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Welcome to the first installment of our bi-weekly newsletter

Students can now 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 Guidance counsellor (based on your child’s last name)
- 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.

If you will not be attending in person, please send us an email so we can coordinate. Our Counsellors look forward to meeting with you!

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. Guardians/parents (not students) making appointments are asked to please book 2 slots when meeting with a guidance counsellor.

Guidance office hours: Monday- Friday 7:45am—3:45pm
Phone# (905) 294-1886 plus extension provided above

Important Upcoming Dates!

Ontario College Fair:	virtually on November 4 & 5
Ontario University Fair:	cancelled this year to due Covid-19
University Application Deadline:	January 15, 2021
College Application Deadline:	February 1, 2021 (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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TIMETABLE CHANGES

Timetable changes for semester 1 are now complete. Semester 2 changes will be happening in the next couple of months. We will update you in the next bulletin regarding this process.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Any grade 12 students who are graduating this year and who meet the criteria for the LORAN and the University of Toronto Book Award are encouraged to apply.

The information regarding the application process and deadlines were sent to all grade 12 Gapps email accounts on September 23rd.

The deadline for the “National Book Award” and “School Sponsored –LORAN” are due Friday, October 2nd at 2:50 pm. Please note, **no late applications will be accepted.**

Please see the first installment of **the Scholarship Report**, this report contains important deadlines for **upcoming scholarships**.

https://mcusercontent.com/552c1fb49a547f66f1c461dbe/files/b9899ab7-5e0c-415a-be6f-7692746f146c/September_October_2020_Ontario_Edition.pdf

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

To all Grade 12 graduating students:

If further education is a part of your post-secondary planning, then it is time to kick-start the process of researching and applying to post-secondary programs. Given the restrictions on large assembly group gatherings, Guidance will be delivering all information and materials online through Google classrooms - where you will find a wealth of information, important dates, materials and presentations & webinars (both synchronous and asynchronous) to assist you on your journey to applying to university and/or college. These classrooms will be up and running next week! Remember, students may also apply to both destinations. Stay tuned for more information!

University Applicants Google Classroom code – Inatxpx

College Applicants Google Classroom code – khz24ox

In the interim, please note there is a time-sensitive online opportunity for students interested in University of Toronto. On **Saturday, Sept. 26th**. U of T will be hosting their START HERE event - a live webcast outlining all 3 campuses and programming, along with general application information which is likely applicable to all universities. To attend online, students must register for START HERE ahead of time...

Go to discover.utoronto.ca to register.



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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

SHSM SECTORS at MDHS

Arts & Culture, Construction, Health & Wellness, Horticulture & Landscaping, Non-Profit and Transportation

Reminder: Grade 12 SHSM students should check that they are in a position to earn the Red Seal.

If you are missing a certification (e.g. Working at Heights for Construction, Standard First AID/CPR Level C), there will be opportunities to earn them. If you are missing other SHSM requirements (e.g. courses, Reach Aheads, Experiential Learning), inquire to see how you may be able to complete these requirements.

CERTIFICATIONS EARNED:

If you have earned certificates outside of school (e.g. St. John's Babysitting, Standard First AID/CPR Level C, leadership, customer service, or others), please send us a scanned copy and we will see if it is eligible to count toward your SHSM requirements.

REGISTRATION FOR SHSM

For Grade 11 students interested in registering for SHSM (and are planning to take coop in grade 12 or who are enrolled in coop this year), feel free to contact Mr. Weinstein for information (marc.weinstein@yrdsb.ca).

For Grade 10 students interested in registering for SHSM for next year (and are planning to take coop in grade 11 or grade 12), feel free to contact Mr. Weinstein for information.

To apply to MDHS SHSM programs, use the bit.ly shown below. Please note that this process may be changing - if you are unable to complete your application, please contact Mr. Weinstein.

1. bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp
2. Complete the application and submit
3. Print from your gapps email
4. Obtain parent/guardian signature and return

YRDSB E-learning Night School

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration period for YRDSB students: August 31, 2020 (noon) - October 7, 2020 (noon)

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Night%20School%20e-Learning.aspx>

(REGISTRATION LINK and for list of courses and dates)

Students enrolled in day school courses, with less than 4 credits in a given semester, may be eligible for E-learning night school.

TIME COMMITMENT

- Approximately 8 hours of study time per week per course is required.

COMPLETE APPLICATION

- COMPLETE applications will be processed on a first come first served basis.
- Night School e-Learning is NOT responsible for informing applicants about an incomplete application.
- **Students MUST consult with their alpha counselor** to see if they are eligible for a night school course and to ensure that the counselor is aware of the need to approve the course.

Note: Night School e-Learning + Day School credits cannot exceed a total of 8 credits in a school year.