



# GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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#### **SEMESTER 2 COUNSELLORS BY ALPHA**

Guidance appointments can be made through TeachAssist. Counsellors are available to meet either virtually or to have a telephone meeting.

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#### **2021—2022 COURSE SELECTIONS**

The course selection process is now closed. If you have any further questions or inquiries regarding the course requests for next year, please contact your alpha counsellor.

#### **SUMMER SCHOOL / E-LEARNING SUMMER SCHOOL**

We recognize that there have been many inquiries about summer school courses for 2021. Detailed information is anticipated to be available early in April. Please note registration is **not currently** open. We will provide information in our bi-weekly guidance bulletin once the information has been made available to us.

Summer **e-learning** course registration opens on **April 6** for YRDSB students. Summer School e-Learning courses are taught by YRDSB teachers using Ontario's Virtual Learning Environment - BrightSpace by D2L. Students can expect to do a minimum of 6 hours of learning each day.

Additional details on summer school options will be provided once available.



Please check our guidance website for updates:

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



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## Scholarship Information

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.

Reminder: All scholarships are linked directly to the scholarship's website. Just click on the name of the scholarship.

**Scholarship Google Classroom with code - [I5zjuvv](#)**

## Guidance Classroom Codes

**University Applicants Google Classroom code – Inatkxp**

**College Applicants Google Classroom code – khz24ox**

The next OUAC/OCAS transmissions will be on **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Courses taken outside of the YRDSB must be reported to the guidance counsellor and the report cards must be submitted asap in order to reflect an accurate transcript. Private schools must mail report cards in a sealed envelope. We will not accept students hand-delivering private school report cards.

## Volunteer Hours

**Students Graduating in the 2020-2021 School Year:** The community involvement graduation requirement has been reduced to a **minimum of 20 hours** of community involvement activities.

Students have the choice to either pick up a volunteer form in the guidance office or access it online. Completed volunteer forms can be dropped off in guidance (there will be a basket on a table) or you can email them to your alpha counsellor.

**Community Involvement Forms can be accessed from the YRDSB website:**

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Guidance/CommunityInvolvement/Documents/FOR-communityinvolvement.pdf>

**Some possible volunteering opportunities to explore (copy link into browser):**

<https://sendingsunshine.ca>

<https://volunteer.ca/index.php?MenuItemID=419> (VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING)

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/volunteering-ontario> (VOLUNTEERING IN ONTARIO)

<http://s643234117.online-home.ca/volunteering/find-my-volunteer-centre> (ONTARIO VOLUNTEER CENTRE NETWORK)

<http://www.sparkontario.ca>



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## Specialist High Skill Major

**SHSM SECTORS at MDHS**  
**Arts & Culture, Construction, Health & Wellness, Horticulture & Landscaping,**  
**Non-Profit and Transportation**

**Calling all Grade 10 in particular (as well as eligible grade 11 students):**

Benefits of SHSM:

- Participate in free training and field trips for 2 years (grade 11 and 12) to post-secondary institutions, conferences, trade fairs and other experiences related to your pathway and sector
- Eligibility for post-secondary scholarships offered at some college and universities to students who "successfully" complete all components of the SHSM program and earn their Red Seal
- Build your resume through various training opportunities (all SHSM students will receive training in Standard First AID/CPR Level-C - you will be exempt if you hold valid certifications in these already - proof must be provided).
- Engage in fun, experiential real-life experiences
- As SHSM is not a course, you will not have assignments/exams but you must take co-op in either grade 11 or 12 to be eligible

### **REGISTRATION FOR SHSM :**

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

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

### **Apply to SHSM**

After attending an SHSM information session, or speaking with Mr. Weinstein or Mr. Butler, you can begin the following application process.

Step 1: Login to your YRDSB @gapps account

Step 2: Complete the Regional application: [bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp](http://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp)

Step 3: Monitor your YRDSB @ gapps email for all SHSM related communications.

If you wish to forward your YRDSB@ gapps email to a preferred email account,

see: [bit.ly/gappsforward](http://bit.ly/gappsforward)

**Students are asked to check the SHSM google classroom for opportunities being offered centrally.**

**Students are asked to self-report their participation using the forms posted in the google classroom.**

**Some opportunities have already been posted by sector with many others still to come.**



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## **SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The [Summer Employment Opportunities \(SEO\)](#) Program provides up to 5,000 students with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience through supervised summer employment in the OPS. To be eligible to participate in the program, students must be currently enrolled in a secondary or post-secondary institution, be at least 15 years old, be living in Ontario during the summer and be legally entitled to work in Canada.

Positions for the summer of 2021 will be posted on **February 25, 2021** with different **closing dates** between **March 10** and **June 1, 2021**. The 2021 employment period for students is from May to September. To participate, students must apply online at [www.ontario.ca/careers](http://www.ontario.ca/careers).

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, the OPS will be monitoring what program adaptations may be necessary for the summer of 2021. We continue to remain flexible in our approach. To the extent possible, proposed changes will be communicated prior to the screening and hiring of students.

Follow us on our social media channels. We are on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) with the account name of [@ServiceOntario](#). You can also follow the Ontario Ministry of Government and Consumer Services on [LinkedIn](#).

If you require additional information, contact us at [SEO@ontario.ca](mailto:SEO@ontario.ca).