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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 <u>3 or more days</u>, an extended absence form must be signed by each subject teacher, Parent/Guardian and the Vice-Principal <u>prior</u> to leaving for the absence. Forms are available from the attendance secretary or main office.

## Week of Nov 14-18th, 2022

Monday, Nov 14th	
Tuesday, Nov 15th	• A.C.E (African/Caribbean Excellence) at 11:05 a.m. in room 205-Ms. Mcneilly, Ms. McGill, Mr. Morris
Wednesday, Nov 16th	• Canadian Intermediate & Senior Math Contest, 12:10 pm-2:35 pm in the cafeteria-Mr. Raffoul
Thursday, Nov 17th	• YRAA Boys Volleyball Finals in the gym and room 138, 3:00 pm-9:45 pm –Mr. Barber and Mrs. Mclean
Friday, Nov 18th	<ul> <li>PA Day –No Classes</li> <li>Mid-Term Report Card Electronic Distribution by IS begin until Nov 22</li> <li>Music Group to Markville Tree Lighting Ceremony 4:00 pm-8:00 pm-Mr. Siu</li> </ul>

## Message from the History Department

On Friday, October 28, 2022, Mr. Buie and Ms. Zafirovski's Grade 10 Careers and Civics classes had the opportunity to virtually speak to Allan Tam, YRDSB Chair, and former MDHS alumni, and current Mayor, Frank Scarpitti. Students were thrilled at the opportunity to speak with community leaders about the Markham Community, how to get involved, and potential career paths.

## Message from the Business Department

**Financial Literacy Month** 

November is financial literacy month. To help educate our students on this important topic, the Business department is inviting students to compete in its first ever Financial Literacy Competition. To compete, students can access a google classroom where information will be posted weekly covering one of the following areas: investing, banking, credit and income management. At the end of the month, students will given a short quiz, to test their knowledge on these topics. The student who correctly answers all questions and in the fastest time will win a gift card. The code to access the google classrom can be found on the Business Department Bulletin board located on the second floor. We invite all students to compete in this challenge.-Ms. Lovell

## Message from the Guidance Department

Grade 8 Information Night November 23rd, 6:30 pm –8:30 pm in the Cafeteria and Library OCAS application deadline—February 1, 2023 (for equal consideration) OUAC application deadline—January 12, 2023

## IMPORTANT-School Start-Up Forms

Parents/guardians received an email from YRDSB Update with important school start-up forms to complete. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible at the start of the school year as they contain important information and permissions. <u>These must be completed in</u> order for your child to appear in the yearbook.

#### The forms can be found at <u>https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/</u>.

A link to the forms can also be found on the Family Resources page of the Board website at <u>www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources</u>. Click on the <u>Need</u> <u>Help link</u> beside Family Startup Forms for additional information on how to log in to the Student GAPPS account to complete the forms.

Secondary school students can complete the secondary school student form at <u>https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students</u>. They will also receive the link in their student GAPPS account. Elementary school students **do not** need to complete these student forms.

#### Please note:

You **must be signed in to your child's student GAPPS account** to complete the form. Please remember to sign out of one account before signing into another. Additional information is available on the Board website on how to login to the student account to complete the forms.

• The forms should be completed for each student, whether they are attending school in person or participating in remote, online learning. Parents/guardians must complete a separate form for each child attending school. Please ensure you log out of one student account before logging into another. You will not be able to submit the form twice logged into the same student account.



## MDHS TO HOST YRAA BOYS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS NOV. 17

The MDHS Athletic Dept. is very excited to announce that we will be hosting the **YRAA BOYS VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS** on Thurs, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be 3 volleyball finals that night. The Tier 1 JR boys' finals will be at 4:00 pm, the SR Boys 'A/AA' at 6:00 pm and the 'AAA' SR Boys at 8:00 pm. More details to follow. We hope you can plan to come see some amazing volleyball action right here at MDHS.





#### Hello Parents/Guardians,

We are Mr. Morris, Ms. McGill and Ms. McNeilly. We are teachers at Markham District HS. We just wanted to reach out to you regarding an opportunity at MDHS for African/Caribbean students.

We've started a group called A.C.E (African/Caribbean Excellence) as an opportunity to celebrate Black student achievement, while supporting all who are interested, throughout their journey at MDHS. We are trying to meet once every two weeks. This isn't an academic endeavour, instead it's simply a group that aims to provide a safe space for our Black students to connect, and engage in enriching opportunities.

There will be opportunities to participate in experiences of Black joy at MDHS and throughout the board. We are reaching out on behalf of our group with the hope that maybe your encouragement at home will convince your child to join this worthy endeavour.

Our next meeting will be: Tuesday, November 15 at 11:05 a.m. in room 205

Looking forward to connect in the near future,

Your A.C.E. Staff Advisors

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Ms. McGill gabrielle.mcgill@yrdsb.ca

PARENT BULLE

Ms. Mcneilly teesha.mcneilly@yrdsb.ca

#### Accessibility Presentation

On Wednesday, November 23 from 8:20-9:30 AM, MDHS will be hosting Domenic Fragale to speak about accessibility. Domenic has been a huge advocate for accessibility rights, and was an inspiration to our staff and students who have worked with him.

If you would like to attend, please send an RSVP to <u>andrew.butler@yrdsb.ca</u>.



presentations for Grade 12 students during the common lunch (11:05am—11:55am) in Room 104A. Please bring your lunch.

Seating in Room 104A is limited. However if capacity is reached, the representatives will offer two half hour presentations. Please note that this will only occur if the seating capacity is reached. Otherwise, presentations begin promptly at 11:05am and will last the full lunch hour. Please remind your child this is a great opportunity to ask questions.

- Nov 3 Ontario Tech University
- Nov 4 Fleming College
- Nov 7 Guelph University/Guelph-Humber
- Nov 8 Laurentian University
- Nov 9 University of Waterloo
- Nov 10 University of Toronto Engineering
- Nov 14 Toronto Metro University
- Nov 16 Western University
- Nov 17 Windsor University
- Nov 23 Queen's University

NOTE: All participants must be able to show picture ID; eg. MDHS card, etc. There will be penalties levied if students cannot provide it. Since this is a weekend competition, we are respectfully requesting that each participant arrange for his/her own transportation to and from the competition

York Regional Competition

Saturday, November 19

Richmond Hill HS

201 Yorkland Street, Richmond Hill

A tentative itinerary, as posted on the deca.ca website, is as follows: 8:30-8:45 am Arrival for Individual Role Play Participants (except Principles)

9:00-11:30 am Individual Oral Role Plays begin in assigned areas

12:30-1:30 pm Award Ceremonies for Individual Orals in the gym

12:30-12:45 Arrival for Principle & Team Oral Role Play Participants

1:00-4:30 pm Principle and Team Oral Role Plays begin in assigned areas

4:30-5:30 pm Award Ceremonies for Principles and Team Orals in gym

Top 10 Overall receive ribbons in each oral and test event

Top 3 Overall are recognized with medals in each category

# YRDSB Trans Student Support Group



A group for trans, nonbinary, genderqueer, agender, gender fluid, and gender diverse students across the YRDSB.

The group will be facilitated by board staff with lived experience as members of the trans community: Max Denley (he/him), School Social Worker and Kenzie Wass (they/them), 2SLGBTQI+ Community Partnership Developer.

Gender diverse students in grades 7-12 are invited to participate virtually:

- Bi-Weekly on Tuesdays beginning November 22nd.
- 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

If you are interested in joining or would like to learn more, please contact Max Denley at max.denley@yrdsb.ca

