



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 have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative, friend or volunteer OR participate independently in career exploration activities at home.

Also on this day, Grade 8 students from our feeder schools will be visiting MDHS to experience a day at high school.

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

Important Upcoming Dates!

November 6:	Take Our Kids to Work Day for grade 9 students
November 7:	University & College Info Session #2—Applying to Programs- Period 5 for all grade 12s
November 7:	6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Post Secondary Night at SDSS (see flyer)
November 15:	PA Day—no classes
November 21:	Grade 8 Information Evening 6:30pm—8:30pm

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

QUEEN'S CHANCELLORS SCHOLARSHIP

Due: November 20, 2024 by 2:50 pm

Submit via to Guidance (for school nomination)

Note: You must apply to Queen's University via OUAC no later than November 20th if you are planning to submit a scholarship application

UNIVERSITY and COLLEGE INFORMATION SESSION #2 - APPLYING TO PROGRAMS

Thursday, November 7th, 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.



Night School Credit Courses: Semester 2

Traditional in class face-to-face Night School program is a remote learning delivery model. The program will be delivered virtually in real-time (**synchronous**).

- Classes are held on **Tuesday and Thursday** evenings from **6:30—9:45 p.m.**
- Before the start of the program, students will receive an email with instructions on how to join the class on the first day.
- YRDSB students will log in with their gapps accounts .

****Decisions to run courses are based on sufficient enrollment and teacher availability***

Semester Two - Winter 2025 - Registration opens on December 16, 2024

Courses will run from February 13, 2025 to June 5, 2025

Please see your alpha counsellor if you wish to register for Night School for Semester 2.



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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Upcoming SHSM trips

November 7, 2024	NP	University Court House	RA / EL
November 13, 2024	H & W, NP	Southlake Hospital: P.A.R.T.Y. Program & Stop the Bleed	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

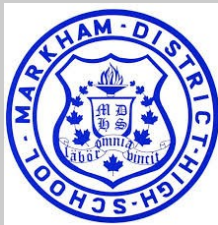
SHSM Application for 2024

- 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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Apply to SHSM:

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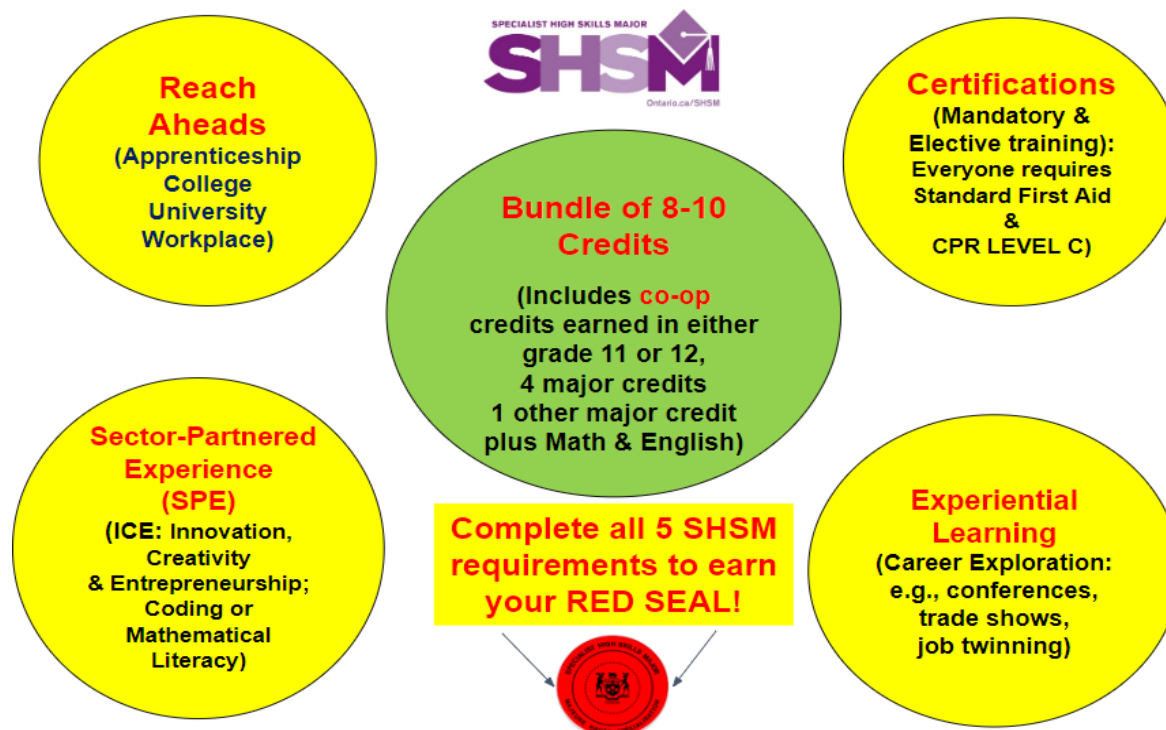
What is SHSM?

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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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

- 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	November 9 , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future Students HERE .
ALGONQUIN/ PEMBROKE	October 21 , 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	• Future Students HERE .
ALGONQUIN/ PERTH		• Future Students HERE . • See Perth Campus Info Sessions HERE .
BORÉAL		• Visit HERE .
CAMBRIAN	November 9 , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future Students HERE .
CANADORE	November 2 , 11 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future Students HERE .
CENTENNIAL	November 16 .	• Future Students HERE .
CONESTOGA	November 30 .	• Future Students HERE .
CONFEDERATION	November 9 , 11 a.m.–3 p.m.	• Future Students HERE .
DURHAM	November 9 , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future Students HERE .
FANSHAWE	October 26 , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future students HERE .
FLEMING	October 25 , 10 a.m.–1 p.m. See dates for other campuses.	• Future Students HERE .
GEORGE BROWN	November 2 , 10 a.m.–2 p.m.	• Future Students HERE .
GEORGIAN	November 16 , 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 HERE .

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

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Ontario University Fall 2024 Open House Schedule

* Keep checking university websites for updates.

Ontario Universities' Fair (OUF):

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







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

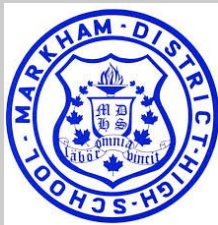
Ontario Universities' Information Sessions (Virtual):

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



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



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