



GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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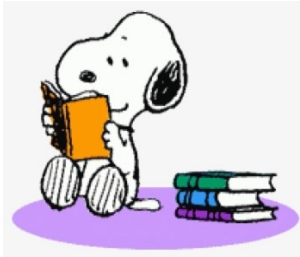
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APPOINTMENTS

As of Tuesday, September 20th, students can begin making 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.

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.

Please note that the alpha breakdown has changed slightly from last year:



Ms. McGill

Mr. Buie

Mr. Weinstein

Ms. Kerhoulas

A—JA

JE—NA

NE—SI

SK—Z



TIMETABLE CHANGES

Timetable changes for semester 1 are now complete. No further changes will be made to timetables for semester 1 unless it is a level change.

You may begin making semester 2 changes with your alpha counsellor. Please make an appointment.

Guidance office hours: Monday- Friday 7:45am—3:45pm

Phone# (905) 294-1886 plus extension provided above

Important Upcoming Dates!

OCAS application deadline— February 1, 2023 (for equal consideration)

OUAC application deadline— TBA

Ontario University Fair— October 1st and 2nd

9:30 am to 5 pm daily — Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Ontario College Fair—

October 19 and 20 — Enercare Centre, Toronto

Please check our guidance website for updates:

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



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Post-Secondary Information

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

On **Thursday, September 22nd** during **period 1**, Guidance will be hosting the first Post –Secondary Information session. This presentation is for all **grade 12** students.

In this session students will be;

- Introduced to the University/College Application Process
- Important Dates/Timelines
- Resources to support the application process
- Scholarship opportunities

Community Involvement/Volunteering

The community involvement graduation requirement of a minimum of **40 hours** has been restored for the 2022-2023 school year.

At the principal's discretion, students could earn hours during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day, and through duties normally performed in the home. This can include helping an elderly relative with an errand or a sibling with homework. Additionally, students could count a maximum of 10 hours from paid employment for students aged 14 years and older. These flexible measures will continue to be available for the 2022-23 school year for all students.

Here are the steps you must follow in order to ensure your hours are approved.

- Step 1: Review the list of eligible activities as set out on the YRDSB website.
- Step 2: Select an activity. Students may want to contact one or more of the following charitable organizations; community agencies · community centers · government offices · service clubs · volunteer centers
- Step 3: **Complete the notification portion of the Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Activities Form by contacting your Guidance Counsellor to discuss via email or by making an appointment on TeachAssist.**

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/migrate/files/FOR-communityinvolvement.pdf>

Contact your guidance counsellor if you are unsure if your activity will count. In the event that you do not discuss the volunteer activity with your guidance counsellor, then you run the risk of your hours not counting.

- Step 4: Complete your volunteer activities
- Step 5: Submit the completed form. Ensure that all sections are completed, including parent signature, supervisor name, title and contact details. Then submit the completed form to Guidance.



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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

SHSM SECTORS at MDHS

Appropriate for all pathways (apprenticeship, college, university and workplace)

<u>Arts & Culture:</u>	(careers ranging from artist to writer)
<u>Construction</u>	(careers ranging from architect to welder)
<u>Health & Wellness</u>	(careers ranging from biomedical engineer to veterinarian)
<u>Horticulture & Landscaping</u>	(careers ranging from agricultural technician to wetland biologist)
<u>Non-Profit</u>	(careers ranging from administrative officer to social services)
<u>Transportation</u>	(careers ranging from auto mechanic to urban planner)

***Please note, there are many other careers that fall into the various sectors above.

The SHSM student website is being updated with new opportunities for students. Stay tuned for more details.

Reminder: Grade 12 SHSM students should check that they are on track to earn their Red Seal.

Earning your SHSM Red Seal may make you eligible for a post-secondary scholarship along with the many other benefits of completing the various components.

CERTIFICATIONS / REACH AHEADS and EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:

If you have earned certificates outside of school (e.g. St. John's Babysitting, Standard First AID/CPR Level C, Leadership, customer service, etc), please use the self-reporting link in the student SHSM site so that you can have these added to your SHSM record card. This also applies to Reach Ahead and Experiential Learning activities.

Stay tuned as we plan field trips and opportunities (in and out of the school)!

SHSM REGISTRATION

- ◇ Grade 11 students interested in registering for SHSM who are in co-op this year (or who are planning to take coop in grade 12) are encouraged to register for SHSM using the information below.
- ◇ If you are in grade 12 and either took coop last year or are taking it this year, you may still be eligible for SHSM provided that you are able to meet the requirements of the program.
- ◇ If you have already applied to be in the program, you do NOT need to reapply.

If you have questions regarding the program or eligibility, feel free to contact Mr. Weinstein (marc.weinstein@yrdsb.ca)

To apply to MDHS SHSM programs, use the bit.ly shown below:

bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

Complete and submit your application!





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College Delivered Dual Credit Courses—Semester 1

Semester 1 dual credit courses will ALL be offered as In-Person courses unless otherwise noted.

Dual Credit Teachers and Colleges will communicate via your @gapps.yrdsb.ca accounts. **PLEASE CHECK THEM REGULARLY.**

Transportation will be provided. Either PRESTO cards for the YRT/TTC use, or taxi pick-up and drop-off. The means of transportation depends on the travel time and distance to the college course. You will be contacted in early September with travel arrangements.

Benefits of the Dual Credit Program:

- Earn secondary school AND college credits simultaneously
- Fully funded - tuition and course materials at no cost to students.
- Explore different pathways options

Dual credit courses are being offered at the following colleges:.

CENTENNIAL COLLEGE: Courses will run the week of **Oct 3 to the week of Dec 12, 2022 at the Progress Campus** unless otherwise indicated.

GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE: Courses will run from the weeks of **Sept 12 to Dec 12, 2022.**

HUMBER COLLEGE : Courses will run the week of **Sept 19 to the week of Dec 19, 2022 at the North Campus.**

SENECA COLLEGE: Courses will run the week of **Sept 26 to the week of Dec 12, 2022.** All courses will be In-Person unless otherwise indicated.

Online courses will have - 3.5 hours of content with 1 hour of LIVE time on the day of your course.

Dual Credit program details

Ø Dual Credit courses allow Gr. 11 and 12 students to take college courses that count towards the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a college certificate or diploma. A maximum of 4 dual courses can apply towards the OSSD. A maximum of 2 per semester.

Ø Students can earn TWO credits; one college course credit (from the college), and one secondary school **elective** credit.

Ø Other Dual Credit Secondary school students from across York Region and other school districts will be in the class. Students will be taught by a college instructor.

Ø Students in grade 11 and 12 with specific criteria are eligible must **SPEAK with** their guidance counsellor to determine eligibility.

Ø There is **no cost** for tuition, books or materials required for the course. Most transportation costs are also covered (if applicable)

Ø Students should have **no more than 4 total courses** (including the Dual Credit) in a semester.

Ø Students must complete the online registration form to register. The link can be found at www.yrdsb.ca/dualcredits. Students must speak with their guidance counselor BEFORE registering for a course. Students will be emailed a completed form and follow-up instructions.

Ø The dual credit teacher will share information primarily through email to the student's @gapps.yrdsb.ca account.

Ø For most courses, students attend once per week, for approximately three (3) hours. Courses typically run for 14 weeks. Most intersession (spring) courses will run twice per week for seven (7) weeks.

Ø If the course is online, they will mostly be asynchronous with some synchronous lessons/demos.

Ø **Can the dual credit be used as one of the top 6 required courses for university? NO**

Ø **Can a student use their secondary school IEP for accommodations at the college? YES**

Ø The student must contact both the college instructor **and** dual credit teacher by email or text as soon as they know they will be absent. It is the student's responsibility to determine what work has been missed. Students should not wait until they return to class to see what they have missed.

Ø **To apply** for a course please access the following link. bit.ly/YRDSBdualcreditapp Ensure that all required signatures are included before the final submission of the application.

How to Register for Dual Credit:

1. Discuss this option with your Guidance Counselor. Priority will be given to Grade 12 students. Other applicants will be considered but placed on a waiting list. Visit www.bit.ly/YRDSBdualcreditapp to apply for your Dual Credit course

2. Look for an email sent to your GAPPS account from a YRDSB Dual Credit teacher that will confirm your enrollment in the course and provide next steps. Check email frequently.

For further information, please visit the following websites:

www.yrdsb.ca/dualcredits (YRDSB registration and course information)

www.scwi.ca (School College Work Initiative)

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/teachers/studentssuccess/DualCreditPro.pdf> (Dual Credit Programs: Policy and program requirements)