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# e-BULLETIN

## 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 Feb 10-14th, 2025	
<b>Monday Feb 10th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 9 Music Group to OBA Festival to the Chinese Cultural Centre, bus leaving at 9:15am returning at 2:30 pm-Mr. Siu</li> <li>Course Selection Presentation Assemblies, Period 1-Grade 10's and Period 2-Grade 11's-Mrs. McGill</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday Feb 11th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Course Selection Presentation Assemblies, Period 1-Grade 12's and Period 2-Grade 9's-Mrs. McGill</li> <li>Semester 1 Final Report Card e-Distribution By YRDSB IT Services February 11-13</li> <li>SAC Valentine's Day Love Potion Grams Sales Period 3 and 4 in the Blue Zone, Feb 11-13-SAC</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday Feb 12th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solar Dance Club Meeting in the cafeteria 3:00-4:30 pm-Ms. Chelvanathan</li> <li>SAA Meeting in the Library 3:00-4:00 pm-Mrs. Whittaker</li> <li>STEM Club meeting in room 115 3:00-4:00 pm-Mr. Avery</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday Feb 13th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade 10, 11 &amp; 12 Music Group to OBA Festival at the Chinese Cultural Centre, bus leaving at 9:00 and 1:15 pm.-Mr. Siu</li> <li>TSA-Tala Dance Tryouts in Room 151 and Cafeteria, 3:00-6:00pm -Mr. Avery and Ms. Sutharsun</li> <li>PRISM club weekly meeting in room 107 at 3:00 pm-Mr. Stetina</li> </ul>
<b>Friday Feb 14th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valentine's Day-Love Potion Grams distribution in Homeroom. Spirit Day-Wear White, Red or Pink</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> <li>TSA-Tala Dance Tryouts in Room 151 and Cafeteria, 3:00-6:00 pm -Mr. Avery and Ms. Sutharsun</li> </ul>

### Families planning to move or students not returning in September

Dear Families,

As we begin our planning for the 2025-2026 school year, we kindly ask you to inform the school office if your family has plans to move over the summer, or if your children will not be returning in September for any reason. This information helps us to ensure a smooth transition for all students and to make necessary staffing arrangements for the upcoming academic year.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and helps us in planning effectively for the new school year. Thank you for your support.



**Get your  
Yearbook today!  
\$55**

### **Don't Miss Out on the 2024-2025 Yearbook!**

ORDER HERE: [School Cash Online](#) GRAB YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY! Don't forget you **MUST** have the [School Start-up Form](#) completed to appear in the book

**2024-2025 START UP FORMS** Each year we ask families to complete **important start-up forms**. <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/> Please review and complete the forms. If you prefer to receive and complete a paper copy, please contact the main office. **This form will grant permission for your student's photo to be published in the yearbook. Please complete the form to avoid disappointment.**



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## Graduation Package

Congratulations MDHS Graduate!

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**

## RECREATION SUBSIDIES

York Region offers subsidies for recreation programs, day camps and youth overnight camps. Recreation programs and day camp subsidies provide children from families with low income the ability to take part in programs offered by the municipal recreation departments. The youth overnight camp funding helps eligible youth ages 12 to 17 attend an approved overnight camp.

The subsidies that are available are:

- Positive Leisure Activities for Youth (PLAY)
- Summer day camp funding
- Youth overnight camp funding

York Region does not guarantee space in programs or camps. More information can be found on the website.

Link: <https://www.york.ca/support/financial-assistance/recreation-subsidies>



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## Mathematics Contests for 2024 - 2025

Contest	Eligible Grades	Contest Date	SchoolCash Deadline	Fee
<b>Canadian Math Society:</b>				
<b>The Center for Education in Mathematics and Computing (University of Waterloo):</b>				
<b>Pascal Contest</b>	9	Wednesday 26th February 2025	Thursday 6th February 2025	\$7
<b>Cayley Contest</b>	10			
<b>Fermat Contest</b>	11			
<b>Euclid Contest</b>	11 / 12	Wednesday 2nd April 2025	Monday 3rd March 2025	\$19
<b>Fryer Contest</b>	9	Thursday 3rd April 2025	Monday 3rd March 2025	\$13
<b>Galois Contest</b>	10			
<b>Hypatia Contest</b>	11			

Please register for the contests by making payments on [SchoolCash Online](#). The fees above are set by the contest creators (CMS / CEMC), plus \$1 to cover SchoolCash Online transaction fees. Once the SchoolCash Online deadline has passed, students will be invited to the “**MDHS Math Contests 2024-2025**” Google Classroom. This portal will be used to provide information about the contests such as date / time / location, and to return results to each student. On days when multiple contests are running, it is possible to register for a contest that is intended for students in higher grades (for example, a Grade 10 student who wishes to write the Fermat instead of the Cayley). If this applies to you, please contact [michael.raffoul@yrdsb.ca](mailto:michael.raffoul@yrdsb.ca) after making the payment on SchoolCash Online to make arrangements. For more information about the contests, or to access past contests and solutions, please go to:

- 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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**Summer Co-op Programs** are offered through Continuing Education and supported by Curriculum & Instructional Services. Summer Co-op is available for students entering Grade 11 or 12 in the fall. However, Grade 12 students who could not fit co-op into their regular timetables and require it for graduation will be given priority. **Students must be available for all scheduled dates.**

There will be a **summer co-op information session for students held virtually on February 12, 2025 from 4pm - 5pm.** All students interested in applying are encouraged to attend. Students can register for the information session through [yrdsb.ca/summercoopinfo](http://yrdsb.ca/summercoopinfo).



## SUMMER CO-OP

2024-2025

[www.yrdsb.ca/summer-pathway](http://www.yrdsb.ca/summer-pathway)

### SHSM 2-Credit Co-op

#### Mackenzie Health & Scarborough Health Network

The SHSM Summer Co-op Program is for SHSM students in the Health & Wellness or Business sectors (for non-clinical positions), interested in working at Mackenzie Health or Scarborough Health Network.

**Application is limited to SHSM students entering Grade 12** who could not schedule Co-op into their regular timetables.

**Registration opens February 14, 2025 and closes on February 24, 2025.**

### 2-Credit Co-op

The 2-credit summer co-op program is a blended learning model running from May 6, 2025 to August 1, 2025. Pre-placement classes will take place in-person and virtually from 5:00-9:00 pm. In-person classes will take place at Richmond Green Secondary School at 1 William F. Bell Pkwy, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9.

**Registration opens February 14, 2025 and closes on March 7, 2025.**



### 1-Credit Co-op

Students will participate in virtual and in-person learning with their Co-op teacher and in-person/virtual Co-op placements in their community from July 2, 2025 to July 25, 2025. Location of the in-person classes is to be determined at a later date.

**Registration opens February 14, 2025 and closes on March 7, 2025.**

### 1-Credit ALEP

1-Credit ALEP is available to students in grades 10-12 interested in earning a credit in July through paid employment.

Employers must meet with the summer ALEP teacher for a placement assessment before students are accepted into the program.

**Registration will happen through My Pathways Planner in April.**



**Summer Co-op Information Session**  
**February 12, 2025 4PM - 5PM**  
 Register at: [yrdsb.ca/summercoopinfo](http://yrdsb.ca/summercoopinfo)



*\*All summer pathways programs are subject to enrollment and staffing for programs to run.*





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**YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS**

# WINTER HOUSE LEAGUE

**JANUARY 11TH – MARCH 15TH, 2025**

- Learn volleying, passing, hitting, and serving
- Develop skills through games and activities
- Play in a non-competitive environment that makes learning FUN!



**\$240 (+tax)**

## What to Expect:

- Skill development + modified gameplay every session
- Using kid-friendly equipment for confidence and success!

**8 weeks on Saturdays**

**Session 1:** 9am-10:30am | 8-11 years old  
**Session 2:** 10:30am-12pm | 12-15 years old

**Location:**  
 Renaissance Catholic Secondary School  
 700 chemin Bloomington, Aurora, ON L4G 0E1

### Contact Us

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## Black History Month Celebration

Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner.

**Dates:** **Monday, February 3, 2025, at Dr. J.M. Denison H.S.**  
**Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Bill Hogarth S.S.**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at Alexander Mackenzie H.S.**  
**Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Tommy Douglas S.S.**

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 p.m.

This event will feature:

- Interactive Performances
- Student Showcases
- Dinner will be provided

Please join us to celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Black Community while creating meaningful connections and memories together. Looking forward to celebrating together!

### To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **February 14, 2025**.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to [blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca](mailto:blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca)



FEBRUARY

BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH



### 2SLGBTQIA+ Employee Resource Group Event

**Join us to meet fellow 2SLGBTQIA+ colleagues and allies and connect to hear about 2SLGBTQIA+ initiatives happening in YRDSB**

YRDSB's 2SLGBTQIA+ Employee Resource Group is hosting an in-person get-together on **Thursday, February 13th, 2025 at 4:00 pm** at **Dr. G.W. Williams S.S., Room 205** 39 Dunning Ave, Aurora

You are invited to join 2SLGBTQIA+ ERG members as we take the time to connect and meet staff members and to celebrate our "Queerful Hearts"

#### Activities will include:

- Sharing 2SLGBTQIA+ educational resources
- Networking and socializing
- Talking about up-and-coming board initiatives
- Theme: "Queerful Hearts"

Please [register](#) for the event.

For more information please contact the 2SLGBTQIA+ ERG at [2slgbtqiarg@gmail.com](mailto:2slgbtqiarg@gmail.com)



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## Toastmasters for Violence Prevention

Join us in toastmaster-fashion to explore the importance of community violence prevention and learn how you can help create a safer community through preparing speeches and impromptu speaking activities!



### Dates and themes:

- February 9, 2025 - Bullying Awareness
- February 23, 2025 - Cyberbullying and Social Media
- March 23, 2025 - Mental Health
- March 30, 2025 - Community Interventions: Sharing Our Ideas

### Choose from three sessions each day:

- 1:00 - 2:00 PM ET (age 13-18); in-person at Aaniin Community Center
- 6:30 - 7:30 PM ET (age 8-12); online via Zoom
- 7:30 - 8:30 PM ET (age 13-18); online via Zoom

Cost: FREE

Register Here



Check our other youth (age 8-18) public speaking programs at [www.uplustoastmasters.ca](http://www.uplustoastmasters.ca)

Contact: [tm@upluseducation.ca](mailto:tm@upluseducation.ca)

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