



GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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APPOINTMENTS

As of Wednesday, September 20th, students can 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.

**Semester 2 changes will continue to happen until late January.
Once semester 2 starts, no further changes will be made to timetables.**

2023 MDHS TERRY FOX CANCER FUNDRAISER - Please Donate!

Markham District High School is joining this year's Terry Fox School Fundraiser and it's not too late to donate! Please share Terry's message of hope and donate to our school's fundraising efforts at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/MarkhamDHSMarkham>

We will also be conducting a 'Toonies for Terry' coin drive in Period 1 on Thursday, October 19 so please remind your child to bring any coins to donate. Every donation helps! Thank you! @terryfoxfoundation

Important Upcoming Dates!

Ontario University Fair—	October 21 and 22— 10 am to 5 pm daily at Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Ontario College Fair—	October 18 and 19 — Enercare Centre, Toronto
MDHS Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews—	November 2 – in person
Take Our Kids to Work Day—	Wednesday, November 1st
OCAS application deadline—	February 1, 2024 (for equal consideration)
OUAC application deadline—	January 15, 2024

Please check our guidance website for updates:

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



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Post-Secondary Information



Post Secondary Fair

(featuring various Ontario College and University representatives)

Date: Thursday, October 26th

Location: Markham District High School (cafetorium)

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Scholarship Classroom = [mzcxprd](#)

Please see the first installment of *the Scholarship Report*, this report contains important deadlines for **upcoming scholarships**. It is an extremely valuable resource that not all schools have access too.

Please copy and paste this link into your browser :

<https://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/TSR-SEPT-2023-FINAL.pdf>

Password is **scholar58** if prompted.

Graduating Students are encouraged to join our two Google Classrooms

University Application Google Classroom = [e5gz2ra](#)

College Application Google Classroom = [qsyzyr](#)

Community Involvement/Volunteering

The community involvement graduation requirement is a minimum of **40 hours**.

The ministry is updating the Community Involvement Graduation Requirement policy. Community involvement is an important educational opportunity that allows students to develop skills and gain experiences to become successful and contributing members of society now and in the future.

Therefore, there will no longer be any hours used for work or any hours done in the home.

Here are the steps you must follow in order to ensure your hours are approved:

- Step 1: Review the list of eligible activities as set out on the YRDSB website.
- Step 2: Select an activity. Students may want to contact one or more of the following charitable organizations; community agencies · community centers · government offices · service clubs · volunteer centers **Contact your guidance counsellor if you are unsure if your activity will count. In the event that you do not discuss the volunteer activity with your guidance counsellor, then you run the risk of your hours not counting.**
- Step 4: Complete your volunteer activities
- Step 5: Submit the completed form. Ensure that all sections are completed, including parent signature, supervisor name, title and contact details. Then submit the completed form to Guidance.



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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

APPLY TO SHSM: bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp



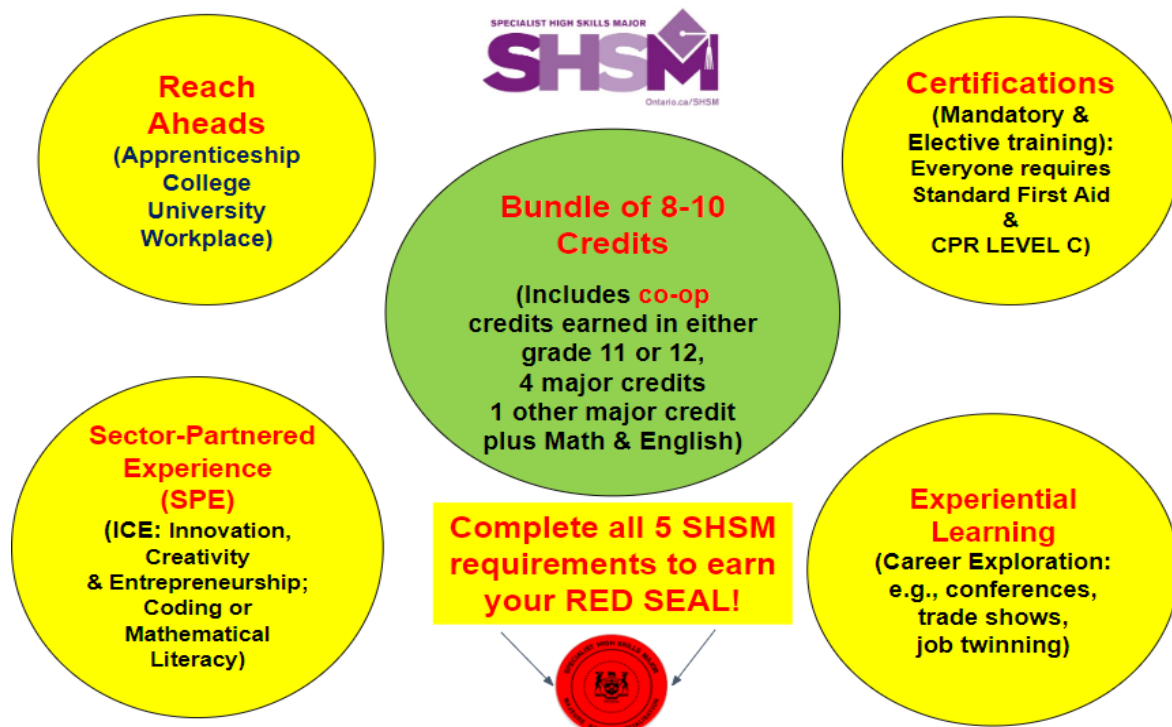
What is SHSM?

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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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

SHSM Application

- 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:
bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp**

SHSM Sectors at MDHS

ARTS & CULTURE

CONSTRUCTION

HEALTH & WELLNESS

HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPING

NON-PROFIT

TRANSPORTATION

If you are in grade 12, be sure to work toward completing your red seal requirements (certifications, courses in the bundle, reach ahead, experiential learning etc).

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

1. Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson) (OCTOBER 16) leaving MDHS at 9:15 and returning around 2:00. There will be an experiential learning for 1 hour (MEDICAL PHYSICS: Students learn to analyze medical images to determine whether a patient might have cancer). This will be followed by a tour.

Reach Ahead & Experiential Learning - *permission forms are available from guidance.*

Health & Wellness Sector

2. Ontario College Fair (OCTOBER 19) leaving MDHS right after period 1 (9:45) and returning around 2:00.

Reach Ahead - *permission forms are available from guidance.*

All sectors

3. Beanstalk (NOVEMBER 3) in our Library.

Students currently in coop in semester 1, will be attending 1 of the sessions (am Period 1 and 2), (pm Period 4 and 5). If they wish to attend both or they are not in coop this semester but wish to attend, they need to pick up a permission form from guidance - space is limited.

Certifications: Conflict Resolution & Customer Service - *permission forms are available from guidance.*

All sectors

4. Level Up Skilled Trades Fair (NOVEMBER 15) - Tentative based on arranging transportation.

Reach Ahead & Experiential Learning - *permission forms will be available once the trip has been confirmed.*

Construction, Horticulture & Landscaping and Transportation Sectors

5. Standard First AID/CPR Level C (Date to be confirmed)

Mandatory training for all SHSM students in all sectors. If a student has earned this outside of school, they need to show Mr. Weinstein and they will receive credit toward their SHSM credentials.



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2024 OYAP

OPEN HOUSE – Oct.10th

INTERIOR FINISHING SYSTEMS TRAINING
CENTRE (IFSTC)

2024 OYAP OPEN HOUSE

Drywall Acoustic Mechanic and Lather
Apprenticeship Program

TIME: 6:30PM TOUR

7:00PM – PRESENTATION

© 60 Sharer Road, Woodbridge, ON L4L 8P4

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 13th

Interviews to be conducted October 17th and 18th

(Successful Applicants will be notified by October 20th)

*Current in-school Transcript, along with proof of Canadian
Citizenship, SIN and Photo ID will be required prior to scheduled
interview Class start & end date: 26-Feb/24 to 19-Apr/24*

NOTE: MARCH BREAK DOES NOT APPLY to those Accepted



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Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night



Join us on a night to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways and our Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information night if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the Skilled Trades;
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information on this program to better prepare for this pathway, OR;
- you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9 - 12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades.

Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!

Automotive Service Technician	Baker	Child and Youth Worker
Auto Body Technician	Plumber	Carpenter
Cook	Hairstylist	Electrician
Floor Covering Installer	Drywall Finisher and Plasterer	Construction Craft Worker
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Systems Mechanic	Truck and Coach Technician	Heavy Duty Equipment Technician

Join us on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

REGISTER AT: <https://yrdsb.cc/OYAP-OpenHouse>



7:00 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB and MLITSD

7:30 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs with the Training Delivery Agent (TDA)

8:15 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB

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