



# GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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#### APPOINTMENTS

Students can make 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.

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

#### TIMETABLE CHANGES

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

The Guidance team held the first **Post-Secondary application information session** on October 2 during period 1. Students are encouraged to begin the researching process early and make appointments with their alpha guidance counsellors to clarify any questions they might have. The next session will be held in mid to late October. More information to follow.

Grade 12 student should have also received their **Ontario Status Sheet** in their home-room classes on Thursday, October 3. Students and their parents/guardians are asked to go through their academic record to ensure all the information is accurate. If there are any discrepancies, please have the student make an appointment to discuss with their counsellor.

A copy of the presentation has been posted on our Guidance Google Classroom.

### Important Upcoming Dates!

<b>October 14:</b>	Thanksgiving (School Closed)
<b>October 15:</b>	Interim Reports electronically distributed
<b>October 21:</b>	PA Day—no classes
<b>October 24:</b>	Parent/Guardian Interview Evening
<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

**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



OCTOBER 2024

9AM - 2PM

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

FREE EVENT, NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



**University Applications will open late September  
College Applications will open early October**



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## Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

### Upcoming SHSM trips

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:

<https://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMStudentapp>



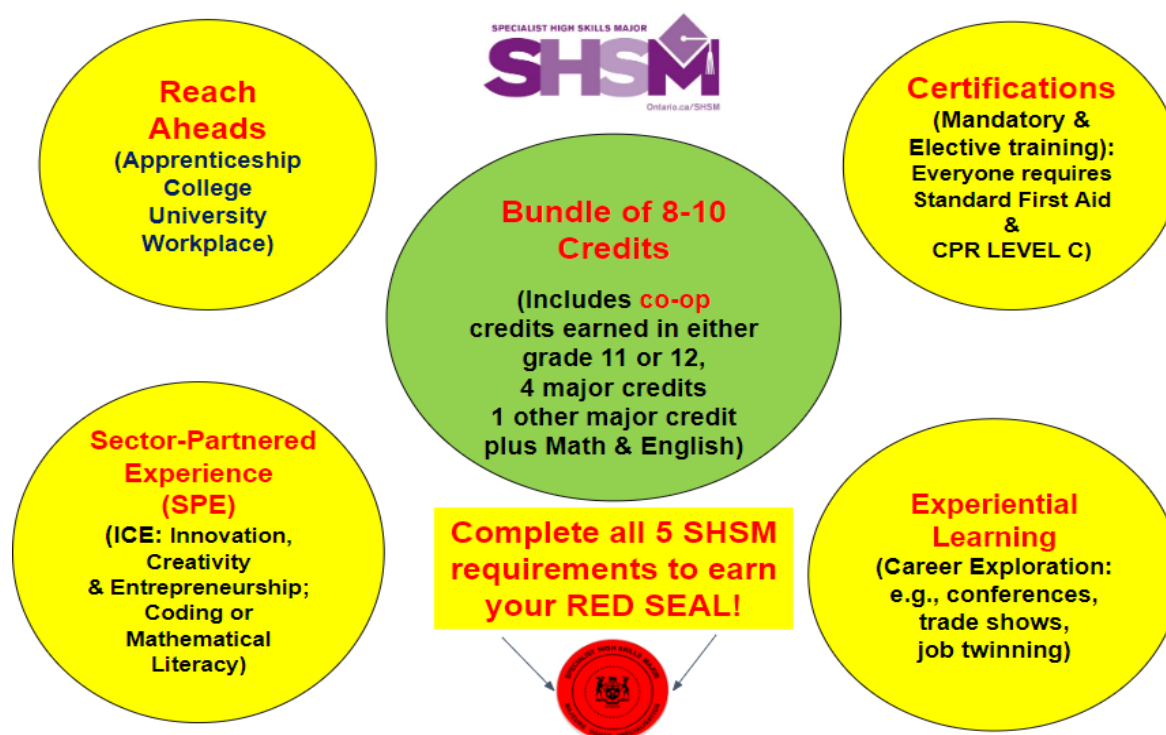
### What is SHSM?

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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## Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night



Join us to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways & the Accelerated OYAP Program!

You should attend this information evening 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 about 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!

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

Join us on Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.



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

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO: [pathways.yrdsb@gapps.yrdsb.ca](mailto:pathways.yrdsb@gapps.yrdsb.ca)

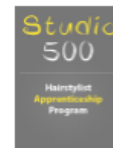
6:30 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB

7:00 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs with the  
Training Delivery Agents

8:00 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB



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