



# PARENT BULLETIN

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<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](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 Sept 19th-23rd, 2022

<b>Monday, Sept 19th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Council Meeting 7:00 pm at MDHS in the Library (Virtual Meeting also available –link to follow in separate email).</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, Sept 20th</b>	
<b>Wednesday, Sept 21st</b>	
<b>Thursday, Sept 22nd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grad 12 Post Secondary Information Session during Period 1 in the cafeteria-see below for more information</li> <li>Girls Flag Football Provincial Invitation Tournament at MDHS-Steve Hartslief</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, Sept 23rd</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA Day –No classes</li> </ul>

## YRDSB Seeking Your Input

The York Region District School Board regularly engages in reviewing its policies. Currently, the Board of Trustees has identified a need to review Policy #672 Student Leadership and Voice and Policy #635 Student Dress Code. As part of the review process The YRDSB consults extensively with students, staff and community members.

We encourage you to review this [slide deck](#) to build some context around Student leadership in our Board and fill out the surveys to provide your feedback. You will find the surveys on our [Board's Policy review page](#) along with an explanation of policy review. Scroll down the page and click on to find the links to the surveys. We thank you for your participation and your voice in ensuring our policies are reflective of our community of learners. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary, anonymous, and confidential. Your input will be considered and used to help inform revisions to the policies.

## 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 Guidance

### POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

On **Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> during period 1**, Guidance will be hosting the first Post –Secondary Information session. This presentation is for all **grade 12** students.

In this session students will be;

- Introduced to the University/College Application Process
- Important Dates/Timelines
- Resources to support the application process Scholarship opportunities

## Message from MDHS Library

Bookmark the MDHS Library Learning Commons website. It contains valuable student resources and a tour of the library. Make us your new home at MDHS, virtually and physically.



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## Message from Special Education

Please remind students to check in with staff in our Resource Room (112) if they are not sure who their SERT is this year. IEPs will be completed by October 17th; please email our Department Head Zach Draxler [zachary.draxler@yrdsb.ca](mailto:zachary.draxler@yrdsb.ca) or Assistant Head Karen McKenna-Quayle [karen.mckennaquayle@yrdsb.ca](mailto:karen.mckennaquayle@yrdsb.ca) with any questions or concerns regarding special education supports.

Please go to the MDHS website for valuable information regarding YRDSB's work experience and transition program including funding and community support services. [Click Here](#)



## **Indigenous Languages and International Languages - Secondary Credit Programs**

Dear Students and Families,

We welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 Indigenous Languages and International Languages (ILIL) program year and thank you for your continued support and patience.

During the pandemic, enrolment in the ILIL Credit program grew when compared to previous years. As a result, the program will remain in an online (remote) format. The program will be delivered virtually through synchronous learning, supported by asynchronous activities. Teachers will teach live language lessons in real time using Google Classroom to provide both synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities during the regularly scheduled language classes. All program updates will be made on our [Board ILIL program homepage](#).

### **Did you know there are many benefits to taking credit language courses?**

- Students can take one International Languages Course as a Group 1 - Compulsory or as an Elective Credit towards their Ontario Secondary Diploma.
- Students in the Secondary International Languages program can earn up to three credits towards graduation.
- If students earn a credit in the Level D (university) course, it can be used as one of their top six (6) marks for post-secondary entry. For example, if a student takes Spanish Level B, C and D, the student can submit their Level D mark as one of the top six marks for post-secondary applications.

### **Already Registered?**

If you have already registered for our fall programs, we thank you. Your registration will be moved to the same day on the online Site. No further action is required (e.g., if you originally registered for Greek for Richmond Hill H.S. then you will be automatically moved to the Saturday ILIL Online Site).

### **Secondary Program Registration**

- Credit classes begin September 24, 2022. Secondary (Grades 9 to 12) ILIL registration will not be accepted after the third class. Refer to our [ILIL Secondary Credit Program](#) webpage for the most up-to-date information about class start dates and times.

### **YRDSB STUDENTS:**

- Please register on [myPathway Planner](#) before September 19, 2022.
- For assistance, view the myPathway Planner [tip sheet](#).
- After September 19, please complete the online [Registration Form](#). Once submitted, a confirmation form will be emailed to the student.
- The student must share the form with their guidance counsellor and have them email it to [ILIL@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ILIL@yrdsb.ca) with their approval in lieu of signatures as our office is closed.

### **NON-YRDSB STUDENTS:**

- Complete the online [Registration Form](#). Once submitted, a confirmation form will be emailed to the student. The student must share the form with their guidance counsellor and have them email it to [ILIL@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ILIL@yrdsb.ca) with their approval in lieu of signatures as our office is closed.

Best regards, The Indigenous Languages and International Languages Team Phone Number: (905) 884-2046 ext. 242, Email: [ILIL@yrdsb.ca](mailto:ILIL@yrdsb.ca)

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UNTIL OCTOBER 31ST

SCHOOLCASHONLINE

**To avoid disappointment, please be sure to complete the School Start Up Package (sent out via email from YRDSB see message above) and be sure to check off that you allow your student to appear in the Yearbook this year. - Thank you, Love Yearbook**