



PARENT BULLETIN

Tel: (905)-294-1886
 Email: markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca
 Website:
<http://www.markhamdistrict.hs.yrdsb.ca>

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.

Week of May 1-6th, 2023

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| Monday, May 1st | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archery Competitive Team Practice - 7:15 am in the gym-Mr. Kee Girls Flag Football Team, departing MDHS at 7:45 going to Father Michael McGivney CA FMMCA at 9:00 am, BHSS at 11:30 and SDSS at 2:00 pm, leaving FMMCA at approximately 3:15 pm-Mr. Hartsliel AP Chemistry Exam in room 164, 12:00 pm-3:30 pm-Mrs. Hubbell Archery Competitive Team Practice at lunch in the gym-Mr. Kee EcoMarkham Tomato Plant Sale in Blue Zone at lunch-Mrs. More |
| Tuesday, May 2nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archery Competitive Team Practice - 7:15am in the gym-Mr. Kee Annime Club at lunch in 163-Mr. Kee EcoMarkham Tomato Plant Sale in Blue Zone at lunch-Mrs. More Ultimate Team leaving at 1:30 pm going to Bill Crothers S.S games at 2:30 pm (BHSS) and 3:30 pm SBACHS, leaving Bill Crothers at 4:45 pm. |
| Wed. May 3rd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ultimate Team leaving MDHS at 7:00 am going to Birchmount Collegiate, leaving destination at 5:00 pm-Mrs. Morrison Semester 2 midterm report cards edistribution from YRDSB ITS until May 5. AP English Exam 8:00 am-11:00 am-Mrs. Hubbell EcoMarkham Tomato Plant Sale in Blue Zone at lunch Archery Competitive Team Practice at lunch in the gym-Mr. Kee Archery Competitive Team Practice - 2:45pm in the gym-Mr. Kee Jr. & Sr. Boys Rugby to Father Bressani CHS, leaving MDHS at 1:45 pm, Sr. Boys game at 3:00 pm and Jr. Boys at 4:15 pm-Mr. Sewell Girls Soccer Team hosting Middlefield Collegiate, game at 3:30 pm - Mr. Ellinas MDHS Music-Spring Concert-at Flato Markham Theater-Mr. Siu |
| Thursday, May 4th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archery Competitive Team Practice - 7:15 am in the gym-Mr. Kee SHSM trip to Miller Construction, bus departing at 9:15 am, leaving Miller at 2:00 pm-Mr. McGinnis, More and Butler EcoMarkham Tomato Plant Sale in Blue Zone at lunch-Mrs. More Archery Competitive Team Practice at lunch in the gym-Mr. Kee Co-Ed Volleyball Team to Thornlea S.S-Mrs. McLean School Council Meeting Virtual (only) Link will be sent out by email. |
| Friday, May 5th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA Day- No classes Elementary Badminton Tournament |
| Saturday, May 6th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensemble Event 12:00 pm-4:00 pm in the cafeteria and Blue Zone (Please see the flyer on page 4 of this bulletin for more information). |

EcoMarkham

EcoMarkham is selling Tomato Plants to raise money for our proposed Outdoor Classroom!! We are currently taking orders. We will send an information sheet with the varieties as we receive emails of interest. Great "living" gifts for Mother's Day!!

Contact: dianne.more@yrdsb.ca Cost: \$4 per plant - several varieties

Delivery: Thursday May 4th, 2023 - Bring a container to take them home!!

MDHS PROM-A Night at Gatsby's - Prom 2023

This year, prom will be held on Thursday, May 18th from 6-10:30 pm at Hazelton Manor (99 Peelar Rd, Concord). Tickets will be available on School CashOnline from April 13 - May 4th. Tickets will be sold at \$100 for students who have paid their student activity fee, or \$110 for those who have not paid the activity fee and for guests. If you are purchasing a guest ticket, you need to complete a Guest Form (available from the SAC Tuck Shop), and have it approved by an administrator prior to purchasing the guest ticket. Tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

If you have any questions, please email Kristin.towns@yrdsb.ca

Graduation

The Graduation package for 2022/2023 school year is now available for purchase. Please go to the MDHS website. The School Cash Online icon is on the front page. Graduation will be held on Tuesday June 27, 2023 at Markham District H.S.

The Souvenir Package includes Cap w/2023 tassel, V-Stole and gown which is yours to keep.

Fee also includes two guest entrance tickets per student, program, and décor. **Please note there are only two tickets per student maximum.**

Deadline to Purchase is April 30. Ticket Package and Gown pickup will be announced closer to the ceremony.

Graduation Hoodie

The hoodie and t-shirt are now available on School Cash Online to purchase until **May 26, 2023**. Please log-in to view and order.

Congratulations Grads.



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South Asian and Tamil Youth Conference

To honour South Asian Heritage Month, the York Region District School Board in partnership with The South Asian and Tamil Women's Collective invites self-identifying South Asian and Tamil, female and gender non-binary, grades 7 to 12 students to attend our 2023 South Asian & Tamil Well-Being Conference. Students will participate in a day of culturally responsive, identity affirming mentorship and learning in support of their agency, health and well-being. SHSM students should note that this conference fulfills the Experiential Learning required for your SHSM certification!

When: Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

Where: Pierre Elliott Trudeau Secondary School 90 Bur Oak Ave, Markham, ON L6C 2E6

Registration: Students are to register through this [Conference Google Form](#). Students should also bring the completed [consent](#) for filming form to submit at the conference. Contact: For more information, please contact: nusrat.sacranie@yrdsb.ca or hshah@ccsy.org or sana.aliqureshi@gmail.com or ayesha.syed@yrdsb.ca

ISE-Ontario Exchange Program

The Student Exchange Program, which has been on pause, due to COVID, for the past few years, will resume for the 2023-2024 school year. In cooperation with York Region District School Board, ISE-Ontario will offer students aged 13-17 years old the opportunity to experience several European destinations for an 8 to 12 week period. For more information, please email the York Region contact RosalieSelick@iseontario.on.ca, or visit the [ISE-Ontario website](#) for application guidelines, prices, and other information.

From York Region Public Health...

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

Did your child miss the recent student immunization clinic at school?

An immunization clinic for Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV-9) & Meningococcal vaccines were offered to students at your child's school this week by York Region Public Health. If your child missed the opportunity in school, it is not too late.

There are still opportunities to be immunized. **Make an appointment at www.york.ca/immunization for your child to receive the vaccines at a York Region Public Health student catch-up immunization clinic. Please note that clinic appointments are released 30 days in advance.**

For more information about the school immunization clinics or eligibility for vaccines please call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 or visit www.york.ca/immunization

SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

Gr. 9 Destreamed Science

This month our Gr. 9 science students have been learning how to code Microbits for different applications. We spent an afternoon in a special workshop building Robots (i.e. Moon Rovers) for our Space Exploration Unit. And this past week many of our students have been highly engaged and learning basic code to drive our Moon Rovers onto the Moon.



MDHS SHSM goes to University of Guelph

Field trips have returned after a lengthy absence due to COVID. A wonderful group of students from Markham District High School's SHSM programs attended a full day at the University of Guelph for one of their on-campus experience days.

Split into two smaller groups, our students participated in two separate workshops, along with a campus tour. The first workshop gave our students the opportunity to work in a University Lab, extracting DNA from plant tissue. In addition, students experienced a Plant Genetics lecture by a professor with the Department of Plant Agriculture.

The second workshop on Ice Cream Basics covered concepts in ice cream making and understanding the importance of the ingredients in the ice cream mix, to uncovering the reason behind the type of freezer used.

Students had the opportunity to sample various ice creams and to evaluate properties between economical brands to premium brands of ice creams. We are looking forward to more exciting opportunities through SHSM in the future!





*Dear Graduate,
You are cordially invited to*

A NIGHT AT GATSBY'S

Thursday, May 18, 2023 | 06-10:30 PM

Hazelton Manor

99 Peelar Rd, Concord, ON L4K 1A3

**DOORS CLOSE AT 07 PM
TICKETS ARE NON-TRANSFERRABLE
AND NON-REFUNDABLE**

Why Consider SHSM?

- Customize secondary school education to suit interests and skills
- Complete sector recognized certifications to build your resume
- Prepare for post-secondary opportunities (appropriate for all pathways)
- Explore and refine career goals
- Earn the SHSM Distinction on their OSSD
- Engage in fun, experiential learning with like-minded peers
- Participation in the training and field trips is **free**.

SHSM Sectors at Markham District High School

Arts & Culture

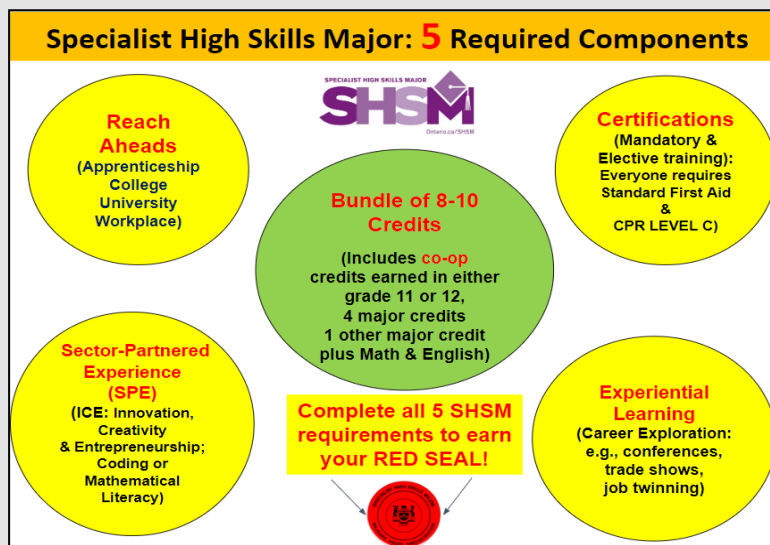
Horticulture & Landscaping

Construction

Non Profit

Health & Wellness

Transportation



Apply to SHSM: bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

IMPORTANT DATES IN SCIENCE

Waterloo Chemistry Contests Coming Up...

- **Chem 13 News Exam** for Gr. 12 students – **Thurs. May 11th (Period 1)** in the Library
- **Avogadro Exam** for Gr. 11 students – **Thurs. May 18th (Period 1)** in the Library
- The cost of the exam is \$4.00, please remember to pay on SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.

AP Test Dates Coming Up...

- **AP Chemistry Exam** – **Mon. May 1st, starts at 12:00pm (Period 3 & 4)**
- **AP English Exam** – **Wed. May 3rd, starts at 8:00am (Period 1 & 2)**
- **AP Calculus Exam** – **Mon. May 8th, starts at 8:00am (Period 1 & 2)**
- **AP Biology Exam** – **Wed. May 10th starts at 12:00pm (Period 3 & 4)**

The cost of the exam is \$125.00, please remember to pay on SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.

Reptilia is Coming....

On **Monday, May 15th**, Reptilia will be coming to MDHS to visit with all our Gr. 10 Science and Gr. 9 Gifted Science Classes. Students will get the opportunity with some hands on experience learning about Reptile anatomy and body systems and how their populations are being impacted by Climate Change. The cost of this exciting experience is **\$6.00** and you can **pay using Cash Online**. We look forward to seeing you there!

*NOTE: Any Gr. 10 students who did not get the opportunity to see Reptilia first semester are also welcome to join our classes on May 15th. For more information, please see Ms. Ho in the Science Department to pick up Parent Permission Forms. All are Welcome!





May 6, 2023

12 TO 4 PM

MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

89 CHURCH ST,

MARKHAM, ON L3P 2M3



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Present

~THE SECOND ANNUAL~

ENSEMBLE EVENT

Providing donated formal attire to Grades 8 & 12 students,
so they can attend graduation in style

All interested Grad students are invited to attend
Please ensure you bring the following information to register at
the door: Student Name, School, Graduation Date

If you require accommodation, please contact us
at facesoftheheart2022@gmail.com

Gently used, dry cleaned, age appropriate donations are
welcomed (dresses, suits, pant suits, traditional and cultural
outfits and accessories)

All donations would be appreciated by Tuesday May 2, 2023

For more information:
Contact us at facesoftheheart2022@gmail.com

For donation drop off:
Contact Karey Robbins at Markham District High School at
905-294-1886

MARKHAM EAST

Racial Literacy Workshop

A Master Class for Black Families & Youth



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Monday May 8, 2023

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

@ The Venu Event Space

2800 Highway 7, Woodbridge, ON

Families of YRDSB students who self-identify as Black are invited to gather together for a master class in racial literacy for resolving racial encounters with the internationally renowned psychologist and author, Dr. Howard Stevenson.

Come learn techniques to discuss how anti-Black racism functions in a way that empowers and protects the mental health of Black children by building important racial communication skills that helps reduce racial stress and increase agency.

Dinner is available at no cost. All participants in this FREE workshop must RSVP using the link below.



[Register here](#)

Note: All YRDSB student participants must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult family member.



Dr Howard C. Stevenson

**BLACK
EXCELLENCE**

5:00 p.m. Doors open
5:15 - 5:30 p.m. Dinner & mingle with community partners
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Interactive workshop

Link to Register <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScOpO4nKUMPFVoGAIRJ82nTiQn1HQX2aDZ52mqjrNhhHx4qA/viewform>



2023 South Asian Heritage Month

**Educators of Students of South Asian Heritage (ESSAH)
Invites you to engage in the celebration & professional learning around
Affirming South Asian Identities**



**Randall Public School
50 Randall Ave, Markham, ON L3S 1E2
May 4, 2023 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

[Register Online by April 30, 2023](#)

This event is an opportunity for **all** educators and parents to network, share and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of South Asian Heritage.

Please join us for an evening of connecting through storytelling, music, information and resource sharing. This is an opportunity to amplify South Asian student, educator and parent voices.

Light refreshments will be served.

For additional information please contact ESSAH Co-Chairs: asha.rathod@yrdsb.ca, kala.henry@yrdsb.ca, and rashmee.karnad-jani@yrdsb.ca

Follow us on [ESSAH \(@ESSAHyr\) / Twitter](#)

Who are South Asians?

According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, [South Asian Canadians](#) trace their origins to South Asia, which encompasses India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Most South Asian Canadians are immigrants or descendants of immigrants from these countries, but immigrants from South Asian communities established during British colonial times also include those from East and South Africa, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji and Mauritius. [Some South Asian Canadians come from Britain, the US and Europe. In the 2016 census, 1,963,330 Canadians reported South Asian origins (1,603,000 single and 360,330 multiple responses)].

That said, the experiences of individual students and their families are so rich and diverse that they cannot be neatly packed into labelled boxes.



THE LAST



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**BUY ONE OF
THE EXTRA 50
YEARBOOKS
FOR \$50!!**

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**DEADLINE
FOR
PURCHASES
IS JUNE
2ND!**

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**PURCHASE
ON
SCHOOL
CASH
ONLINE**



Uh oh! Ms. Howard ordered 50 EXTRA yearbooks! Luckily for the students, this is their LAST chance to buy a book of memories!



CALLING ALL SUPERSTARS!

Rising Star

2022 Rising Star Junior Grand Champion,
Ishaan Grotra



Calling all Superstars ages 6 to 21 years:

Singers • Dancers • Instrumentalists
Actors • Magicians • Comedians & more!
Performing Solo or as a Group

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
AUG 18 TO SEPT 4 | 2023
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Toronto, Ontario

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or visit [TheEx.com](https://www.TheEx.com)

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Rising Star

If you are a singer, dancer, actor, musician, magician, or comedian, performing solo or as a group, you are invited to audition for the annual Rising Star competition at the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE). Selected competitors will perform at the 2023 CNE.

DIVISIONS

There are two age divisions in the competition:

1. **Junior Rising Star:** 6 to 12 years of age
2. **Youth Rising Star:** 13 to 21 years of age

JUDGING

1. Contestants are judged by a panel based on the following criteria:

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| Natural Ability | 20% |
| Stage Presence / Showmanship | 20% |
| Audience Appeal | 20% |
| Quality of Performance | 40% |

2. All contestants, including last year's finalists must have an audition with the Canadian National Exhibition's production staff to be eligible to compete in the talent competition. Decisions made by CNE staff and judges are final. No discussion shall be entered into with the contestants and the judges or CNE staff regarding contest decisions. Matters not covered by the stated rules are resolved at the sole discretion of the CNE staff.

HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete an entry form online at www.thocx.com/risingstar. Entry forms must be received by the CNE no later than Friday, May 26, 2023. The administrator may choose to accept or refuse entry forms that are late, incomplete or illegible.
2. Along with your entry form, a YouTube video link must be submitted at the same time or before the deadline. All audition material must have been recorded within the last 12 months. Your audition video must represent how you will be performing, if selected, on our stage. Do not send in a video of you singing with a band unless the whole band is entering as well. Only one performance is permitted per YouTube submission. When preparing your YouTube video, make sure to list your full name in the title of your video. Videos not properly labelled may not be considered.
3. Contestants acknowledge that the CNE is not affiliated in any way with YouTube and a submission made by a contestant via YouTube is the sole responsibility of the contestant, including the ability of the CNE to access the submission. Any YouTube submissions that cannot be accessed by the CNE for

any reason whatsoever will be deemed not to have been received. Contestants are responsible for compliance with YouTube's Terms of Use.

4. The judges will consist of a panel chosen by the administrator. The judges will review all video entries and score them according to our judging criteria.

SHOW DATES

The contest, which consists of preliminaries, semi-finals and finals will run during the CNE, August 18 to September 4, 2023.

PRIZES

The **Junior Grand Champion** receives \$1,000 and the first runner up, \$750. Second through fifth runners-up receive \$500, \$300, \$200 and \$100 respectively.

The **Youth Grand Champion** receives \$2,500 and the first runner up, \$1,500. Second through fifth runners-up receive \$700, \$500, \$300 and \$200 respectively.

NOTE: All participants are awarded souvenirs of the contest as they advance through the preliminaries, semi-finals and finals.

The structure of the competition may change without notice.

Please Read Carefully - Entry Guidelines

1. This competition is open to legal residents of Ontario only. You can only enter once.
2. Junior Rising Star: All contestants must be at least 6 years of age and not older than 12 by September 2, 2023.
3. Youth Rising Star: All contestants must be at least 13 years of age and not older than 21 by September 2, 2023.
4. The age divisions of contestants in duet or groups will be determined by average age.
5. A performance must be no more than 4 minutes 30 seconds in duration. Any act running over this time will be disqualified. Timing begins with the first word, note, or action.
6. Acts using machetes, knives, baton weapons and rigging (circus acts) cannot enter. Fire and/or pyrotechnics are not allowed on stage at any time. Profane language, swearing or suggestive lyrics or actions that are not suitable for a family audience (as determined by the administrator or the judge) will not be accepted. The administrator or the judge may refuse to accept an entry containing any of the aforesaid.
7. Once again, the competition will be held on a stage indoors. Therefore, sound level restrictions will be in effect.
8. An individual may not enter the competition if they are: 1) a CNE full-time or contract employee; 2) a member of the CNEA Membership or Board of Directors; 3) a contractor and/or agent of the CNE directly involved in the competition; 4) any other persons directly associated with the competition; 5) a member of the immediate families of any of the aforesaid persons or any other person residing in the same household.
9. Contestants who do not appear one half-hour prior to the competition or fail to remain until the end of the show, will be disqualified.
10. If you are selected for the competition as a vocalist, we ask that you prepare a backup song. This is to ensure that, should you be chosen to perform in the Competition Finals, that there is no duplication in the repertoire presented onstage.
11. Contestants selected to advance to the preliminaries will be notified around the beginning of July.
12. As a condition of the contestant being permitted to compete in the Rising Star Competition, each contestant (A) grants permission to the CNE to use, without compensation of any kind, any photograph, audio, or video tapes or other audio or visual images or recordings, including digital recordings, in such manner as the CNE may determine including any promotions or advertising, and (B) waives any right to any fee or compensation for any of the aforesaid and (C) releases the CNE from any loss, damage, injury or expense, which the contestant may suffer or incur as a result of his or her participation in the event, however caused.
13. A previous Junior Grand Champion can enter the Youth competition once they reach the age of 13. A previous Youth Grand Champion cannot enter again.
14. All audition videos must be a live recording. Videos that have a voice dubbed in will not be accepted. Audition video must represent how you would be performing in the competition. Videos should have a clear sound, no reverberation.

Personal information collected will be used for the administration of the CNE Rising Star Talent Competition only.

Questions about the collection of this information should be directed to: Corporate Secretariat, Canadian National Exhibition, 200 Princes' Blvd., Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON M6R 5C3