



GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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Mental Health Awareness

If you have an immediate concern and you feel that your child is in crisis, please contact one of the following links or phone numbers.:

- ◆ **NEW Suicide Hotline: Call or text 988** (<https://www.cbc.ca/amp/1.7043603> for more information)
- ◆ 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673)
- ◆ <https://www.yssn.ca/> - available 24/7
- ◆ KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 <https://kidshelpphone.ca> available 24/7
- ◆ call 911 if immediate assistance is required.

Requests for Documents

The Guidance office has been getting many requests for copies of report cards and proof of enrollment documents.

Please note that it is the student's responsibility to download/print all report cards when they received access to the link.

If you require proof of enrollment documents, or similar, please provide the Guidance office with a copy of the request from the organization (ie. Canada Revenue Agency).

The Guidance office requires a minimum of 2—3 days to prepare documents once the request has been made.

Important Upcoming Dates!

April 9	Summer school registration opens (see page 2 for details)
April 22	Mid-term Marks shared with Grade 11 and 12s
April 25—29	e-Distribution of Mid-Term Report Cards
April 25—26	OUAC and OCAS Transmissions of Mid-Term marks
May 6	PA Day
May 7	Semester 2 Full Disclosure Date

Please check our guidance website for updates:

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



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Summer School



Summer school registration opened on April 9th in myBlueprint.

(Courses can be found under the "Continuing Education tab" on the left hand side of the dashboard.)

If your student is requesting a summer school course that they had planned to take next school year, their original selection will be replaced with one of their **alternates**. If your student is unable to complete their summer course, we will attempt to add this course to their timetable for next year. However, there is **no guarantee** that there will be a seat available in the original course selected.

Once registered, you **do NOT need** to print the sign off form that is provided. Students can only take **one** acceleration course during the summer session. Transportation is **not** provided for this program.

Students who were advised by their Guidance Counsellor to enroll in credit recovery based on their semester 1 final marks will also need to register as soon as possible. Please note, it is the student's responsibility to ensure they are registered for the appropriate course(s).

If students require assistance with the summer school registration process, please have them make an appointment with their alpha guidance counsellor.

Acceleration Courses (18 days)

- For students who wish to earn a credit in a subject they have not previously studied or those who wish to upgrade a mark in a course that they have successfully completed.
- Students are encouraged to register early to avoid disappointment.
- Course offerings are not guaranteed as they are based on enrollment and teacher availability.
- Students can only take **one** acceleration course during the summer session.
- Transportation is **not** provided for this program.

Online Learning

- Courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format.
- Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other.
- Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with check-in opportunities with the teacher.
- The learning platform is Brightspace by D2L.

Dates: Tuesday, July 2 to Thursday, July 25

Hours: Flexible (6 hours per day minimum)

In-Person Learning

- Courses will be offered in a face-to-face learning model.

Dates: Wednesday, July 3 to Friday, July 26

Hours: 8:45 am to 3:33 pm

Locations: Bill Hogarth SS, Maple HS, Milliken Mills HS, Newmarket HS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS, Richmond Green SS, Stephen Lewis SS and Sutton DHS

Note: Summer school in-person learning is NOT being offered at MDHS this year.

**** For additional information, please visit the YRDSB summer school link ****

www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/summer-learning-opportunities



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Post-Secondary Information

The latest issue of the **Scholarship Report** contains listings with June/July deadlines as well as updates to scholarships listed in previous newsletters. 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. In order to view, please use the following password if prompted, **scholar58**

<https://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/April-24-TSR-D3-1.pdf>

Ontario's universities are excited to host a collection of in-person and virtual events this spring and fall, where students can speak directly with university and student representatives. These events are free and anyone may attend.

Virtual Information Session — May 22, 5:00 pm—7:00 pm

Dates for the fall events will be posted on the OUEvents website soon. Each virtual event gives students the opportunity to learn about the universities of their choice and ask questions. **New this spring:** Ontario's universities will host an Information Sessions virtual event geared towards Grade 11 students looking to explore their university

Preparing for U.S. Admissions: Alumni Q&A panel: April 17th, 5:00 pm -6:00 pm

Register at: <https://www.bigmarker.com/educationusa-canada/Alumni-Panel-Q-A>

Join EducationUSA and EducationUSA alumni to get your questions about the U.S. admissions process answered from a Canadian student perspective. Here are some questions we will ask the panel during our webinar:

- How did you create your list of U.S. universities? What recommendations do you have for a student who is in the search process?
- What kind of extracurriculars were you a part of? How did that translate to your application?
- What was the essay writing process like? What did you write about?
- Did you take the SAT/ACT? Did you choose to submit scores?
- How did you choose the university that you are going to?
- As you reflect back on the process, what advice do you have for students applying right now?

This is a **free** webinar that will be recorded. Everyone who registers will receive a link to the recording in BigMarker after this session.

STUDENTS 18+ YEARS OF AGE

AGE OF CONSENT FORM

When a child turns 18, they are legally considered an adult. With this change, ALL communication from the school, regarding your child will cease, AUTOMATICALLY, unless your child has completed, signed, and returned the Age of Consent Form. **This form can be obtained from the Attendance Office.** Failure to do so will mean that you will not receive ANY information from the school anymore including, but not limited to: information about your child's attendance and achievement, information about school closures, changes to the timetable or schedule, any information about Graduation (including the date and web address). **It is imperative that if your child has turned 18 or will turn 18 before the end of this school year, they need to complete the Age of Consent Form.** Teachers, Administration, and the school as a whole are unable to share any information with you if this has not been completed. The completed form is to be returned to the Main Office.



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April, May, June

YRES Youth Workshop Calendar

April

- APR 6** | Course Selections and University Applications (G9-12)
- APR 13** | Finding Your Calling and Passion (G9-12)
- APR 20** | The Benefits of Tutoring and Its Effects on Academic Performance (G6-12)
- APR 27** | Achieving Your Academic Goals (Transition from Middle to High School, G8-9)


May

- MAY 4** | Discovering Volunteering Opportunities (G9-12)
- MAY 11** | Financial Literacy 101 (G10-12)
- MAY 18** | Clear and Compelling Communication (G9-12)
- MAY 25** | Discovering Volunteering Opportunities (G9-12)

June

- JUN 1** | Resumes, Cover Letters, and Interview Preparation (G6-12)
- JUN 8** | Navigating High School and Beyond (G11-12)


 **Aaniin Community Centre**
5665 14th Ave, Markham
or Zoom

 **3PM - 4PM (EST)**

 **FREE Workshops**

Scan the QR code to register.

 yorkeducation.org

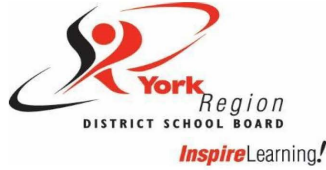
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Keep the Door Open: Understand Your Child's Inner World 做开孩子的心房/做開孩子的心房

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will share tips on ways that lead your child to open their inner world and take care of their emotional wellbeing under the influence of both traditional Chinese culture and Western culture.

本次研讨会将探讨传统华裔文化和西方文化的影响下如何有效地关爱和照顾孩子的心理健康。

這次的講座將探討傳統華裔文化和西方文化的影響下如何有效地關懷和照顧孩子的心理健康。

To register for a Mandarin session:

[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan QR code



To register for a Cantonese session:

[點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan the QR code



Parents, Guardians, Caregiver and Students

Join us to learn and share with your community how the families are supported!

Date: **Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024**

Time: **6:00pm-7:00pm (Mandarin 普通话)**
7:00pm-8:00pm (Cantonese 粵語)

Location: **Virtually**

Presenters:

Hannah Xu (MPH)

Hong Fook Mental Health Association
Youth Program Worker

Charmaine Tong (M.S.W., R.S.W.)

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