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We also have a
Guidance Google Site:

[https://sites.google.com/
gapps.yrdsb.ca/
mdhsguidance/home](https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/mdhsguidance/home)

(must be in your student's
gapps account to access the
Guidance Google Site)

APPOINTMENTS

Students can make 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.

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.

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Guidance office hours: Monday - Friday 7:45am - 3:45pm
Phone# (905) 294-1886 plus extension provided above.

COURSE SELECTION VERIFICATION — 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Course verification forms and instructions were sent out via email on Friday, March 31st with a due date of **Thursday, April 6th**.

If you did not receive your course verification form, please contact your alpha counsellor.

Please note that this was your last opportunity to request a course change until September 2023.

Important Upcoming Dates!

Summer school registration opens:	April 11
OCAS transmission:	April 28
OUAC transmission:	April 27
Mid-Term Report cards:	distributed electronically between May 3—5
Full disclosure date:	May 8





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Guidance Information



SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

The latest issue of the Scholarship Report contains listings with June/July 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. In order to view, please use the following password if prompted, **scholar1**

<https://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/TSR-APR23-FINAL-3.pdf>

Speaker Series with Dr. Steve Poplar: GET READY FOR COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 18, 2023, 6:30—7:45 p.m.

The Markham Pan Am Centre is pleased to host a free workshop with Dr. Steve Poplar, an experienced educator and college admissions expert, for **high performance and elite student athletes** and parents on Tuesday April 18, 2023.

The workshop: **Getting Ready for College and University** will equip attendees with everything they need to know about navigating the post-secondary school application process in Canada and the US.

Thinking about post-secondary education begins early for many student athletes who want to pursue their dreams and aspirations of going to school in Canada or the US, while continuing their athletic journey. Many student athletes and parents have questions about the educational system in Canada and the US and Dr. Poplar, will provide the necessary information to help students and parents make informed decisions.

This workshop is geared to high performance and elite student athletes performing at the provincial and national level, between the ages 14 to 16 years, who are interested in beginning the journey of exploring university or college and what they need to consider when choosing their path. Discussion topics include:

- What it means to be a student athlete
- Looking at your skill set
- Looking for 'best fit' when selecting a school
- Differences between the US and Canada, education and athletics
- Recruitment and application process
- Costs
- Q&A

This must-attend workshop promises to be an enlightening and educational conversation on the journey of selecting a college or university. Seats are limited so register early to secure your spot.

Location: Markham Pan Am Centre, 16 Main Street Unionville L3R 2E4

Date: Tues April 18, 2023

Time: 6:30 – 7:45 pm

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/speaker-series-with-dr-steve-poplar-get-ready-for-college-or-university-tickets-549632213747>

Students should be accompanied by a parent (please complete ticket registration for the student and respective parent).



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Summer Learning Opportunities

ONLINE LEARNING

- Courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a **fully online format**. Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other. Classes occur online using an asynchronous model, with check-in opportunities with the teacher. The learning platform is Brightspace by D2L.
- MyPathwayPlanner will be used to register for a course offered through Online Learning Secondary Summer School. Online Learning Secondary Summer School will be listed as **Sec - Summer Online Learning (Asynchronous)** in MyPathwayPlanner.

Dates: July 4 - July 27

Hours: Flexible (6 hours per day minimum)

IN-PERSON LEARNING—Registration from April 11—June 16 on My Pathway Planer

Courses will be offered in a **face-to-face** learning model. Registration opens April 11 and closes June 16. YRDSB students registered online on My Pathway Planner. Course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment, classroom and teacher availability.

Important: *Summer School will not be modified to accommodate personal activities and/or family vacations.*

Dates: July 5 - July 28

Hours: 8:45 am to 3:33 pm—Includes two 15-minute scheduled breaks and a 40-minute lunch period

Locations: Markham District HS, Milliken Mills HS, Newmarket HS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS, Richmond Green SS, Stephen Lewis SS, Sutton District HS, and Tommy Douglas SS.

REMOTE LEARNING REINFORCEMENT COURSES (9 days per session)

For students who have not successfully earned the credit and have achieved a mark between 35% and 49% and are **recommended by their Principal for a reinforcement course**.

Dates:

- Session 1 - July 5 -July 17
- Session 2 - July 18 - July 28

Hours: 8:45 am to 3:33 pm



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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

University of Guelph: Monday, April 24, 2023

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

