



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

PEER TUTORING

Peer Tutoring started Thursday, November 21st, 3:00 – 4:15 pm in room 104 (next to the Guidance Office). **It will run every Thursday until the end of the school year.** Students will have the opportunity to receive help in math, science, English, and other subjects.

TIMETABLE CHANGES

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

Important Upcoming Dates!

November 27

Full Disclosure Date—courses dropped by this date will not show on a student’s transcript

December 23 - January 3

Winter Break

OUAC application deadline

January 15, 2025

OCAS application deadline

February 1, 2025 (for equal consideration)

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

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Please take a few minutes to read through the report. Please see your counsellor if you have any questions. If the PDF requires a password: **scholar678**

https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=https://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/24-09-TSR-Nov-FINAL.pdf&hl=en_US

COURSES OUTSIDE OF YRDSB

If you are currently taking a course outside of the YRDSB, it is important to note that non-YRDSB schools are to enter their course code and midterm mark on OUAC and OCAS. It is the student's responsibility to ensure their OCAS and OUAC accounts are accurate. Please contact your alpha counsellor if you have any questions or concerns.

Night School Credit Courses: Semester 2

Traditional in class face-to-face Night School program has moved to 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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OSAP Information

OSAP provides needs-based assistance through grants and loans to help qualified students with the cost of postsecondary studies.

Who Qualifies:

- A Canadian citizen, permanent resident or protected person
 - An Ontario resident
 - Currently attending or entering an OSAP-approved program and school
- For full-time OSAP, your approved program must be at least 12 weeks in length

When and how to apply:

Apply online at <https://osap.gov.on.ca/>

- **Apply for OSAP 6 to 8 weeks before the start of your studies to avoid any delays**
 - There are opportunities to apply once school starts
- Visit your financial aid office to check deadlines

What information do I need to apply?

- School and Program
- Personal SIN
- Parent(s) SIN and information from previous years' income tax

Course Load

- Full-time students : taking 60% or more of a full course load
- Part-time students : taking 20-59% of a full course load
- Students with a permanent disability
- 40%+ of a full course load = full-time student
- 20-39% of a full course load = part-time student

Bursary for students with disabilities (BSWD)

- The Bursary for Students with Disabilities (BSWD) and the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities (CSG-PDSE) helps full and part-time postsecondary students with the costs of their disability-related educational services and equipment.
- If students have a valid OSAP Disability Verification Form that confirms they have a permanent disability with the financial aid office, for OSAP purposes, you are considered full-time if you are taking more than a 40% course load and part-time if you are taking a 20-40% course load
- The amount of aid provided depends on the costs of your required disability-related educational services and equipment



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YRDSB FAMILIES OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-11

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

PATHWAYS TO SKILLED TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY

Learn about:

- OYAP
- Pathway Planning
- Course selection for skilled trade careers
- Experiential learning opportunities

EXHIBITORS

Hear about career pathways and opportunities from:

- Industry partners and associations
- Colleges and Trade Unions
- Local Employers

IMPORTANT INFO



Monday, December 9, 2024



6:30 pm – 8:30 pm



Richmond Hill High School
201 Yorkland Street, Richmond Hill, ON

REGISTER NOW



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CAREER INFORMATION WORKSHOP
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (GR.9-12) & PARENT/GUARDIAN



To Register
Scan QR Code



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Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024
Time: 9:30 - 2:00 PM
Venue: Milliken Mills HS, Markham
(7522 Kennedy Road)

Admission: FREE

Looking for information on...

- Career Choices
- University/College Selections
- Scholarship & Grant Applications
- Secondary School Course Selections



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