



# GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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## APPOINTMENTS

Students can make appointments online using Teach Assist.

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Guidance office hours: Monday - Friday 7:45am - 3:45pm

Phone# (905) 294-1886 plus extension provided above.

## GRADUATION AWARDS

All Grade 12 students who will meet the Ontario Secondary School Diploma requirements by the end of the school year are invited to apply for a number of **Graduation Awards** that are made possible through the continued support and interest of individuals, organizations, businesses and industries in our community. Awards are available for students moving forward in the various pathways (**Apprenticeship, College, University, Workplace**).

All awards must be applied for through the Google form that was emailed on **Tuesday, April 25**. Students must be logged into their Gapps account to access the form.

Applicants are to complete the required questions for each individual award to be considered. Be sure to read the required expectations for each of the awards provided within the description. If you have any questions about the Graduation Awards, please contact your Guidance Counsellor.

You may only apply for a maximum of **3 self-nominated awards**

All applications are due by **Monday, May 8, 2023 by 4:00 p.m.**

**No late submissions will be considered.**

## Important Upcoming Dates!

Mid-Term Report cards: Distributed electronically between May 3—5

\* **Students are encouraged to download and print their mid-term report cards before the link expires**

PA Day (no school): May 5

Full disclosure date: May 12

Victoria Day (no school): May 22





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## Post-Secondary Information

### IMPORTANT DATES for UNIVERSITY APPLICANTS

- May 29 –** Deadline for universities to make an offer admission, refusal or deferral
- June 1 –** Deadline for students to accept on offer of admission
- Early June –** School-specific deadlines for students to make a financial commitment (deposit for tuition and/or residence) to their chosen university
- June 5 –** Students who did not receive an offer of admission may begin to use the AIS system to search available programs (see your Counsellor for details)



### IMPORTANT DATES for COLLEGE APPLICANTS

**May 1, 2023: Deadline to Confirm Offers of Admission—** Applicants must confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by this date. Log in to your [ontariocolleges.ca](https://ontariocolleges.ca) account to [confirm your offer](#). Colleges may extend offers of admission after this date. Each college will set the deadline to confirm offers made after May 1, and this deadline will be communicated to you with your offer.

**June 2023: Tuition Deposit Due at the Colleges—** The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in June to secure a spot in your program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline. This information will be communicated to you by the college.

### OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program)

OSAP is now open and available for any interested students who wish to make an account/register. See the link below to proceed with your registration. The OSAP website also has FAQs and lots of good information for students (including an information module which walks you through the process and must be completed before you start the actual application).

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/osap-ontario-student-assistance-program>





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## Summer Learning Opportunities

Information regarding summer learning opportunities can be found on the YRDSB website:

Schools and Programs → Secondary School → Summer Learning Opportunities

### SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school registration opened **April 11, 2023**.

Once registered, you **do NOT need** to print the sign off form that is provided. Instead, parents/guardians will receive a confirmation email. Students can only take **one** acceleration course during the summer session. Transportation is **not** provided for this program.

If your student has registered for a summer school course that was also **selected in their course selections** for next year, then one of their **alternate courses** will be used as a replacement to their course selection.

If your student is unable to complete this summer course, we will **attempt** to schedule the course back to their timetable in September. However, **guidance cannot guarantee** that there will be a seat available in the original course selected.

### ONLINE LEARNING

Courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a **fully online format**. 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—REGISTER ON MY PATHWAY PLANNER

Courses will be offered in a **face-to-face** learning model. Course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment, classroom and teacher availability.

**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)

Apply to SHSM: [bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp](http://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp)



### SHSM Sectors

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arts &amp; Culture</li> <li>Construction</li> <li>Health &amp; Wellness</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Horticulture &amp; Landscaping</li> <li>Non Profit</li> <li>Transportation</li> </ul> |
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### Why consider SHSM?

- ◆ Customize secondary school education to suit interests and skills
- ◆ Complete sector recognized certifications to build your resume
- ◆ Prepare for post-secondary opportunities
- ◆ Explore and refine career goals
- ◆ Earn the SHSM Distinction on their OSSD
- ◆ Engage in fun, experiential learning with like-minded peers

## Specialist High Skills Major: 5 Required Components

