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Happy Spring Break

March 14–18

COURSE VERIFICATIONS

The course verification process will be emailed out when we return from March Break. Please ensure that your child is checking their gapps account daily as there will be a quick turnaround time.

Once this opportunity to request a change has passed, no course changes will be made going forward until the new academic year starts (September 2022).

If you have any questions, please reach out to your alpha counsellor.

SUMMER SCHOOL / E-LEARNING SUMMER SCHOOL

We recognize that there have been many inquiries about summer school courses for 2022. Summer school registration will take place beginning in April. More details to follow when they become available.

Once registration opens we will share the available course options, the process for registering for courses 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.

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 to drop off their volunteer hour forms in person to the Guidance Office.

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)

APPLY TO SHSM!

bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

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).



MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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

SHSM

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

FREE!

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

ON-LINE "CUSTOMER SERVICE" CERTIFICATION

- All SHSM students can complete an **on-line "Customer Service" Certification FREE** through Seneca College if not already earned.
- It is an **ELECTIVE certification** - all SHSM students can benefit from this self-directed course.
- **You will gain access to Microsoft 365 (Word, PowerPoint etc.), Adobe Cloud (Photoshop, etc.) and other software and services for FREE.**
- Registration is **now open**, and students can work asynchronously on their own time with timely support from a Seneca professor.
- **Must be completed by April 22.**

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/aUuT3EYEZdHfhKaV8>



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Hello SHSM All Students! In particular, grade 12 students.

Many of you still need to meet your FIRST AID/CPR requirement (and perhaps other requirements).

If you need to complete your CPR-C with AED and First Aid compulsory certifications, you can do so by registering for the online First Aid Awareness course from St. John Ambulance (this single elective certificate will count for BOTH compulsory certs).

The course takes approximately 6 hours to complete online.

Link for SJA registration: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSditNe4XBWN4yg-CWkMkfy23dHFIn9Q7jjuOArowuy6EFSn3A/viewform>

March Break is a great opportunity for students to complete a few certifications before graduation. Check out the SHSM Student Site Certifications to see what you can enroll in.

Link for SHSM Student Site: <https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/shsm-student/home>

Don't forget to Self Report so your records can be updated.

Link for Self Reporting: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSditNe4XBWN4yg-CWkMkfy23dHFIn9Q7jjuOArowuy6EFSn3A/viewform>

Please feel free to check with Mr. Weinstein if you have any questions or concerns.