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The Guidance Alpha has changed slightly for Semester 2. Please note the following breakdown when booking a registration appointment:

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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 2023-24 academic year, will be in the Spring through the course verification process. We will briefly outline the process in an upcoming bulletin.

Important Upcoming Dates!

Thursday, March 9 -Financial Aid presentation period 4 for grade 12 students

March 13—17 inclusive — Spring Break—school is closed





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Post-Secondary Information

FINANCIAL AID PRESENTATION

There will be a financial aid presentation for all **Grade 12** students during period 4 on **Thursday, March 9th**.

During this important presentation, students will learn

- * the cost of College/ University
- * the importance of applying for scholarships & bursaries
- * the application process for OSAP



SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

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.

MARCH BREAK POST SECONDARY OPEN HOUSES

March Break is a great time to visit your campuses of interest!

Please see the links below to view the schedule of University and College OPEN HOUSES and TOURS.

<https://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Spring-University-Open-Houses-2023-FINAL.pdf>

<https://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Spring-College-Open-Houses-2023-FINAL-3.pdf>

SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

2023 SUMMER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Information will be available late March or April regarding summer school courses, formats and locations. Once this has been shared with guidance, we will share it with students through announcements as well as providing information to parents/guardians in our guidance bulletin.



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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

Centennial College: **Tuesday, March 21, 2023 (all day)**

SHSM students in the Construction, Transportation and Horticulture and Landscaping sectors (this trip is now FULL).

Tentative Timeline:

8:30 am – Depart Markham District High School
9:00/9:15 am - Arrive at Centennial College – Downsview Campus (DAC)
9:15 – 10:15 am – Tour DAC and return to the bus to head to Ashtonbee Campus
10:45-10:50 am – Arrive at Ashtonbee Campus for a pizza lunch, presentation, and receive and to receive safety glasses
11:30 am – 12:45 pm– ½ tour / ½ sampler (experiential learning)
12:45 pm – 1:55 pm – Switch groups and return to homeroom at 2 to depart.
2:45 pm – return to MDHS

University of Guelph: **Monday, April 24, 2023**

There is space for SHSM students in the Health & Wellness, Non-Profit and Horticulture and Landscaping sectors.

Tentative Timeline for the Day:

7:00 am sharp – Depart Markham District High School
9:00 am approximately - Arrive at University of Guelph campus
Workshop 1
Lunch on campus (students to purchase or bring lunch if desired)
Workshop 2
2:00 pm– Depart
3:30 pm approximately – return to MDHS

Workshops (subject to change depending on the university):

Ice Cream Basics

This activity will cover the basic concepts of ice cream making-- from understanding the importance of the ingredients in the ice cream mix, to uncovering the reason behind the type of freezer used. Students will get the opportunity to use a semi-electric ice cream maker to freeze ice cream.

Plant DNA Extraction Lab

Introduction to plant genetics with the [Department of Plant Agriculture](#). Students will extract DNA from plant tissue accompanied by an informative lecture on applications in plant research and breeding.

SHSM Application for September 2023

Grade 10 students interested in registering for SHSM for next year as well as grade 11 students who have taken coop this year or who plan to take coop next year are welcome to sign up for SHSM.

***Please note, if you are already in SHSM, you do NOT have to reregister.

Feel free to speak to Mr. Weinstein for additional information.

Students are encouraged to complete their SHSM applications for next year and they may have an opportunity to participate in activities scheduled for this year.

Complete the application from this link: bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp



PATHWAYS PROGRAMS 2023

www.yrdsb.ca/pathways

Dual Credits (July 4 - 28, 2023)

Summer Dual Credits program allows secondary students in grades 11 and 12 to explore the college pathway while taking courses in an area of interest. Students simultaneously earn two credits; one college credit and one secondary school elective credit. All costs are covered, including course tuition fee and college books. The colleges will be offering the dual credit programming in person through local GTA Colleges.

For more information on eligibility and courses visit:

<https://bit.ly/summerdcflyer>

Program Dates: July 4 - 28, 2023

Registration: <https://bit.ly/yrdsbsummerdc> open in late April 2023

Deadline: June 23, 2023, or until filled

Youth Innovation by Design (July 4 - 28, 2023)

The Youth Innovation by Design course (IDC4U or IDC4O) focuses on ways in which innovators identify problems, see them as opportunities, generate ideas, and organize resources to develop and take successful solutions forward into the world. Students will use a variety of design thinking techniques to develop and grow their ideas. They will consider the ethical and legal implications of decisions, as well as related financial literacy and sustainability models. Student learning will be supported by guest speakers and mentors provided through a collaboration with York University's YSpace-Markham and Innovation York. SHSM students can earn a variety of certificates and components towards their SHSM designation.

Program Dates: July 4 - 28, 2023, 8:30am - 3:30pm

Registration: Through My Pathway Planner in late April 2023

Location: YSpace Markham 169 Enterprise Blvd, Markham, ON L6G 0E7

2 Credits Co-op (May 23 - July 28, 2023)

2 Credits Co-op is available to students in grades 10 - 12 interested in a work experience. Students will participate in remote/in-person learning (see schedule below) and in-person/virtual Co-op Placements in their community during the month of July. Pre-placement classes will take place Tuesday evenings from May 23 to June 7, 2023 between 5:00pm - 9:00pm. In-person classes will take place at Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning at 36 Regatta Avenue in Richmond Hill.

Students entering grade 12 who could not fit Co-op into their regular timetables will be given first consideration.

Program Dates:

In-person Pre-Placement: May 23 (5pm-9pm),
June 27 (5pm-9pm)

Virtual Pre-Placement: May 30 (5pm-9pm), June 6 (5pm-9pm),
June 13 (5pm-9pm), June 20 (5pm-9pm)

Placement: July 4 - July 28 (40 hours/week)

Integration Classes: TBD

Registration: <https://bit.ly/YRDSBSummerCo-op>

Opens on Friday March 3, 2023 at 9:00am

Deadline: Friday March 10, 2023 by 4:00pm



SHSM 2 Credits Co-op: Mackenzie Health/Cortellucci Hospital (May 17 - August 4, 2023)

The SHSM Summer Co-op Program is for SHSM students in Health & Wellness or Business (for select positions), interested in working at Mackenzie Health/Cortellucci Hospital. Students are eligible to earn two Cooperative Education credits while developing skills and gaining experience in the Health & Wellness or Business SHSM Sectors. Students will participate in remote/in-person learning (see schedule below) and gain work experience at either the Mackenzie Health or Cortellucci location during the month of July. Pre-placement classes will take place in-person and virtually beginning in May (see schedule below). In-person classes will take place at St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS at 230 Shaftsbury Avenue in Richmond Hill. All summer Co-op students are required to volunteer at the hospital for two weeks after the end of the Co-op term.

Due to limited enrollment, SHSM students entering grade 12 who could not fit Co-op into their regular timetables will be given first consideration. Applicants will be contacted for interviews. This program is in collaboration with YCDSB.

Program Dates:

In-person Pre-Placement: May 27 (9am-3pm), June 10 (9am-3pm)

Virtual Pre-Placement: May 17 (4-8pm), May 24 (4-8pm),
May 31 (4-8pm), June 7 (4-8pm)

Placement: July 4 - August 4 (8:30am - 5:00pm)

In person Integration Classes: Fri, July 14 (8:30-4:30),
Fri, August 4 (8:30-4:30)

Volunteer Days: August 7 - 18, 2023

Registration and Further Information:

<https://yrdsb.cc/HospitalSummerCo-op2023>

Opens on Friday March 3, 2023 at 9:00am

Deadline: Friday March 10, 2023 by 4:00pm

1 Credit Co-op (July 4 - 28, 2023)

1 Credit Co-op is available to students in grades 10 - 12 interested in a work experience. Students will participate in remote/in-person learning and in-person/virtual Co-op Placements in their community during the month of July. In person classes will take place at Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning at 36 Regatta Avenue in Richmond Hill.

Students entering grade 12 who could not fit Co-op into their regular timetables will be given first consideration.

Program Dates:

In person Pre-placement: July 4 - 6

Placement: July 7 - 28 (40 hours/week)

Integration Classes: to be determined

Registration: <https://bit.ly/YRDSBSummerCo-op>

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