



# 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 Oct 24th-28th, 2022

### MDHS Spirit Week (See flyer on Page 4)

<b>Monday, Oct 24th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Significant Faith Day-Diwali</li> <li>SAC Spirt Day-Retro Day (rep. a decade by dressing up or even throwing on a retro band t-shirt)</li> <li>Grad Photo day-Students sign up for appointments online with <a href="#">Focus Imaging</a>. All Grade 12 students and their parents received the instruction sheet via email on Oct 14th.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, Oct 25th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAC Spirit Day Twin Day (match outfits or even just colours with 2/more people)</li> <li>Grad Photo day-Students sign up for appointments online with <a href="#">Focus Imaging</a>. All Grade 12 students and their parents received the instruction sheet via email on Oct 14th.</li> <li>Senior Boys Volleyball Team - Home Games with Father Michael McGivney CA at 3:30 pm and vs. BOSS at 4:30 pm-Mr. Barber</li> <li>Junior Boys Soccer team hosts Bill Hogarth SS, game at 3:30 pm on the main field-Mr. Ganeshalingam</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, Oct 26th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAC Spirit Day-Hat Day (it can be wacky or just any ol' hat)</li> <li>Grad Photo day-Students sign up for appointments online with <a href="#">Focus Imaging</a>. All Grade 12 students and their parents received the instruction sheet via email on Oct 14th.</li> <li>Senior Boys Soccer team to Stouffville District H.S. leaving at 2:45 pm, game at 3:30 pm-Mr. Ellinas</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, Oct 27th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAC Spirit Day-HOCO Day (let's all support SAA and our teams by wearing blue, white, or M-gear)</li> <li>HOCO – (Buy-In Period 4)</li> <li>Canadian Math Open 11:45 am-2:35 pm in room 164-Mr. Raffoul</li> <li>Junior Boys Soccer Team to Milliken Mills H.S. game at 3:00 pm-Mr. Ganeshalingham</li> <li>Junior Girls Basketball Team home game at 3:00 pm vs St. Augustine-Ms. Jaylene Morrison &amp; Mrs. Alison Tunnicliff</li> <li>Senior Girls Basketball Team home game at 4:30 pm vs Stouffville -Ms. Jaylene Morrison &amp; Mrs. Alison Tunnicliff</li> <li>Parent/Guardian Teacher <u>in person</u> Interviews 6:00-8:00 pm. The Appointment booking system, Edsby, will remain open until 3:00 pm on October 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any issues with accessing Edsby, please contact the school.</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, Oct 28th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAC Spirit Day-Pajama Day (keep it cozy and even bring a stuffy if you like)</li> <li>Tamil Association Meeting every Friday in room 151-Mr. Avery</li> </ul>

## Message from the Guidance Department

**MDHS Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews**-Thursday, October 27 – in person.

If you wish to meet with a Guidance Counsellor, please contact them directly to arrange a time between 6:00 pm — 8:00 pm.

If you would like to connect with Special Education Department Head Zach Draxler or Assistant Head Karen McKenna-Quayle on Parents' Night, please feel free to drop into the Resource Room which is Room 112.

Take Our Kids to Work Day-Wednesday, November 2

MDHS Postsecondary Planning Information Night for Parents/Guardians - Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00 pm

OCAS application deadline—February 1, 2023 (for equal consideration)

OUAC application deadline—January 12, 2023

## Message from our Math Department

MDHS' Mathematics Department will be running the following contests this year:

### Mathematics Contests for 2022-2023

MDHS' Mathematics Department will be running the following contests this year:

Contest	Eligible Grades	Contest Date	Registration Deadline	Fee
<b>Canadian Open Math Challenge</b> (by Canadian Math Society)	11, 12	Thursday 27th October	Wednesday 5th October	\$26
<b>Canadian Senior Math Contest</b> (by University of Waterloo)	11, 12	Wednesday 16th November	Wednesday 19th October	\$15
<b>Canadian Intermediate Math Contest</b> (by University of Waterloo)	9, 10	Wednesday 16th November	Wednesday 19th October	\$15
<b>Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat Contests</b> (by University of Waterloo)	9, 10, 11	Wednesday 22nd February	Wednesday 1st February	\$7
<b>Euclid Contest</b> (by University of Waterloo)	11, 12	Tuesday 4th April	Monday 6th March	\$19
<b>Fryer, Galois, and Hypatia Contests</b> (by University of Waterloo)	9, 10, 11	Wednesday 5th April	Monday 6th March	\$13

Please register for the contests by making a payment for the contest on SchoolCash Online. Approximately two weeks before each contest, registered students will receive an email in their YRDSB Google account containing all contest details such as the location and time of the contest. If you would like to access past contests and solutions, please see the following links:

- Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge: <https://cms.math.ca/competitions/comc/>
- University of Waterloo contests: [https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past\\_contests.html](https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past_contests.html)



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## **Take Our Kids to Work Day: Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

“Take Our Kids to Work” (TOKW) is an initiative that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to OBSERVE a work environment for one day.

As suggested by the Premier’s Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel Report, the program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative, friend or volunteer.

There is a Family Guide Resource available to support families with planning [ [https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/TLP/media/Documents/TOKW/TOKW%202022/Family\\_Resource\\_Guide\\_2022\\_e.pdf](https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/TLP/media/Documents/TOKW/TOKW%202022/Family_Resource_Guide_2022_e.pdf) ].

A Google permission forms to participate in Take our Kids to Work Day was sent to your child’s GAPPS account. It can be accessed again using this link: <https://forms.gle/kQ25MDr4NSxj4uxj6>.

We ask that you review the form with your child and then sign off as per the instructions.

**Please complete the google form by October 25th.**

Please indicate this choice on the permission form so that schools can plan appropriately selecting 1 of the 3 options provided in the Google form:

- 1. I give permission for my child to participate in the virtual/in person job shadowing Event Take our Kids Work Day on Wednesday, November 2, 2022**
- 2. I would like my child to stay at home on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 to independently participate in the career exploration activities.**
- 3. I would like my child to stay at school on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 and independently participate in the career exploration activities under staff supervision.**

Parents/Guardians can also choose to have their child participate independently in career exploration activities at home or at school.

Please note that there will NOT be formal grade 9 classes on November 2nd.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact a guidance counsellor or administrator to discuss your questions.

Sincerely,

MDHS Guidance and Admin

### **COUNSELLORS**

Gabrielle McGill (A-Ja) [gabrielle.mcgill@yrdsb.ca](mailto:gabrielle.mcgill@yrdsb.ca)

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FROM THE YEARBOOK COMMITTEE

**purchase  
your  
yearbook  
today**

\$45 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT  
UNTIL OCTOBER 31ST  
SCHOOLCASHONLINE

## Message from the Yearbook Team

To avoid disappointment, please be sure to complete the School Start Up Package (information below) and be sure to check off that you allow your student to appear in the Yearbook this year. Purchase through School Cash Online. You MUST PRE-ORDER your book-\$45 UNTIL OCTOBER 31ST.

**PRICE WILL GO UP TO \$50 ON NOVEMBER 1ST.**

- Thank you, Love Yearbook

## 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.

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

A link to the forms can also be found on the Family Resources page of the Board website at [www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources](http://www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources). Click on the [Need Help link](#) 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 <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/students>. 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.

## Message from MDHS Student Athletic Association

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!** After a very long wait **HOCO** is back! That's right, come on out and support your MDHS athletes during a day of fun, excitement and competition on Thursday October 27th. Be there to show your school spirit as our Girls Basketball teams, and our Boys Volleyball and Flag Football teams compete for HOCO supremacy.

### **FACE PAINT, PHOTO BOOTH, FOOD TRUCKS AND CHEERING GALORE!!**

Don't miss out, permission forms and tickets for the **Period 4 "buy-in"** will be available at **School Cash Online** from **Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**. A paper copy or screen shot of the ticket must be present on the day of the event in order to gain entry. -Mr. Morris

## Message from the Business Department

The University of Waterloo is once again hosting the Financial Literacy Competition. The contest runs every December and May and is open to all high school students. It is divided into two divisions - junior (grades 9 and 10) and senior (grades 11 and 12). Students will be given a series of questions to answer in a timed format. The University provides resources to help students prepare for the competition. In the past, two grand prizes of \$750 were awarded to the top students in both the junior and senior division. This amount was contributed to the student's RESP. In addition, recognition was also given to the top finalists as well as certificate of achievements to all eligible students. Students who are competing for the first time are eligible for the awards. Students who have competed in the past at the junior level (grade 9 or 10) are eligible to compete in the senior level and are also eligible for awards and recognition. Mrs. Lovell will be holding weekly training sessions beginning in November to help students prepare for the contest. Students wishing to compete in the University of Waterloo's Financial Literacy Competition should send Mrs. Lovell an email ([christina.lovell@yrdsb.ca](mailto:christina.lovell@yrdsb.ca)) before October 31, 2022. Weekly sessions will be held in room 229 commencing the first week of November to help students prepare for the competition. Dates will be confirmed in late October. -Ms. Lovell

MDHS SAC PRESENTS

# SPIRIT WEEK 2022

**MONDAY** OCTOBER 24

## Retro Day

Choose a decade known for its particular style

**TUESDAY** OCTOBER 25

## Twin Day

Match with a friend.. or 2

**WEDNESDAY** OCTOBER 26

## Wacky Hat Wednesday

Get crazy & creative on your hats

**THURSDAY** OCTOBER 27

## HOCO Day

Show your MDHS spirit and wear blue and white!

**FRIDAY** OCTOBER 28

## Pajama Day

Wear your pajamas to school

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