



# GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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## APPOINTMENTS

Please note that from Wednesday, January 22 until the first day of Semester 2 Guidance Counsellors will be operating on a DROP IN basis.

Students will NOT be able to book appointments using TeachAssist during this time. Regular appointment bookings will resume once Semester 2 begins.

**Semester 2 changes will continue to happen until late January.**

**Once semester 2 starts, NO further changes will be made to timetables.**

**Note: Semester 2 timetables will be sent to students' gapps accounts the week of January 27th.**

## Important Upcoming Dates!

January 22 – 28	First semester Exam period
January 29	Regular school day
January 30	Exam Review Day (modified day)
January 31	PA Day — no classes
February 3	Semester 2 begins
February 10 & 11	Course Selection assemblies (see page 2)
Feb 11—13	Semester 1 Final Report Card sent to student's gapps accounts — <b>students are reminded to download and/or print their report card before the link expires</b>
February 17	Family Day (School Closed)

Please check our guidance website for updates:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>



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## Mental Health Awareness

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.

## 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

**COLLEGE application due date for equal consideration to programs is FEBRUARY 1, 2025.**

We encourage students who are applying and need assistance to make an appointment with their counsellor asap.

Students who have completed their OUAC university applications should be checking their emails daily.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

**University of Western Ontario – National Scholarship** (school nomination required)

**Due: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 (2:50pm)** - Deadline for application to be received in Guidance.

## Course Selection Information

The **Grade 9** course selection assembly will take place on **Tuesday, February 11 during period 2.**

The **Grade 10** course selection assembly will take place on **Monday, February 10 during period 1.**

The **Grade 11** course selection assembly will take place on **Monday, February 10 during period 2.**

The **Grade 12** assembly will take place on **Tuesday, February 11 during period 1.**

\*The grade 12 assembly will provide important information for students including:

- selecting the opt-out for online learning (for students who decided not to take 2 asynchronous courses)
- selecting not-returning (for students who will be graduating)
- students who are eligible and wish to return to MDHS will hear about the process for returning and selecting courses