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COURSE SELECTIONS

Course selections are now **closed**. Guidance will not be re-opening course planners to make any adjustments to courses. The next and final opportunity to make changes to your courses for the 2022-23 academic year, will be in the Spring through the course verification process. We will briefly outline the process in an upcoming bulletin.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Planning to graduate in June 2022? The community involvement graduation requirement for 2021-2022 has been reduced to a minimum of **20 hours** of community involvement activities. We have many potential graduates who are missing some or all of their community involvement hours.

Volunteer forms can be picked up in the guidance office and/or accessed online via the yrdsb.ca website: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/migrate/files/FOR-communityinvolvement.pdf>

NOTE: Students who are attending school (face-to-face) are highly encouraged to drop off their volunteer hour forms in the Guidance Office.

SUMMER SCHOOL / E-LEARNING SUMMER SCHOOL

We recognize that there have been many inquiries about summer school courses for 2022. Currently, we do not have information regarding the format of summer school or the courses being offered.

When this information becomes available, we will share the option(s) available along with the process for registering for course's and if necessary, the process for replacing a course in your child's course selections for next school year as a result of a summer school registration.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The latest issue of the Scholarship Report has been posted to the google classroom. This issue contains scholarship listings with APR-MAY deadlines as well as Updates to scholarships listed in previous newsletters. The scholarships are listed according to application submission deadline. Just a reminder: All scholarships are linked directly to the scholarship's website. Just click on the name of the scholarship.

OUAC/OCAS

The OUAC/OCAS transmissions have successfully gone through. It is the student's responsibility to report any errors regarding their accounts.

Students who have completed a private school course must submit their report card to ensure our records for your transcript are accurate. Private schools must mail report cards in a sealed envelope. We will **not** accept students hand-delivering private school report cards.

Please visit our NEW Guidance Google Site:

<https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/mdhsguidance/home>



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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

What is SHSM?

Specialist High Skills Majors let students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)

Why consider SHSM?

- Customize their secondary school education to suit their interests and skills
- Complete sector recognized certifications to build their resume
- Prepare for post-secondary opportunities
- Explore and refine their career goals
- Earn the SHSM Distinction on their OSSD
- Engage in experiential learning with like-minded peers

APPLY TO SHSM!

bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

6 Sectors:
 Arts & Culture
 Construction
 Health & Wellness
 Horticulture & Landscaping
 Non-Profit
 Transportation

Training & Certifications	Experiential learning	Fun
Unique experiences	Amazing opportunities	Social
Career exploration	Refine career goals	Educational
Develop skills	Build your resume	Confidence

FREE!

Checking what you have left to complete for SHSM:

Have you been completing items for the SHSM program and aren't sure what requirements are remaining before you graduate?

Here are some tips:

- Obtain a copy of your SHSM sector flyer from Google Classroom or from Mr. Weinstein.
- Check myBlueprint for a record of what you have completed and has been tracked
Note: myBlueprint is not always up-to-date.
- Check out the SHSM - Student Site for more information on upcoming events, Certifications, Reach Aheads, Experiential Learning, SPE, and how to Self-Report what you have completed

***Specifically, many grade 12s have yet to complete the CPR level C and Standard First Aid compulsory certifications.

- If you currently hold a valid CPR-C and SFA qualification, please self-report ASAP.

As a COVID consideration, the CPR-C and SFA compulsory certifications can be covered by completing the online 'first aid awareness' with St John Ambulance. Register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnYEjS5obUIDFo6Y6ZBV8uwBnA1OqoaZJdo2JU18AJclQ8tA/viewform>

Have any more questions? Follow up with your Guidance counsellor.

Some post-secondary institutions offer SHSM scholarships - but you must earn your **red seal** to be eligible