



# GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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## APPOINTMENTS

As of Monday, September 16th, students could begin making appointments online using Teach Assist.

- Have your child log in to their Teach Assist account
  - Under the sub-heading "Appointment Bookings"
  - Click on the day and time the student wants to have their appointment (if the appointment slot is highlighted in blue). If there are no appointments displayed, then you will have to select another day, as all counsellors have been booked for that day.
  - You will see shaded in blue "All open appointments". Choose the appropriate alpha Guidance counsellor (based on your child's last name) from the list on the left.
  - If the student needs to cancel their appointment for any reason, click "cancel".
- If your child has any trouble making their online appointment, please let us know.

Please note: If guardians/parents wish to make an appointment with their student's guidance counsellor, please feel free to give us a call at 905-294-1886 ext. 515.

Please note that the alpha breakdown has changed from last year:



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Ms. McNeilly ext. 517  
Mr. Weinstein ext. 519  
Ms. Flikas ext. 518

A—Hs  
Hu—K  
L—R  
S—Z



## TIMETABLE CHANGES

Timetable changes for semester 1 are now complete. No further changes will be made to timetables for semester 1 unless it is a level change.

You may begin making semester 2 changes in **October** with your alpha counsellor. Please make an appointment.

Guidance office hours: Monday- Friday 7:45am—3:45pm

Phone# (905) 294-1886 plus extension provided above

## Important Upcoming Dates!

<b>September 27:</b>	PA Day - no classes
<b>October 2:</b>	University and College Presentation for Graduating Students
<b>October 14:</b>	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
<b>October 15:</b>	Interim Reports electronically distributed
<b>October 21:</b>	PA Day—no classes
<b>November 7:</b>	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Post Secondary Night at SDSS

Please check our guidance website for updates:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>



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## Guidance Google Classroom

Join our **MDHS Guidance Google Classroom** for all information guidance related: university, college, apprenticeship information, volunteer opportunities, mental health supports and much more.

Join with this code: **g7d6eud**

## Post Secondary Information

### The first **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT** is out!

This issue contains scholarship listings with OCT-NOV-DEC deadlines. The scholarships are listed according to application submission deadline. Just a reminder: All scholarships are linked directly to the scholarship's website. Just click on the name of the scholarship.

<https://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/24-09-TSR-Sept-R4.pdf>

If you need a password to access the document it is: **scholar678**

### POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

On **Wednesday, October 2 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

**Ontario Universities' Fair** – October 5 – 6, 2024 from 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

- Metro Toronto Convention Centre South Building – Free Admission

**Ontario College Fair**— October 16 & 17



**OCTOBER 2024**

**5PM - 9PM**

**ENERCARE CENTRE HALL B  
EXHIBITION PLACE, TORONTO**

FREE EVENT, NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



**OCTOBER 2024**

**9AM - 2PM**

**University Applications will open late  
September**

**College Applications will open early  
October**



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## Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

### Upcoming SHSM trips

September 30, 2024	ALL	YMCA Cedar Glen	2 Certifications (elective)
TBD	CON, H&L, TRAN	Level UP! Skilled Trades	RA / EL
October 24, 2024	ALL	McMaster University	RA / EL
October 25, 2024	ALL	Standard First AID/CPR-C	2 Certifications (mandatory)

### SHSM Sectors at MDHS

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**CONSTRUCTION**

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPING**

**NON-PROFIT**

**TRANSPORTATION**

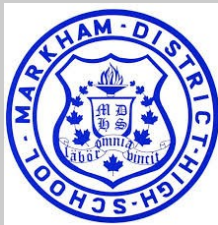
### SHSM Application for September 2024

- Grade 11 students interested in registering for SHSM as well as grade 12 students who are taking coop this year are welcome to sign up for SHSM.
- If you are in grade 11 and are either planning to take coop this year or next year, you may be eligible to participate in the SHSM program.

**Please note, if you are already in SHSM, you do NOT have to reapply**

**Complete the application from this link:**

**<https://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMStudentapp>**



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## Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Apply to SHSM:

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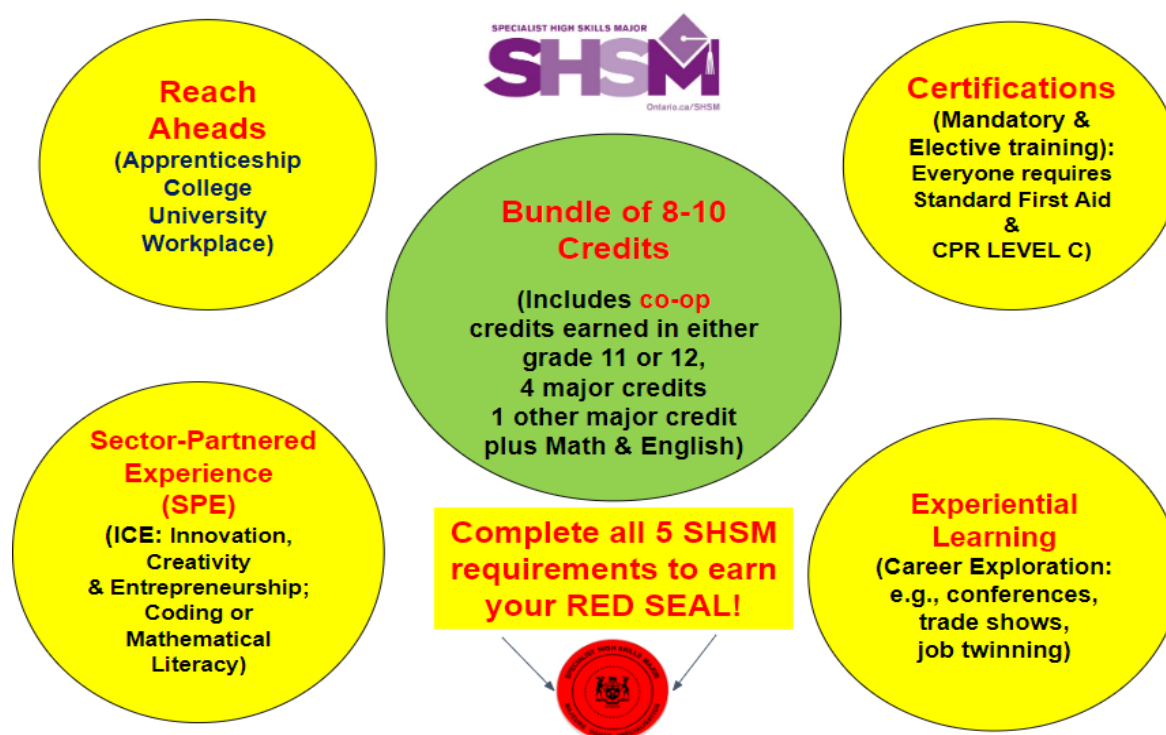
### What is SHSM?

A Specialist High Skills Major lets students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

### Why consider SHSM?

- ◆ Customize secondary school education to suit interests and skills
- ◆ Complete sector recognized certifications to build your resume
- ◆ Prepare for post-secondary opportunities
- ◆ Explore and refine career goals
- ◆ Earn the SHSM Distinction on their OSSD
- ◆ Engage in fun, experiential learning with like-minded peers
- ◆ Participation in the training and field trips is **free**.

## Specialist High Skills Major: 5 Required Components







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STOUFFVILLE DSS PROUDLY  
HOSTS THIS YEAR'S

## POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION FAIR

*NOVEMBER 7TH, 2024*

📍 *801 Hoover Park Drive*

🕒 *6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.*

### PANELS

**6:30-8:05 p.m.**

Come hear from various  
college, university & trade  
representatives

### FAIR

**8:15-9:00 p.m.**

Booths will be set up in the  
gym where reps can  
provide materials &  
answer any questions

**\*\*Food/snacks will be  
available for purchase**

**OVER 30 INSTITUTIONS WILL  
BE JOINING US!**

*Stouffville DSS*

will host the tri-  
school event with Bill  
Hogarth SS and  
Markham District HS

*For more information:*



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