



# 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

### TAKE OUR KIDS to WORK DAY — Wednesday, November 6th, 2024

On **Wednesday, November 6, 2024**, Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative, friend or volunteer.

Please be advised that permission forms to participate in **Take our Kids to Work Day** have been sent to your child's GAPPS account. We ask that you review the form with your child and then sign off as per the instructions.

Parents/Guardians can also choose to have their child participate independently in career exploration activities in a workplace or at home. Please indicate this choice on the permission form so that schools can plan appropriately.

If you have any questions, please contact your alpha guidance counsellor.

## Important Upcoming Dates!

<b>October 15:</b>	Interim Reports electronically distributed
<b>October 21:</b>	PA Day—no classes
<b>October 24:</b>	Parent/Guardian Interview Evening 6:00pm-8:00pm
<b>October 27:</b>	Student Life Expo @ Metro T.O. Convention Centre 12-5:00 pm
<b>November 6:</b>	Take Our Kids to Work Day for grade 9 students
<b>November 7:</b>	University & College Info Session #2—Applying to Programs-Period 5 for all grade 12s
<b>November 7:</b>	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Post Secondary Night at SDSS
<b>November 21:</b>	Grade 8 Information Evening 6:30pm—8:30pm





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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**

Graduating students applying to university will be receiving an email in their gapps account **DURING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15 with information that is necessary to begin their OUAC application.**

This email will include the information and instructions to create an account in OUAC:

**OEN NUMBER**

**SCHOOL MIDENT NUMBER**

**STUDENT NUMBER**

### **UNIVERSITY and COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSION #2 - APPLYING TO PROGRAMS**

**Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - MDHS Cafeteria - Period 5**

On Thursday, November 7th, the Guidance Department will be hosting our second 'University and College' presentation for our Gr. 12 students in the Cafeteria during Period 5. The presentation will focus on the application process.

All Gr. 12 students will be attending with their Period 5 classes. Any students with a spare in Period 5 are encouraged to attend as well.



## Accelerated OYAP

### **Accelerated OYAP Application**

The application for the semester 2 accelerated OYAP programs is now open.

The direct link to it is - <https://yrdsb.cc/OYAPapplication>.

The application deadline is **Friday, November 8th**.



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## Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

### Upcoming SHSM trips

October 23, 2024	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)
November 7, 2024	NP	University Court House	RA / EL
November 13, 2024	H & W, NP	Southlake Hospital	RA / EL
November 22, 2024	ALL	Beanstalk: Project Management	1 Certification (elective)

### SHSM Sectors at MDHS

**ARTS & CULTURE**

**CONSTRUCTION**

**HEALTH & WELLNESS**

**HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPING**

**NON-PROFIT**

**TRANSPORTATION**

### SHSM Application for 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>



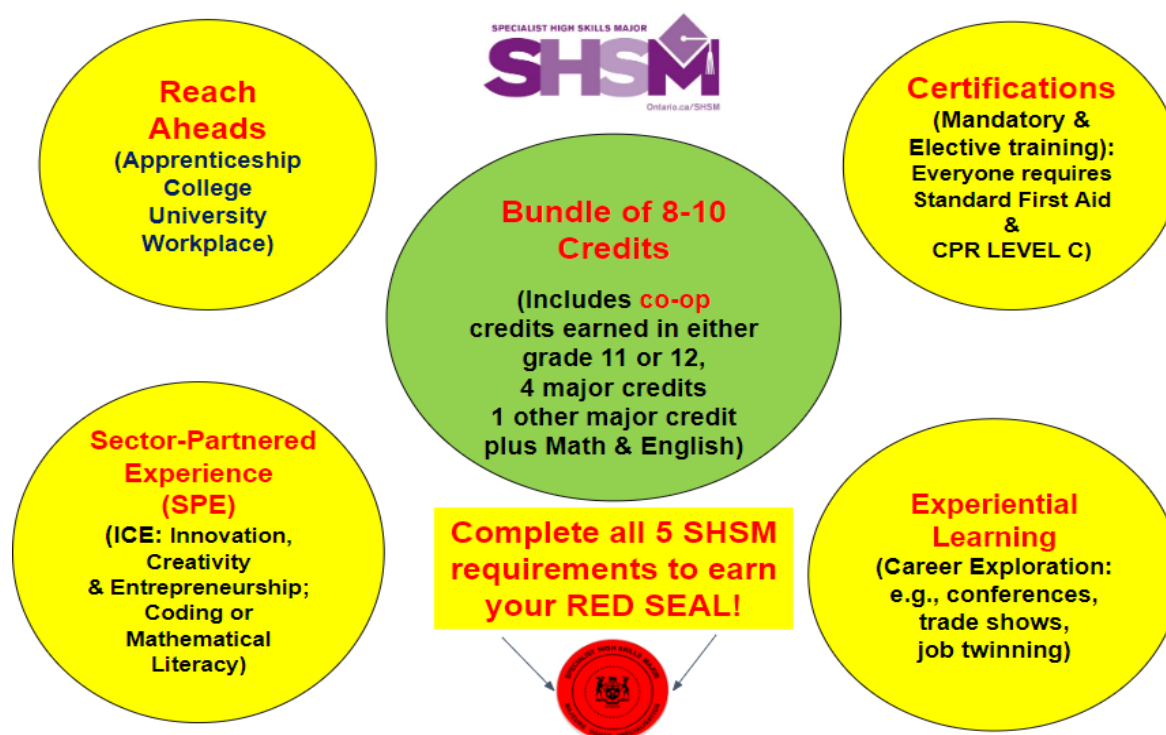
### What is SHSM?

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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## Ontario College Fall 2024 Open House Schedule

\* Keep checking college websites for updates.

Ontario College Fair (OCF):

- October 16, 5–9 p.m.
- October 16, 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

[ontariocolleges.ca](http://ontariocolleges.ca)

- Search programs by [category or college](#).
- Use the [Find a Program](#) tool to determine the programs that are considered to be [Highly Competitive](#).

COLLEGE	OPEN HOUSE	OTHER
ALGONQUIN/ OTTAWA	<a href="#">November 9</a> , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
ALGONQUIN/ PEMBROKE	<a href="#">October 21</a> , 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
ALGONQUIN/ PERTH		• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> . • See Perth Campus Info Sessions <a href="#">HERE</a> .
BORÉAL		• Visit <a href="#">HERE</a> .
CAMBRIAN	<a href="#">November 9</a> , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
CANADORE	<a href="#">November 2</a> , 11 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
CENTENNIAL	<a href="#">November 16</a> .	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
CONESTOGA	<a href="#">November 30</a> .	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
CONFEDERATION	<a href="#">November 9</a> , 11 a.m.–3 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
DURHAM	<a href="#">November 9</a> , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
FANSHAWE	<a href="#">October 26</a> , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
FLEMING	<a href="#">October 25</a> , 10 a.m.–1 p.m. See dates for other campuses.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
GEORGE BROWN	<a href="#">November 2</a> , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
GEORGIAN	<a href="#">November 16</a> , 9 a.m.–2 p.m. at the Barrie Campus (including the downtown location) and 9 a.m.–noon at all other campuses.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .

[www.seekingscholarships.com](http://www.seekingscholarships.com)



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COLLEGE	OPEN HOUSE	OTHER
HUMBER	<a href="#">November 16</a> , 10 a.m.—2 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
LA CITÉ	<a href="#">October 18-19</a> , 10 a.m.—2 p.m.	• Future students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
LAMBTON	<a href="#">November 16</a> , 10 a.m.—2 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
LOYALIST	<a href="#">October 24</a> , 9 a.m.—noon.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
MICHENER INSTITUTE	<a href="#">November 23</a> .	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
MOHAWK	Institute for Applied Health Sciences: <a href="#">November 4</a> , 6—9 p.m. Fennell Campus: <a href="#">November 2</a> , 10 a.m.—1 p.m. Centre for Aviation Technology <a href="#">November 5</a> , 5-7 p.m. Stoney Creek Campus for Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship: <a href="#">November 7</a> , 5—7 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
NIAGARA	<a href="#">November 9</a> , 10 a.m.—2 p.m.	• About <a href="#">HERE</a> .
NIAGARA PARKS SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE		• About <a href="#">HERE</a> .
NORTHERN		• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> . • Campus Tours <a href="#">HERE</a> .
RIDGETOWN CAMPUS	<a href="#">October 7</a> , 11 a.m.—2 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
SAULT	Info Night (includes other colleges): <a href="#">October 2</a> , 6—8 p.m. Fall Aviation Day: <a href="#">November 15</a> .	
SENECA	<a href="#">November 30</a> , 9 a.m.—noon.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
SHERIDAN	<a href="#">November 16</a> , 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Other campuses: November 17, 10 a.m.—2 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
ST. CLAIR	<a href="#">November 9</a> , 10 a.m.—1 p.m.	• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a> .
ST. LAWRENCE	Cornwall Campus: <a href="#">November 9</a> , 9—11 a.m. Brockville Campus: <a href="#">November 9</a> , 10 a.m.—noon. Kingston Campus: <a href="#">November 16</a> , 9—noon.	• About <a href="#">HERE</a> .

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### Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF):

- October 5-6, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.







Ontario Universities' Regional Fairs Schedule [HERE](#).

### Ontario Universities' Information Sessions (Virtual):

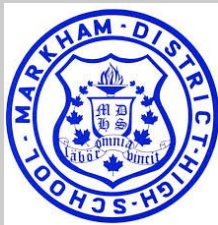
- November 21, 5-7 p.m.

Ontario Universities' Info: A valuable resource for students pursuing university.

- For a list of Ontario universities, click [HERE](#).

UNIVERSITY	OPEN HOUSE	OTHER
ALGOMA/ SAULT STE. MARIE	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>• Future Students .</li> <li>• Visit Campus <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
ALGOMA/ BRAMPTON	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About Algoma/Brampton <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>• Visit Campus <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
BROCK	<a href="#">November 3</a> , 11 a.m.—4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
CARLETON	<a href="#">October 26</a> , 9:30 a.m.—4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
GUELPH	<a href="#">November 3</a> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>• Future Students .</li> </ul>
GUELPH/ GUELPH- HUMBER	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>• Future Students  .</li> </ul>
HEARST		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
LAKEHEAD/ THUNDER BAY AND ORILLIA	Orillia Open House <a href="#">November 9</a> , 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Thunder Bay Fall Preview Day <a href="#">December 6</a> , 10 a.m.—2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
LAURENTIAN	<a href="#">October 26</a> , 9 a.m.—3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>• Future Students .</li> </ul>
MCMASTER	<a href="#">October 26</a> , 10 a.m.—4 p.m. <a href="#">November 16</a> , 10 a.m.—4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>• Future Students .</li> </ul>





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NIPISSING	<a href="#">November 2</a> , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students from High School <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>Future Students  </li> </ul>
OCAD	<a href="#">November 16</a> , 11 a.m.–3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
UNIVERSITÉ DE L'ONTARIO FRANÇAIS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Événements</a>.</li> </ul>
ONTARIO TECH	<a href="#">October 26</a> , 10 a.m.–3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>Future Students  </li> </ul>
OTTAWA	<a href="#">October 26</a> , 9 a.m.–4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>Future Students </li> </ul>
OTTAWA/ SAINT PAUL	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
QUEEN'S	<a href="#">October 26–27</a> , 9 a.m.–3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>Future Students  </li> </ul>
ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA	<a href="#">November 16</a> , 10 a.m.–1 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>About Royal Military College <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
TORONTO/ ST.GEORGE	<a href="#">November 3</a> , 10 a.m.–4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>Future Students </li> </ul>
TORONTO/ MISSISSAUGA	<a href="#">October 20</a> , 10 a.m.–3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
TORONTO/ SCARBOROUGH	<a href="#">November 10</a> , noon–4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> <li>Future Students </li> </ul>
TORONTO METROPOLITAN	<a href="#">November 9</a> , 11 a.m.–4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
TRENT/ PETERBOROUGH	<a href="#">November 8</a> , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>
TRENT/ DURHAM GTA	<a href="#">November 16</a> , 11 a.m.–2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li> </ul>



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UNIVERSITY	OPEN HOUSE	OTHER
WATERLOO INCLUDING GREBEL, RENISON, AND ST. JEROME'S	All campuses: <a href="#">November 9</a> , 10 a.m.–4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li><li>• About Grebel <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li><li>• Future Students at Renison <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li><li>• Future Students at St. Jerome's <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li></ul>
WESTERN	<a href="#">November 17</a> , 9 a.m.–4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li></ul>
WESTERN/HURON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	<a href="#">November 17</a> , 9 a.m.–2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li></ul>
WESTERN/KING'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE	<a href="#">November 2</a> , noon–4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li></ul>
WILFRID LAURIER/WATERLOO	<a href="#">November 9</a> , 10 a.m.–3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li></ul>
WILFRID LAURIER/BRANTFORD	<a href="#">November 16</a> , 10 a.m.–3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li></ul>
WILFRID LAURIER/MILTON	<a href="#">October 26</a> , 12:30–3:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li></ul>
WINDSOR	<a href="#">October 26</a> , 10 a.m.–3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li></ul>
YORK/KEELE	<a href="#">November 2</a> , 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li></ul>
YORK/GLENDON	<a href="#">November 9</a> , 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Students <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li><li>• Future Students </li></ul>
YORK/MARKHAM	<a href="#">November 16</a> , 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• About Markham <a href="#">HERE</a>.</li></ul>