



Markham District High School
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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 Mar 24-28th, 2025	
Monday Mar 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speaker from Elections Canada –Mr. Morris • OSSLT Practice Test-Period 5 in the Library
Tuesday Mar 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ontario Vocal Music Festival at O’Neill Collegiate in Oshawa, bus departs at 8:00 am and returns at 4:00 pm-S.Tam • SHSM/EOP Field Trip to Durham College Whitby Campus, bus leaving at 8:30 am returning at 2:00 pm
Wednesday Mar 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solar Dance Club Meeting in the Cafeteria 3:00-4:30 pm-Ms. Chelvanathan • SAA Meeting in the Library from 3:00-4:00 pm-Mrs. Whittaker • STEM Club meeting in room 115 from 3:00-4:00 pm-Mr. Avery
Thursday Mar 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOSA Group to HealthCare Occupations Conference at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre 7:15 am-5:15 pm • PRISM club weekly meeting in room 107 at 3:00 pm–Mr. Stetina • Chess Club after school in room 227
Friday Mar 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHSM Standard First Aid/CPR-C Training in the Library-M. Weinstein • 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

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**

Message from the Business Department

Summer Company Program supported by the government of Ontario. Entrepreneurship is available career path and why not start in high school? For more information on the program, please visit - www.ontario.ca/page/start-summer-company-students for more information if interested in the Summer Company Program.



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**MDHS
 HOLLYWOOD GLAM
 PROM 2025**

A NIGHT OF GLITZ, GLAM & MEMORIES!

MAY 29 2025	BRIGHTON CONVENTION CENTRE TORONTO, ON	THURSDAY 6:00 PM
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\$90 FOR STUDENTS. \$95 FOR GUESTS
 TICKETS AVAILABLE ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE
 MARCH 17, 2025 TO MAY 2, 2025

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):				
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



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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

Post-Secondary Day Program Fair

- Meet representatives from more than 20 York Region day programs and 2 community agencies.
- Gather information about the programs offered to help prepare for life after high school: program structure, hours, cost, support ratio, etc.

Date: Thursday April 10, 2025

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Richmond Green S.S. 1 William F. Pkwy, Richmond Hill ON (Leslie and Elgin Mills)

Day Programs/Community Participation Supports: A variety of community-based activities related to work or volunteerism, daily living skills, social skills, independent living, personal management and employment preparation for individuals.

Hosted by: The YRDSB's Work Experience Transition Department

Festival Date: April 2025
Venue: Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto
Registration Date: Now through March 16, 2025
Award Ceremony: May 31, 2025 at Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto

Registration: cccgt.org

學藝節日期: 2025年4月
地點: 大多倫多中華文化中心
報名日期: 即日起至2025年3月16日
頒獎典禮: 2025年5月31日大多倫多中華文化中心
報名網站: cccgt.org

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cccgt.org

Organizer 主辦機構:  **大多倫多中華文化中心**
 Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto

Associate Organizer 協辦機構:  **翰真文教基金會**
 New Era Educational Foundation Toronto

Honorary Sponsor 榮譽贊助:  **香港經濟貿易辦事處**
 Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library, University of Toronto
 多倫多大學利銘澤典藏

Website 網頁: cccgt.org **Email 電郵:** calf@cccgt.org **Phone 電話:** 416-292-9293



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Black History Gala - 2025

Friday Apr 11, 2025

15338 Leslie St, Aurora, ON L4G 7C4, Canada

🦋 Exciting News! Black History Gala Coming This April! 🦋 Children 15 & Under are Free! Take advantage of our Early Bird Prices until February 25, 2025—buy early and save \$20 on your tickets! After this date, regular prices will apply.

Get tickets today!

[Link to website](#)

Easter Seals Scholarships 2025

Easter Seals Ontario Post-Secondary Scholarship Applications for 2025 are now open! To support students with physical disabilities, online scholarship applications are currently being accepted. The deadline to apply is Thursday, April 17, 2025.

This year, scholarships range from \$500-\$2,500 and include:

- ESO Board of Directors Scholarship
- Hodglynn Holsteins Scholarship
- Connie O'Connor Memorial Scholarship
- ESO Scholarships (5 available)
- Hira Scholarships (2 available)
- John Domenic Caggiula Memorial Scholarship
- Kevin and Christy Kelly Scholarship
- Sal Iacono Family Bursary Endowment Fund
- Truelove Dell Scholarship Fund
- Ursula Carsen Scholarship
- Erica Vanclief Memorial Scholarship
- Vigneswaran Scholarship
- Karen, Mark and Quinn Smith Scholarship

Please visit the [scholarships page](#) for more information, criteria and the online application. If you have any further questions, please contact Olivia at scholarships@easterseals.org.



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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



Check our other youth (age 8-18) public speaking programs at www.uplustoastmasters.ca

Contact: tm@upluseducation.ca

U+ Toastmasters is a registered non-profit empowering individuals to enhance public speaking, leadership, and personal growth.

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Understanding and Navigating the Education System



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THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

**Monday, March 24, 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 YRDSB Speciality Programs
- 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



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Family Dashboard



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Welcome to the YRDSB Family Dashboard

The dashboard will give you secure one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. It is designed to make it easier for you to engage with your child's education.

Register today at family.yrdsb.ca.

Setting up your account

1. Visit family.yrdsb.ca.
2. Click "No account? Create one" under the email.
3. Enter the email address you have on file at your child's school, and click the Next Button.
4. Check your email, you will receive an email with a one-time code that expires within 30 minutes in order to confirm your identity. Enter that code on the account creation screen.

Once your email has been validated you will be asked to:

1. **Create a password.**
Passwords must be between 8-256 characters and include three of the four following types of characters: lowercase characters; uppercase characters, numbers (0-9); symbols
2. **Enter a Display Name** (your parent/guardian name).
3. **Enter the following information about your child or one of your children for further verification:**
If you use the same email address for your children's schools, all of your children will show in the dashboard once you have registered.
 - a. **Student Number** (is the same number as their GAPPS ID, or is available in EDBSY)
 - b. **Student Birthdate**
 - c. **Student Home Address Postal Code**

For more tips and frequently asked questions, visit www2.yrdsb.ca/family-resources and click on the Need Help button for the Family Dashboard.





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Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association 2025 Scholarship Application

In 2025, NACCA will award scholarships to up to **11 students**, providing them with financial support as they pursue their educational goals. Below are the available scholarship categories: Please encourage your students to apply as soon as possible, NACCA is accepting applications for various scholarships until **March 31, 2025**.

Scholarship Categories & Awards:

1. **NACCA General Scholarship – \$1,500 each**
 - a. Awarded to students demonstrating academic achievement and community involvement.
 - b. If five students are selected, four will receive \$1,500 each, and one outstanding student will receive the **Iris Malcolm Memorial Award** instead (not both).
2. **Iris Malcolm Memorial Award – \$2,500**
 - a. Given to one student who has demonstrated resilience by overcoming significant setbacks while excelling academically and in community service.
3. **Southlake Regional Health Centre Scholarship – \$2,500 each **New for 2025**
 - a. Awarded to **four students** entering health-related fields such as medicine, nursing, public health, or other healthcare disciplines.
4. **Rightsline Computer Science Scholarship – \$5,000 per year (for four years) + Internship **New for 2025**
 - a. Awarded to a student pursuing computer science, technology, or a related field.
 - b. This four-year renewable scholarship includes an internship component, providing both financial support and hands-on industry experience.
 - c. Students applying for this scholarship must submit an essay (see terms and conditions).
5. **Wasim Jarrah Business Excellence Award – \$750 each**
 - a. Awarded to **two graduating students** who have demonstrated excellence in business and entrepreneurship studies.
 - b. Open to NACCA Scholarship recipients graduating from a **York Region secondary school** and pursuing business.
 - c. A student entering business has the opportunity to earn a **total of \$2,250 in scholarships** (\$1,500 NACCA Scholarship + \$750 Wasim Jarrah Award).

For more information or application to all the scholarships, please visit the [NACCA website for scholarships](#).



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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 or 416-568-2252. For community inquiries please contact Inclusive School and Community Services (ISCS) at 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.

Administrators, please share this [flyer](#) with your community.



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G.I.V.E!

Get Involved. Volunteer in Education!

2025 Spring Session

Join our workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools. Empower yourself to support our school community and enrich your child's learning experience!

You will learn more about:

- The role of a volunteer
- Transferable skills
- Equity and inclusive education
- Human rights
- Employment readiness
- School information and community resources

We will help you:

- Expand your network
- Effectively communicate with school staff
- Contribute to student learning and parent engagement
- Gain volunteer experience in schools
- Build healthy communities
- Boost professionalism

Location: Sharon Public School Library

900 Murrell Blvd, Sharon, ON L9N 0P6

Dates: April 7 to 11, 2025 (Monday to Friday)

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

All parents, guardians, caregivers are welcome to join this free training program!

Space is limited, please scan the QR code or visit the [Registration Link](#) to register now!



This free information session is organized by York Region District School Board in partnership with Catholic Community Services of York Region. For more information, please contact:

iscs@yrdsb.ca or beshragi@ccsyrr.org and ykim@ccsyrr.org