



# GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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### 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.

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

### Important Upcoming Dates!

Ontario University Fair— October 1st and 2nd— 9:30 am to 5 pm daily  
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

MDHS Post-secondary Information Session #2— Monday, October 17 during Period 2

University Fair for Gr. 12 students— Wednesday, October 19 from 6 pm – 8 pm  
**This event is being hosted at Bill Hogarth Secondary School**

Ontario College Fair— October 19 and 20 — Enercare Centre, Toronto

MDHS Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews—Thursday, October 27 – in person

Take Our Kids to Work Day— Wednesday, November 2nd  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-H9bqImMPgY>

MDHS Post-secondary Planning Information Night for Parents/Guardians —  
Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00 pm

OCAS application deadline— February 1, 2023 (for equal consideration)  
OUAC application deadline— January 12, 2023

Please check our guidance website for updates:

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



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## Post-Secondary Information

**Check the google classrooms often for important information!**

**Scholarship Classroom = z7woi3v**

Please see the first installment of *the Scholarship Report*, this report contains important deadlines for **upcoming scholarships**. Copy and paste this link into your browser :

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:7d676c70-457c-320a-925c-b9bb4736c02a>

Password is **scholar1** if prompted.

The **University of Toronto Book Award** application deadline is **Thursday, October 6 at 2:35 pm**. The application can be found on the Scholarship Classroom. Please submit applications to the Guidance office by the deadline.

**University Classroom = 3zw3nz6**

**College Classroom = ny42kag**

**POST-SECONDARY “LUNCH’N LEARN” SESSIONS (see calendar posted on the google classrooms)**

Representatives from many Colleges and Universities will be offering “Lunch’n Learn” presentations for Grade 12 students during the common lunch (11:05am—11:55am) in Room 104A. These will take place throughout September, October and November. Please bring your lunch.

Seating in Room 104A is limited. However if capacity is reached, the representatives will offer two half hour presentations. Please note that this will only occur if the seating capacity is reached. Otherwise, presentations begin promptly at 11:05am and will last the full lunch hour.

## Community Involvement/Volunteering

The community involvement graduation requirement of a minimum of **40 hours** has been restored for the 2022-2023 school year.

***At the principal’s discretion, students could earn hours during the time allotted for the instructional program on a school day, and through duties normally performed in the home. This can include helping an elderly relative with an errand or a sibling with homework. Additionally, students could count a maximum of 10 hours from paid employment for students aged 14 years and older. These flexible measures will continue to be available for the 2022-23 school year for all students.***

Here are the steps you must follow in order to ensure your hours are approved.

Step 1: Review the list of eligible activities as set out on the YRDSB website.

Step 2: Select an activity. Students may want to contact one or more of the following charitable organizations; community agencies · community centers · government offices · service clubs · volunteer centers

Step 3: **Complete the notification portion of the Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Activities Form by contacting your Guidance Counsellor to discuss via email or by making an appointment on TeachAssist.**

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/migrate/files/FOR-communityinvolvement.pdf>

**Contact your guidance counsellor if you are unsure if your activity will count. In the event that you do not discuss the volunteer activity with your guidance counsellor, then you run the risk of your hours not counting.**

Step 4: Complete your volunteer activities

Step 5: Submit the completed form. Ensure that all sections are completed, including parent signature, supervisor name, title and contact details. Then submit the completed form to Guidance.



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## Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

### SHSM SECTORS at MDHS

Appropriate for all pathways (apprenticeship, college, university and workplace)

<u>Arts &amp; Culture:</u>	(careers ranging from artist to writer)
<u>Construction</u>	(careers ranging from architect to welder)
<u>Health &amp; Wellness</u>	(careers ranging from biomedical engineer to veterinarian)
<u>Horticulture &amp; Landscaping</u>	(careers ranging from agricultural technician to wetland biologist)
<u>Non-Profit</u>	(careers ranging from administrative officer to social services)
<u>Transportation</u>	(careers ranging from auto mechanic to urban planner)

\*\*\*Please note, there are many other careers that fall into the various sectors above.

The SHSM student website is being updated with new opportunities for students. Stay tuned for more details.

**Reminder:** Grade 12 SHSM students should check that they are on track to earn their Red Seal.

Earning your SHSM Red Seal may make you eligible for a post-secondary scholarship along with the many other benefits of completing the various components.

### CERTIFICATIONS / REACH AHEADS and EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:

If you have earned certificates outside of school (e.g. St. John's Babysitting, Standard First AID/CPR Level C, Leadership, customer service, etc), please use the self-reporting link in the student SHSM site so that you can have these added to your SHSM record card. This also applies to Reach Ahead and Experiential Learning activities.

**Stay tuned as we plan field trips and opportunities (in and out of the school)!**

### SHSM REGISTRATION

- ◇ Grade 11 students interested in registering for SHSM who are in co-op this year (or who are planning to take coop in grade 12) are encouraged to register for SHSM using the information below.
- ◇ If you are in grade 12 and either took coop last year or are taking it this year, you may still be eligible for SHSM provided that you are able to meet the requirements of the program.
- ◇ If you have already applied to be in the program, you do NOT need to reapply.

If you have questions regarding the program or eligibility, feel free to contact Mr. Weinstein ( [marc.weinstein@yrdsb.ca](mailto:marc.weinstein@yrdsb.ca) )

**To apply to MDHS SHSM programs, use the bit.ly shown below:**

[bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp](https://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp)

**Complete and submit your application!**

### UPCOMING SHSM TRAINING/FIELD TRIPS

**October 13th: Centennial College Progress Campus** (School of Engineering, Technologies, and Applied Science (SETAS) **TENTATIVE**

- **REACH AHEAD & EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING**

- The full day includes an overview of the program, presentations, a workshop and a tour

**October 20th: Ontario College Fair (9:45 am - 2:00 pm)**

- **REACH AHEAD (First come - space is available on 2 buses)**

**October 27th: Standard First Aid/CPR Level C with AED**

- **Mandatory CERTIFICATIONS (Space is available to the first 36 SHSM students - a semester 2 date T.B.D. for additional students)**

- 1 full day but students must complete the online portion of the training prior to the training date