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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.

**REMINDER Secondary Schools do not use Edsby for Attendance**

Week of April 7 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	
<b>Monday April 7th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SHSM Field Trip to Laurier University, bus departing at 7:45 am and returning at 3:45 pm-Mr. Weinstein</li> <li>OSSLT Session 2: Day 1 8:00-11:00 am in the library</li> <li>University of Toronto Woodwind Faculty Quintet Room 147 &amp; 1850, 11:15 am-12:15 pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday April 8th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OSSLT Session 2: Day 2 in the library</li> <li>DARE Robotics Event at Bill Crothers S.S -ASD Class 9:00 am-2:30 pm</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday April 9th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Day of Pink</li> <li>SHSM trip to Southlake Hospital -Newmarket bus departs at 7:45 am, returning at 3:45 pm-</li> <li>Jr. Badminton Team to SBACHS-Round 2</li> <li>Summer Company Guest Speaker for Business Studies Classes 8:30 am-10:30 am in the Cafeteria</li> <li>Solar Dance Club Meeting in the Cafeteria 3:00-4:30 pm-Ms. Chelvanathan</li> <li>SAA Meeting in the Library from 3:00-4:00 pm-Mrs. Whittaker</li> <li>STEM Club meeting in room 115 from 3:00-4:00 pm-Mr. Avery</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday April 10th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sr. Badminton Team to St. Roberts Round 2</li> <li>Classics Certamen Provincial Competition at Banting Memorial H.S, 12:30-10:00pm-Mc. McLaren</li> <li>SAC Spring Fling Dance in the MDHS Cafeteria-Ms. Sutharsun</li> <li>PRISM club weekly meeting in room 107 at 3:00 pm-Mr. Stetina</li> <li>Chess Club after school in room 227</li> </ul>
<b>Friday April 11th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last Day of Semester 2-Term 1 (Civics/Careers)</li> <li>Ultimate Frisbee Tournament at Country Day School in King City, 7:30 am-4:30pm-J. Morrison</li> <li>TSA Samosa Sale Pick UP -Period 3 &amp; 4, Purchases can be made on School Cash On-line until Apr 9<sup>th</sup></li> <li>Tamil Student Association weekly club meeting 3:00-6:00 pm in the cafeteria-Mr. Avery</li> <li>Classics weekly club meeting in room 202, 3:00-5:00 pm-Mr. McLaren</li> </ul>



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## Graduation Package

The Graduation package for the 2024/2025 school year is now available for purchase.

Graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at Markham District H.S.

The Souvenir Package includes a Cap w/2025 tassel, V-Stole, and gown which is yours to keep.

The fee also includes two guest entrance tickets per student, program, and décor.

Ticket Package and Gown pickup will be announced closer to the ceremony.

Please go to School Cash Online to purchase your package.

**GRADUATION PURCHASE DEADLINE: April 11, 2025**

## EARTH WEEK IS COMING TO MDHS (April 22 – 25)

The ECO CLUB at MDHS is busy planning an amazing EARTH WEEK starting April 22nd. The week will have many activities and events planned over the week to help increase awareness about the importance of sustainability. The highlight of the week will be an assembly on EARTH DAY on Tues, April 22nd. The ECO club is excited to have keynote speaker Ashoke Mohanraj from STARFISH. Mr. Mohanraj is Markham born, who holds an Environmental degree from the University of Waterloo. He is proud to be part of STARFISH Organization which is a youth oriented environmental group. Their goal is to spread the word of being green to young people across Canada. Mr. Mohanraj's presentation will feature the importance of everyday green living along with career opportunities in the environmental field.





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## Markham District High School **NAVIGATING SUPPORTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

HOSTED BY STUDENT SERVICES

For Parents/Guardians of Students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Join us to meet our Student Services team and learn about:

- **Transitioning to High School**
- **Transitioning to a Community Class**
- **Post-Secondary Planning**
- **Role of Student Services**
- **Supporting Mental Health**

**Thursday, May 8th**

**4:30 - 6:30 pm**

Light refreshments will be served



## **York Regional Muslim Student Association Eid Celebration**

The York Regional Muslim Students Association (MSA) is holding its very first Eid celebration! The celebration is open to all YRDSB students in Grade 7-12. We also welcome MSA staff supervisors!

**Date:** Wednesday, April 9, 2025

**Time:** 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

**Venue:** Richmond Hill H.S. cafeteria

**Registration:** Please [register](#) for this event

Participants will have the opportunity to celebrate Eid with a variety of activities, including cultural tables, traditional food, and a henna station. This will be a wonderful chance for students and staff to network with MSAs from across the board, fostering connections and a sense of community among our diverse student body.





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## DEAR PARENTS & GUARDIANS, PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SESSION ON: **AI & PARENTING: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND HOW TO GUIDE YOUR KIDS**

**Jennifer Casa-Todd is an educator, former Literacy Consultant, and the author of several books focusing on Digital Leadership. She will give parents tips on: Understanding AI - Using AI to support kids at home - Key Conversations to have about AI**

**She has been a presenter and keynote speaker at conferences across Canada and virtually around the world. She is passionate about showing parents how kids can use technology and social media positively and productively.**

**For more info visit: [jcasatodd.com](http://jcasatodd.com)**

**MAY 15TH  
7PM  
HOSTED BY  
MARKHAM  
DISTRICT &  
MILLIKEN  
MILLS  
HIGH  
SCHOOLS**

**MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**



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## Victims of Crime Week

Parents, caregivers, guardians, community members and youth 11+ are welcome to attend the **3rd Annual Anti-Human Trafficking Conference** in York Region.

Join us at **Seneca Polytechnic College King Campus** on May 13 and 14, 2025 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. for an evening of learning, networking, and collaboration in the fight against human trafficking. [Registration for the 3rd Annual York Region Anti-Human Trafficking Conference](#). Administrators, please share this link with your community.

Our conference brings together experts, advocates, and community members to raise awareness and education. Through engaging workshops, inspirational talks and community booths, we gain valuable knowledge and tools to protect and empower our community. Free refreshments and a light dinner will be provided.

For more information, YRDSB staff please contact Oksana Majaski, Community and Partnership Developer with Inclusive School and Community Services at [oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca](mailto:oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca) or 416-568-2252. For community inquiries please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at [iscs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:iscs@yrdsb.ca).

## Iranian/Afghan Educator Alliance (IAEA) Persian Heritage Month Celebration

ISCS (Inclusive School and Community Services)

The Iranian/Afghan Educator Alliance (IAEA) is hosting a meaningful **Persian Heritage Month** celebration to honour the rich cultural and historical contributions of the Persian community to our society. Together, we'll explore Persian heritage, enjoy cultural performances, and deepen our understanding of the diverse world around us.

This event will focus on fostering equity, inclusion, and community engagement and is open to all YRDSB students, families and staff. Please join us on **Thursday, April 10, 2025**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning, 36 Regatta Ave, Richmond Hill, L4E 4R1. -Please [register](#) by Friday, April 4, 2025, as space is limited.

For more information please email Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at [iscs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:iscs@yrdsb.ca).

**Celebrating Student Excellence**

We are delighted to invite you to our event Celebrating Student Excellence. This will be a special celebration showcasing the outstanding achievements of our Black Student Alliances across the York Region District School Board. This event will also feature a performance to highlight Caribbean carnival celebrations rooted in African and Indigenous traditions.

**April 16, 2025, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Maple High School** 50 Springside Rd, Maple

Please join us to celebrate.  
Your presence will make this event even more special!

**To Register**  
Kindly RSVP via this [registration form](#) no later than April 10, 2025.  
If you have any further questions, please contact:  
[blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca](mailto:blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca)

**Link to Register:** [RSVP for Celebrating Student Excellence Event on April 16, 2025](#)



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## Getting Ready for Mental Health Awareness Week

Dear Families and Caregivers,

Every year, the first full week of May is designated as [Mental Health Awareness Week](#) by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). This annual event aims to raise awareness and promote understanding of mental health across Canada. This year's theme is Unmasking Mental Health. Unmasking mental health may be defined as increasing our mental health literacy, promoting positive mental health, reducing stigma around mental health, and understanding the resources available to us. In this edition we will focus on unmasking mental health and the tools made available by the YRDSB for parents and caregivers to support their children's mental health.

One way the York Region District School Board is unmasking mental health is through its [Student Mental Health and Addictions Strategy](#) which aims to in part: advance students' mental health and well-being through promotion of health and support when needed, in a way that honours the student where they are. This year's theme could be an opportunity for you to pause and reflect and open a conversation with your child(ren) exploring the question: what does unmasking mental health mean to you and your child, recognizing the rich diversity of perspectives and understandings as it pertains to mental health within our student community.

Each year, the YRDSB recognizes mental health awareness week through a variety of activities and initiatives supporting its students within the classroom and parents/caregivers in the community. The Central Mental Health Team has prepared a [toolkit](#) that includes themed days and activities you can consider doing with your child in support of mental health and mental health awareness. These will be communicated through our website and social media channels closer to May, So, stay tuned! Additionally, the Team will be hosting a parent / caregiver evening presentation Stress and Healthy Lifestyle by Gillian White - [register now](#) . Be sure to follow the Central Mental Health Team on X and Instagram during this week.

- For more community resources, check out: [YRDSB Mental Health Resource Page](#)





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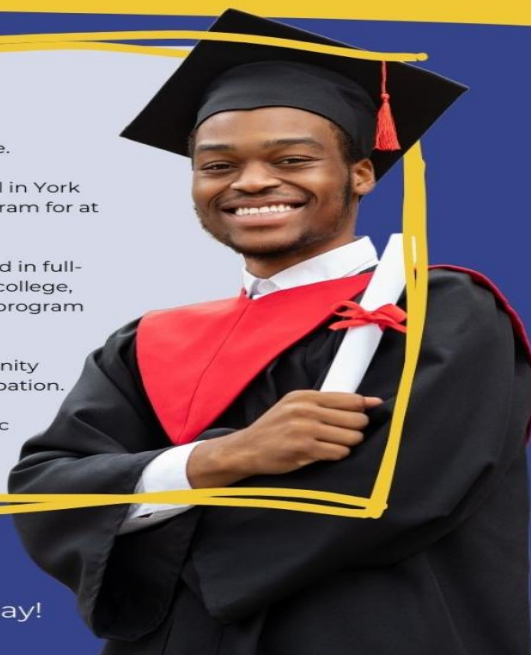
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## 2025 SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS



### ELIGIBILITY:

- ✓ Must be of Caribbean or African Heritage.
- ✓ Applicant must reside and attend school in York Region or volunteered at a MACCA Program for at least two years.
- ✓ Applicant must be accepted and enrolled in full-time studies at an accredited Canadian college, University trade school/ apprenticeship program during the 2025-2026 academic year.
- ✓ Applicant must provide proof of community involvement and extra-curricular participation.
- ✓ Applicant must have an overall academic average of B+ or above.



Visit [Macca1987.com](http://Macca1987.com) to download and fill out the scholarship application today!

## Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by  
**THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

### Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

**Monday, April 28, 2025  
 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

#### Agenda:

- Welcome and Engagement Exercise
- Presentation on Black Affirming Resources to Support the Curriculum
- Upcoming Programs and Events
- Question and Answer Session

**Please register ASAP.**

**A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.**

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



[Register now.](#)



If you require further information, please contact  
[BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca](mailto:BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca)