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Spring Break - April 12-16

No School

This includes online and in-person learning.



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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SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

Summer credit programs will be offered through two virtual learning models. Both will be open for registration on April 20th through MyPathwayPlanner. More information to follow on Monday, April 19th, so please check your email.

MID-SEMESTER REPORT CARDS

Mid-Semester Report Cards will be distributed electronically via Gapps starting April 27. Further communication regarding mid-semester reports and how to access them will be sent out after the Spring Break.



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 Scholarship Report- April/May 2021 Issue

This issue contains scholarship listings with JUN-JUL 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.

http://seekingscholarships.com/the-scholarship-report-apr-may-2021-ontario/?mc_cid=2bab3ec7a3&mc_eid=a3d0e6a84e

Scholarship Google Classroom Code - [I5zjuv](#)

OUAC/OCAS Information

OUAC Google Classroom Code – [Inatkxp](#)

OCAS Google Classroom Code – [khz24ox](#)

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

The deadline for students to drop a course prior to the OCAS/OUAC upload is **April 20th**.

Volunteer Hours

Attention all Grade 12 students: The Spring break is a great way to get your volunteer hours completed. Please see the list of virtual opportunities that are available. All hours must be submitted by the beginning of June in order to ensure your graduation status is not in jeopardy.

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

The SHSM Regional Team and Centennial College (School of Engineering Technology and Applied Science) are offering the following Virtual STEM Experiential Learning workshop on **April 28th, 2021 from 1:00 pm to 2:45 pm**.
Register by April 25th.

There are many workshops available to all sectors, but there is one specifically for Health and Wellness:

Health Informatics Workshop:

The 2020-2021 pandemic has accelerated the demand for virtual healthcare services and fast access to health data. The demand for virtual healthcare has quadrupled in the last 12 months. These services are supported by a variety of software solutions supporting the collection and processing of vast amounts of health data. This requires specialized skills to maintain the digital tools and develop new ways of utilizing the health data to support the delivery of more effective health care services. These skills include not only software engineering skills but also advanced knowledge of the architecture of the health information systems, tools and methodologies utilized in the health informatics domain, health data security and privacy concepts, and telehealth technologies. **Sign-up and permission form is ONLY for Grade 12 students in SHSM.**

Graduating Students only: CPR and FIRST Aid AWARENESS Certificate:

For any **Grade 12 student in SHSM** (any sector) who has not yet completed the FIRST AID/CPR requirements, the Regional Team has set up an opportunity for students to earn the "CPR and First Aid Awareness" certificate in a virtual, self-directed learning format. This is a **compulsory** requirement of the SHSM program, it is FREE of charge for SHSM students, and will count towards completion of their SHSM program (replacing the previous compulsory requirement of CPR-C with AED and First Aid)*.

Students, please aid your parent/guardian in completing the permission form: <http://bit.ly/SHSMCPRAwareness2021>

Students will then receive a personalized code to complete the "CPR and First Aid Awareness" certification through the vendor. ***IMPORTANT:** Your GAPPS address needs to be correct to receive the code.

Once permission is provided, students will be sent the next steps in a follow up e-mail sent to their GAPPS accounts a few days later.

PLEASE NOTE: That all students will be attending their regularly scheduled classes and students are responsible for completing the certification on their own time.

All SHSM students will receive an email in their GAPPS account with the required links to participate.

Students who fill out the form will be contacted after the break with next steps.



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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).

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

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

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.