program engages students in 16 different modules that teach teens social skills that focus on making and keeping friends. The program will be running VIRTUALLY for sixteen weeks, from the weeks of January 16th - May 8th, on Tuesday, Wednesday OR Thursday evenings from 4-6pm.

In order for the PEERs curriculum to meet the needs of all students in the group it is important the recommended students meet the criteria listed below:

- Students in grades 7-11 who are working at, or close to, grade level curriculum (Locally Developed/Applied/Academic)
- Students who are socially motivated and are wanting to develop social skills or improve their social skills, (they have to want to join a social skills group)
- Students who are looking for next steps in their social understanding (currently struggling with higher level, adolescent/teen social skills and innuendo)
- Students who have same age friends/peers but are finding it increasingly difficult to "fit in"
- Students who are interested in meeting other students who may share similar interests to them

Please fill out this REGISTRATION FORM

 $\underline{https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGRIbUc3TOCn6-9uTFp3DD1w23IFEsR-4M9HcYxIB2dL2K8A/viewform}$

All referral forms need to be returned by Wednesday, December 14th, 2022. Please know that there are limited spaces so some students may be placed on a waitlist for future opportunities.

Grade 12 Graduating Students with SEA technology

Apply for the Ignite Technology Grant by December 19, 2022 for \$1000! Award is **only** open to students currently in Grade 12 with SEA technology AND whose anticipated graduation is **June 2023**.

- \$1000 in discretionary funds will be awarded in May/June 2023 and will be put towards the purchase of personal technology to assist the graduating student in their post-secondary goals.
- Given to graduating students who have demonstrated leadership and success while using SEA technology throughout their educational careers.
- Apply here, under the tab Graduation Award: https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/special-education/special-education-amount-sea/ignite-technology-grant

If you have questions or would like support with your application please come to the resource room (112) or email: Assistant Department Head of Special Education at karen.mckennaquayle@yrdsb.ca

Karen McKenna-Quayle-Assistant Department Head of Special Education

Tutoring Support Programs

As a part of the Province's efforts to support learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional funding has been allocated for the first term of the 2022-23 school year (**ending on December 15, 2022**) for Tutoring Support Programs.

Project funding will provide small group tutoring support for students. The purpose of this funding is to offer programs that will support learning recovery and renewal in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. YRDSB has included an opportunity to partner with community organizations who can provide tutoring supports to students. These tutoring programs will prioritize math, literacy and other foundational learning skills and are intended to promote learning recovery and to help address achievement and skills development gaps. In addition, these programs will support learning in a trusted environment grounded in the language, culture and community norms for students.

Details for tutoring programs outside the school day can be found on the <u>Tutoring Support Programs Through Community Partners</u> site. Please contact community partners directly and inquire about tutoring services as soon as possible. Funding and spaces are limited.-Mrs. Civello

Message from Family Services of York Region

The series: YRDSB in Collaboration with FSYR (Family Services of York Region): Mental Health Event for Families and Youth in Light of the Protests in Iran: An event to "Acknowledge - Bridge - and Connect" During Global Protests The events are open to Iranian parents, caregivers, and families acknowledging that we all may have different experiences in relation to the protest in Iran. At the events, Iranian families will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health and their child using the ABCs (i.e., Acknowledge, Bridge, Connection) of Mental Health. Youth will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health using the ABCs of Mental Health. Each event will end with a brief panel discussion responding to presubmitted participant questions. After School Events will have support available in English and Farsi.

If you are interested, please click on this form.-Mrs. Civello

The LOST has been FOUND!

Please remind your student to check the Lost & Found box in the office. Items such as jewellery, watches, glasses and electronics (including lots of air pods and cases) can be retrieved at the reception desk.



MDHS TEAMS' SCHEDULE



Junior Girls Tier 1 Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov 30	St. Augustine	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Nov 30	St. Robert	4:30 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 6	Milliken Mills	3:30 pm	Milliken Mills HS
Dec 6	Bill Crothers SS	4:30 pm	Milliken Mills HS
Dec 19	Thornlea SS	3:30 pm	Thornlea SS
Dec 19	St. Augustine	4:15 pm	Thornlea SS
Dec 21	St. Robert	3:30 pm	St Robert CHS
Dec 21	Bill Crothers SS	4:15 pm	St Robert CHS
Jan 12	Milliken Mills	3:30 pm	Milliken Mills HS
Jan 12	Thornlea SS	4:30 pm	Milliken Mills HS
Jan 17	St. Brother Andre	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Jan 17	Unionville HS	4:30 pm	Markham DHS

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Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov 29	St. Brother Andre	3:30 pm	Bur Oak SS
Nov 29	Bur Oak SS	4:30 pm	Bur Oak SS
Dec 7	Bill Crothers SS	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 7	Bill Hogarth SS	4:30 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 14	Bill Hogarth SS	3:30 pm	Bill Crothers SS
Dec 14	Bill Crothers SS	4:30 pm	Bill Crothers SS
Jan 10	Stouffville	3:30 pm	Stouffville DSS
Jan 10	Pape Francois	4:30 pm	Stouffville DSS
Jan 17	Middlefield	3:30 pm	Bill Hogarth SS
Jan 17	Markville	4:30 pm	Bill Hogarth SS
Jan 19	Bur Oak SS	3:30 pm	St Brother Andre
Jan 19	Middlefield	4:30 pm	St Brother Andre



Junior Boys Tier 2 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov 28	Markville	4:00 pm	Markville SS
Dec 1	Milliken Mills	4:45 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 5	Middlefield	4:45 pm	Middlefield CI
Dec 8	Unionville HS	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 13	St. Brother Andre	4:45 pm	St Brother Andre
Dec 20	Markville	4:45 pm	Markham DHS
Jan 12	St. Brother Andre	4:45 pm	Markham DHS
Jan 18	Unionville HS	4:45 pm	Unionville HS

Senior Boys Tier 2 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov 28	Father McGivney	4:00 pm	Father Michael McGivney
Dec 1	Milliken Mills	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 8	Unionville HS	4:45 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 13	St. Brother Andre	3:30 pm	St Brother Andre CHS
Dec 15	Pape Fran- cois	4:00 pm	Pape Francois
Dec 20	Bur Oak SS	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Jan 12	Pierre Elliott Trudeau	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Jan 18	Stouffville	4:00 pm	Stouffville DSS

Senior Boys Tier 2 Ice Hockey Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov 15	Bill Hogarth SS	2:30 pm	Markham Village Arena
Nov 22	Markville	2:30 pm	Markham Village Arena
Nov 24	St. Robert	2:30 pm	RJ Clatworthy Arena
Nov 29	St. Robert	2:30 pm	Markham Village Arena
Dec 6	Markville	2:30 pm	Markham Centennial Arena
Dec 15	St. Augustine	2:30 pm	Angus Glen Arena
Jan 10	Bill Hogarth SS	2:30 pm	Stouffville Arena
Jan 17	St. Augustine	2:30 pm	Markham Village Arena

