



# 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. 31st-Nov. 4th, 2022

<b>Monday, Oct. 31st</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAC Halloween Events in the blue zone and cafeteria. Photo booth, costume parade and candy distribution.</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, Nov. 1st</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jr. Boys Soccer Playoffs-Markham District vs. St. Augustine, home game at 3:00 pm-Mr. Ganeshalingam</li> <li>Jr. Girls Basketball Playoffs- Team going to Holy Cross Catholic Academy, departing MDHS at 3:00 pm, game at 4:45 pm-Ms. Morrison</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 2nd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 8 - Send Your Kids to High School Day</li> <li>Grade 9 - Take Our Kids to Work Day (see below for more information)</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, Nov. 3rd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MDHS Postsecondary Planning Information Night for Parents/Guardians - Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria-Mrs. McGill</li> <li>School Parent Council Meeting in the Library from 7:00 pm-8:30 pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, Nov. 4th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tamil Student Association weekly meeting room 151-Mr. Avery</li> </ul>

### Message from the Guidance Department

OCAS application deadline—February 1, 2023 (for equal consideration)  
OUAC application deadline—January 12, 2023

### 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

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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.



## **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.



## **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