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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. 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 3-7th, 2025	
Monday Feb 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Semester 2
Tuesday Feb 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anime Club-Lunar New Year Celebration Event in the cafeteria 3:00-4:30 pm-Mr. Hancock • Sr. Boys Basketball Playoffs @ GW Williams Game at 3:45 pm • Boys Hockey Playoff at Markham Village, Game at 2:00 pm
Wednesday Feb 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sr. Girls Volleyball Team to Tommy Douglas S.S, taxi leaving at 2:15 pm, game at 3:45-McLean • Solar Dance Club Meeting in the cafeteria 3:00-4:30 pm-Ms. Chelvanathan • SAA Meeting in the Library 3:00-4:00 pm-Mrs. Whittaker • STEM Club meeting in room 115 3:00-4:00 pm-Mr. Avery • Jr. Boys Basketball Playoffs @ Holy Cross at 3:45 pm
Thursday Feb 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Assembly-Black History Month Guest Speaker Shaun Boothe in the gym. Period 1 Grades 9 and 11. Period 2 Grades 10 and 12 students. • PRISM club weekly meeting in room 107 –Mr. Stetina • Music Group to Dr. G. W. Williams Invitation Music Festival bus departing at 5:30 pm, bus returning to MDHS at approx.8:45 pm –Mr. Siu
Friday Feb 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamil Student Association weekly club meeting 3:00-6:00 pm in the cafeteria-Mr. Avery • Classics weekly club meeting in room 202, 3:00-5:00 pm-Mr. McLaren

Congratulations and Welcome!

We are excited to welcome Raymond Luong to MDHS as Vice Principal beginning on February 3rd.

We wish our outgoing Vice Principal, Harmandeep Brar, the very best as he embarks on a new chapter in his career.



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Important Future Dates:

- Monday Feb 10 - Course Selection Presentation Assemblies – Period 1-Grade 10's and Period 2-Grade 11's
- Tuesday Feb 11- Course Selection Presentation Assemblies – Period 1-Grade 12's and Period 2-Grade 9's
- Semester 1 Final Report Card e-Distribution By YRDSB IT Services February 11-13



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.**

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



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Mathematics Contests for 2024 - 2025

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



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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.



SUMMER CO-OP

2024-2025

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.

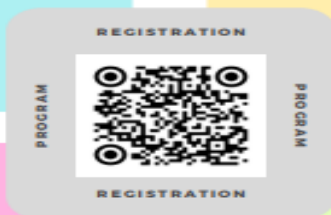
Registration opens February 14, 2025 and closes on March 7, 2025.

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



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





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Supporting East Asian Students Family Engagement Evening Series

Understanding High School Pathways and Course Selection

Join us for this SEAS Family Engagement Evening to help parents and caregivers gain a deeper understanding of the high school pathways and course selection process in the Ontario Education System.

YRDSB teachers and Guidance Counsellors will be delivering information focused on:

- Understanding the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) requirements
- Exploring pathways and planning for post-secondary options
- Navigating high school course selection process in YRDSB

Presentations will be available in English, Mandarin, and Cantonese.

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Cafeteria, 3rd Floor

Bill Crothers Secondary School

44 Main St Unionville, Unionville, ON L3R 2E4

Please scan the QR code

or click <https://bit.ly/4flwbhs> to register



For additional inquiries, please contact: iscs@yrdsb.ca

This event is co-hosted by YRDSB Inclusive Schools & Community Services (ISCS),
Community and Partnership Developer team and Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS)
affinity group

Link: [Registration](#)



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Inclusive School and Community Services

Transit Assistance Program (TAP) For Those who Qualify

York Region is offering the Transit Assistance Program (TAP) to help make transit more affordable for eligible residents.

- Eligible TAP participants can receive a 50% discount on regular Adult single ride York Region Transit (YRT) fare using a PRESTO card. After 40 trips, rides are free for unlimited travel for the remainder of the calendar month.
- Anyone in the family can use the TAP card, including students going to high school
- Please Visit : [Eligibility and How to Apply for TAP](#)
- **New Applications and Renewals for 2025** are now being accepted by telephone. There are a limited number of new spots available so apply soon. **Please contact ACCESS YORK at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75581.** All Students turning 18 should apply in their own right.
- If you require language interpretation for this call, simply say the language you speak when connected at the number above and interpretation services will be put in place.

If you have any additional questions please contact:

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yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca
(905) 895-5155 ext.5124



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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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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

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YRDSB ARTS CAMP 2025



Join us for an immersive program in visual, studio, and performance arts. Explore your identity through creative expression, supported risk-taking, and collaboration with peers and staff. Fosters self-confidence, individuality, and the discovery of new talents.

Memories that last a
Lifetime

Students. Educators. Community Artists
CREATING TOGETHER



Applications open Fri. Dec 13 – Fri. Feb. 7

- ✓ Campers (gr. 7-12)
- ✓ Counsellors-In-Training (gr. 9-11)
- ✓ Counsellors (gr. 11 & 12)



FOR MORE INFORMATION
& TO APPLY, VISIT:

bit.ly/YRDSBac25Info



Sat. May 24 – Sat. May 31, 2025



Questions? Email:
arts.camp@yrdsb.ca



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[@YRDSBArtsCamp](https://www.instagram.com/YRDSBArtsCamp)



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Black History Month Celebration!

The Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community, and Diaspora presents **WORD, SOUND, POWER: An Annual Black History Month Celebration!** This year's theme, "Past, Present & Future," honours Black culture's rich history, present, and promising future and achievements.

Featured Performances: Talented students and professional artists will perform diverse works. From soulful spoken words and captivating dance routines to musical acts, our performers will showcase the creativity and resilience that define the Black community.

This event is open to everyone who wishes to celebrate and learn more about Black history and culture. Whether you are a student, educator, community member, or simply passionate about fostering inclusivity and diversity, there is something for you at our celebration.

Date and time

Wednesday, February 5 · 5:30 - 8:30pm EST

LINK: [WORD, SOUND, POWER: An Annual Celebration of Black artistic Expression Tickets, Wed, Feb 5, 2025 at 5:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Celebrating Black History Month / BHM365 Events 2025		
* Dates and Events subject to change		
Student Events and Family Engagement (please share with your school community)		
Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 3, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. J.M. Denison H.S.	Join us for an inspiring evening as we celebrate Black History Month with interactive performances, student showcases and dinner. This event will feature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive Performances • Student Showcases • Dinner will be provided 	In person
February 12, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Bill Hogarth S.S.	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!	
February 19, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Alexander Mackenzie H.S.		
February 27, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tommy Douglas S.S.	Register Here	
Staff Workshops		
Understanding and Navigating the Education System - Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Sessions		
January 27, 2025 Virtually 6:30 p.m. - 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion Activity • Course Selection and Pathway Planning • Upcoming Programs and Events • Question and Answer Session 	Online - Register to Receive link
	Register Here	



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WINTER WALK DAY
Celebrate, don't hibernate!
Walk to school this winter.
Ontario Active School Travel | @GrnCommunities | Green Communities
www.ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca

Winter Walk Day is Wednesday February 5th, 2025

Winter Walk Day is celebrated by schools across Canada on the first Wednesday of February each year. Walking to and from school is fun every day, so we encourage you to journey outside throughout the entire month of February! This year, Winter Walk Day officially kicks off on **Wednesday February 5th, 2025.**



Tips for Winter Walking

Walking to school in winter not only benefits student physical and mental health, well-being and academic performance, it's also fun!

Here are a few tips to help you stay safe and enjoy winter walks to school.

1. **Dress for the weather.** Wear layers. Don't forget your hat and mitts.
2. **Protect your feet.** Wear warm socks and winter boots. They will protect your feet from snow, rain and cold and have good grips.
3. **Be visible.** Wear bright clothes, stay on the sidewalks and make sure cars can see you when you cross the road.
4. **Allow a little more time.** Prepare your winter gear the night before and give yourself a little more time to walk to school.
5. **Try walking like a penguin. It's fun and practical.**
6. **Enjoy the snow.** Catch snowflakes, talk about what you love most about the winter.
7. **Obey road signs.** The seasons change but road safety rules remain. Stop at roads and crosswalks. Cross with a crossing guard where possible. Look out for cars.



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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