



GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

We understand that students may find the holidays to be a challenging time. If you have an immediate concern and you feel that your child is in crisis, please contact one of the following links or phone numbers.:

- 310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673),
- <https://www.yssn.ca/> - available 24/7
- KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868— <https://kidshelpphone.ca> - available 24/7
- call 911 if immediate assistance is required.

During the break the Guidance department will remain closed.
No emails and/or phone calls will be returned until
Monday, January 6th, 2025.

Important Upcoming Dates!

December 23 - January 3	Winter Break
OUAC application deadline	January 15, 2025
OCAS application deadline	February 1, 2025 (for equal consideration)
OUAC is officially closed from December 23, 2024, to January 1, 2025, inclusive. The OUAC website will remain available during this time. OUAC will re-open on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.	
OCAS, including the Contact Centre, will be closed between December 25, 2024 and January 1, 2025. They will re-open on Thursday, January 2, 2025.	

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

SCHULICH LEADERS Scholarship — Due: January 14th, 2025 (2:50pm)

Deadline for application to be received in Guidance (for school sponsorship consideration). All details have been posted on the Scholarship Google Classroom.

If students are planning to apply to the Common App for regular admissions, please make an appointment with your alpha counsellor by Wednesday, December 18th to discuss.

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.

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



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Night School — 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.

**** Please note that Board practice does not permit you to remove a course, compulsory or otherwise, that fits on your day school timetable to take elsewhere (i.e. night school).***

Volunteer Hours

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

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.

The holiday break provides a great opportunity to give back to your community!

Please don't forget to have your hours pre-approved!

The Guidance department wishes each student and their families a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season. See you in 2025!

