



# 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](mailto: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 8-12th, 2023

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| <b>Monday, May 8th</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP Calculus Exam 8:00 am to 12: 00 pm Room 164-Mr. Hubbell</li> <li>Girls Soccer Team to Father Michael McGivney C.S game at 3:30 pm-Mrs. Howard and Mr. Ellinas</li> <li>Ultimate Team to Bill Hogarth S.S game vs. BOSS at 2:30 pm game vs MVSS 4:30 pm</li> <li>James Robinson Public School Musical (Rehearsal) in the cafeteria, 4:15-6:45 pm</li> </ul> |
| <b>Tuesday, May 9th</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MDHS Music's 28th Annual Cabaret Night in the cafeteria –Mr. Siu</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Wed. May 10th</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AP Biology Exam in room 164, 11:30 am–3:30 pm –Mrs. Hubbell</li> <li>Jr. &amp; Sr. Boys Rugby hosts Theresa of Lisieux CHS – Sr. Boys at 3:30 pm and Jr. Boys at 4:45 pm-Mr. Sewell</li> <li>James Robinson Public School Musical Performance in the cafeteria, 4:15-6:45 pm</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Thursday, May 11th</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls Soccer Team hosting BCSS game vs MDHS at 3:30 pm-Mrs. Howard and Mr. Ellinas</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Friday, May 12th</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Treetop Trekking trip, bus departing at 9:00 am, leaving location at 2:00 pm-Mrs. Ahmed</li> <li>Full Disclosure</li> <li>TSA Meeting in room 115 from 2:45 –5:45 pm-Mr. Avery</li> <li>Classics Club Movie Night-The Emperor's Club in room 151, 3:00 pm-5:30 pm-Mr. McLaren</li> </ul>  |

## 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](mailto: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**-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.

## 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](mailto:RosalieSelick@iseontario.on.ca), or visit the [ISE-Ontario website](http://ise-ontario.on.ca) for application guidelines, prices, and other information.

## IMPORTANT DATES IN SCIENCE

### Waterloo Chemistry Contests Coming Up...

- **Chem 13 News Exam** for Gr. 12 students – **Thurs. May 11<sup>th</sup> (Period 1)** in the Library
- **Avogadro Exam** for Gr. 11 students – **Thurs. May 18<sup>th</sup> (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 Calculus Exam** – **Mon. May 8<sup>th</sup>, starts at 8:00am (Period 1 & 2)**
- **AP Biology Exam** – **Wed. May 10<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>**, 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!



# MDHS SPORTS



## Senior Girls Tier 2 Soccer Schedule

| Date   | Opponent               | Depart MDHS | Game Time | Location                   | Depart Location |
|--------|------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| May 3  | Middlefield            | Home        | 3:30 pm   | Markham DHS                |                 |
| May 8  | Father McGivney        | 2:30 pm     | 3:30 pm   | Father Michael McGivney CA | 4:45 pm         |
| May 11 | Bill Crothers SS       | Home        | 3:30 pm   | Markham DHS                |                 |
| May 15 | Milliken Mills         | 2:45 pm     | 4:00 pm   | Milliken Mills HS          | 5:15 pm         |
| May 17 | Pierre Elliott Trudeau | Home        | 3:30 pm   | Markham DHS                |                 |
| May 24 | Stouffville            | 2:55 pm     | 4:00 pm   | Stouffville DSS            | 5:15 pm         |

## Ultimate Schedule

| Date     | Depart MDHS | Location        | Game Time      | Depart Location |
|----------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| May 8th  | 1:40 pm     | Bill Hogarth    | 2:30 & 4:30 pm | 5:45 pm         |
| May 10th | 7:00 am     | Fletchers Field | TBD            | 4:30 pm         |
| May 15th | 2:30 pm     | Markville S.S   | 3:30 & 4:30pm  | 5:45 pm         |
| May 17th | 1:00 pm     | Bur Oak S.S     | 3:30 & 4:30 pm | 5:45 pm         |
| June 6th | 7:00 am     | Fletchers Field | TBD            | 5:00 pm         |

## Rugby

| Date   | Depart MDHS | Game Time | Location             | Depart Location |
|--------|-------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|
| May 12 | 8:00 am     | All Day   | Cardinal Newman      | 4:00 pm         |
| May 17 | 2:30 pm     | 4:15 pm   | St. Teresa de Liseux | 5:00 pm         |
| May 24 | 1:30 pm     | 3:00 pm   | St. Teresa de Liseux | 4:15 pm         |
| May 31 | 2:00 pm     | 3:00 pm   | Bill Crothers        | 4:00 pm         |

## Varsity Girls Tier 1 Slo Pitch Schedule

| Date   | Depart MDHS | Opponent          | Game Time | Location        | Depart Location |
|--------|-------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| May 16 | 9:15 am     | St. Brother Andre | 10:30 am  | Milliken Park 4 | 3:00 pm         |
| May 16 |             | Unionville HS     | 1:30 pm   | Milliken Park 4 |                 |
| May 23 | 9:15 am     | Bill Crothers SS  | 10:30 am  | Milliken Park 4 | 3:00 pm         |
| May 23 |             | Bill Hogarth SS   | 1:30 pm   | Milliken Park 4 |                 |
| May 30 | 7:45 am     | Middlefield C.I   | 9:00 am   | Milliken Park 2 | 12:00 pm        |
| May 30 |             | Markville S.S     | 10:30 am  | Milliken Park 2 |                 |

## Track and Field Schedule

| Date   | Depart MDHS          | Game Time | Location      | Depart Location |
|--------|----------------------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| May 10 | 7:15 am<br>(Revised) | All Day   | Bill Crothers | 4:30 pm         |
| May 11 | 7:15 am<br>(Revised) | All Day   | Bill Crothers | 3:00 pm         |



# PARENTING SESSIONS

Let's talk about it!

## May 2023 Calendar of Events

**We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these virtual sessions!**

**May 15, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – noon**

**Mindful Parenting: Ride the Waves**

For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will provide an understanding of the importance of mindful parenting and the role it plays in nurturing positive relationships within the family.

**May 16, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

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**May 24, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30**

**Test and Exam Preparation**

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on routines and strategies for parents to help better prepare their child for effective learning outcomes.

**Facilitator:** Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



These free virtual parent presentations are brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

**REGISTER NOW**

For information contact: Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB  
[Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca)



*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**

## Bike to School Week is May 29-June 2

### Let's get cycling!

Celebrate active modes of transportation like cycling and wheeling along with other students and staff across Ontario during **Bike to School Week - May 29-June 2, 2023**. **Bike to School Week** is a free and fun week-long celebration for kids of all ages and abilities.



When cycling, remember to:

- Wear a properly fitting helmet. Every cyclist under 18 must wear a bike helmet.
- **Air Brakes Chain** – Check your bike tires, brakes and chain before you start riding.
- Ensure your bike has a working bell, white light or reflector at the front, and a red light or reflector at the back. For information and to learn more visit the [Government of Ontario's bicycle safety information](#).
- Cross at crosswalks, if there is one. Walk beside your bike when crossing the road.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways and turning at intersections.
- Lock your bike in bike racks.
- Be visible and dress for the weather.

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week, or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution around your school.

### Benefits of Biking to School

- Promotes physical and mental health
- Students arrive energized and ready to learn
- Improved safety in school zones
- Good for the environment
- Convenient, bicycling is often faster than sitting in traffic
- Good for the community, encourages social interaction
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future
- **Just plain old simple fun!**

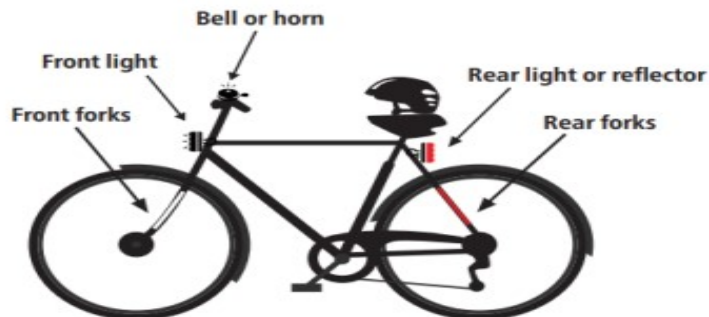
## Cycling Safety Factsheet

### Be Seen - Be Heard - Be Safe

#### Did you know?

Ontario law requires that you equip your bike with:

- ✓ White reflective tape on the front forks and red reflective tape on the rear forks
- ✓ A white front light and a red rear light or reflector if you ride between 1/2 hour before sunset and 1/2 hour after sunrise
- ✓ A bell or horn that works



**Every cyclist under 18 years of age must wear an approved bicycle helmet**

Graphic and more information can be found at [York Region Cycling education webpage](#).

#### School Staff

York Region has kindly offered to donate some items for the first 50 schools that register to help get your started with your bike to school week celebrations!

Items include:

- Bike bells
- Bike Lights
- Bike Reflector Stickers
- Spoke Lights or beads
- Posters

If your school is interested please fill out the google form (Link below). We will have the kits delivered to your school through the internal mail. Note: you will be requested to share your plans for bike to school week and we kindly ask that you keep track how many kids are cycling by simply counting the number of bikes by the racks/fence once a day. These stats will help ensure future support.

<https://forms.gle/sXeLPcmxAwahbig46>



## Recreation Subsidies

### Free Recreation and Sports Programs at Local Community Centres:

#### Participate in:

- Recreation programs at your local community centre with qualified recreation staff.
- Arts and crafts, dance, martial arts, sports, swimming, yoga and much more.
- Gym and drop-in programs; memberships and drop-in activities may also be available.

For eligible children and youth ages 4 to 18 and single parents participating in at least one of the following programs:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Child Care Fee Subsidy (income below \$36,000)

### Free Summer Camp 2023:

For eligible children ages 4 to 13 of families participating in select social services programs:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including the STAR Program and Ontario Housing Benefit)

### Free Youth Overnight Camp 2023:

For eligible youth ages 11 – 17 of families receiving:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities [york.ca/children](http://york.ca/children)
- Child Care Fee Subsidy (income below \$36,000)

And eligible youth ages 11 - 17 from a household in one of the following York Region communities:

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing
- Rent Subsidy (including the STAR Program and the Ontario Housing Benefit)

**For Eligibility and more Information:**

Call Access York at **1-877-464-9675** or visit [york.ca/recreationsubsidies](http://york.ca/recreationsubsidies)

#StartswithKidsYR

**(Newsletter Insert)**

**Free and/or Subsidized Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps**

For Children and Youth ages 4-18 whose families participate in one of the following:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Child Care Fee Subsidy (income below \$36,000)

Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing

**For More Program Information and Eligibility:**

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# THE LAST



# 50


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THE EXTRA 50  
YEARBOOKS  
FOR \$50!!

— **FOR** —

DEADLINE  
FOR  
PURCHASES  
IS JUNE  
2ND!

# 50

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

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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:

|                              |     |
|------------------------------|-----|
| 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](http://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 on stage.
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 M9K 8C3