



# GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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### **Booking Appointments:**

Students are now able to make semester 2 timetable changes with their alpha counsellor. Appointments can be made via [teach assist.ca](https://teachassist.ca). If you will not be attending in person, please send us an email so we can coordinate. Our Counsellors look forward to meeting with you!

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.

### **Volunteer Hours:**

If you need assistance in finding volunteer opportunities then please visit the guidance office and/or contact your alpha counsellor and we will be more than happy to help you.

Volunteer forms can be picked up in the guidance office and/or accessed online via the yrdsb.ca website: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/migrate/files/FOR-communityinvolvement.pdf>

### **Interim Reports:**

Interim report cards are being distributed to all students within the next week. If you are concerned about a particular course(s), please reach out to the teacher to discuss or you can also discuss with your alpha counsellor.

### **Parent/Guardian Interview Night: Wednesday, November 3 from 6—8pm**

If you wish to meet with a Guidance Counsellor, please contact them directly to arrange a time between 6—8 pm.

## Important Upcoming Dates!

Take Our Kids to Work Day (grade 9):	November 3, 2021
Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews:	November 3, 2021
University Application Deadline:	January 13, 2022
College Application Deadline:	February 1, 2022 (for equal consideration)

Please check our guidance website for updates:  
<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>



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## Guidance News

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship Classroom code: **Vlboxwry**

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:

[http://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/ScholarshipReport\\_Sep-Oct-2021-AAA.pdf](http://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/ScholarshipReport_Sep-Oct-2021-AAA.pdf)

### POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

University Applicants Google Classroom code – **3mpytle**

College Applicants Google Classroom code – **yijyrpw**

### University Information Session # 2

On Monday, October 18th during period 3 our grade 12 university bound students watched a video presentation of “Applying to an Ontario University”.

The Guidance Department will be hosting virtual Q&A SEMINARS to ask questions (audio or in the chat) about the application process. Ms, Kerhoulas will be addressing questions live and in person! So join in - even if you don't have any questions, you may hear someone else ask a question that you hadn't even considered! Be sure to sign in using your GAPPS email. Alternatively, students can make an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor.

**Note: PIN numbers will be distributed via GAPPS email on or after October 22.**

### Drop-in Q&A:

**Wed Oct 20 @ 3:30—4:15 pm** - use meet code for this google classroom

**Mon Oct 25 @ 3:30—4:15 pm** - use meet code for this google classroom

### College Information Session # 2

On **Wednesday October 27**, the second College Information Video 'Applying to College' will be posted on the College Google classroom.

A Google Meet 'Question and Answer' session will follow later that day from **3:30 - 4:30 pm**. Please use the Meet link in the Google classroom to join.

Please join our College Google classroom using the code: yijyrpw

### THE ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' FAIRS (OUFs) GO VIRTUAL!

Ontario's universities are hosting the OUFs virtual events in Fall 2021: **Tuesday, October 26, 5:00 —8:00 pm**

All Ontario universities will participate in these events. The events are free and anyone may attend.

**NO pre-registration required.** Each event has four 30-minute sessions, where students can learn about the universities and programs of their choice and ask questions.

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>



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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.

### SHSM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

You can also now sign up for the following asynchronous opportunities (sign up and complete when your schedule allows):

1) CPR and First Aid Awareness elective certificate (*completion of this elective will count for your two compulsory certifications of CPR-C with AED and First Aid*) - *this will be recorded as an elective but tracked correctly at the school level* <https://bit.ly/SHSMCPRAwareness6466>

\*\*\*Please note that this is a requirement for all SHSM students (if you have not earned your Standard First Aid/CPR Level C).

2) Anti-oppression and Allyship elective certificate- *this is an elective option for all sectors provided by 4 Seasons of Reconciliation*. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/SHSMAllyshipReg>

\*Once you have registered please provide some time for the organizers to contact you about how to access the course (at least 1 week).

### REGISTRATION FOR SHSM

For 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), feel free to book an appointment with Mr. Weinstein for information.

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

1. [bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp](https://bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp)
2. complete the application and submit

### SHSM @ MDHS

**SHSM STUDENT SITE:** <https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/shsm-student/home>

Take a look at the resources collected for you on the SHSM Student. There you will find:

Overview of the SHSM program and details specific to your sector (ex. how many certifications you need and what they are called).

Reach ahead, experiential and certifications opportunities you can complete when it is convenient for you. (ex. multi-sector certifications like Infection Control, Project Management and other sector specific certifications).

Self-reporting forms for you to report completion of SHSM activities that are not organized by the Regional team or by a staff member at your school.

### Reminders\*\*

\*As an SHSM student please frequently check your SHSM Google Classroom and your GAPPS for SHSM opportunities. Some opportunities are time sensitive and require quick response for registration.



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## College Mondays



Meet College representatives and learn valuable information about different schools every Monday via Zoom. You choose the schools you want to learn about!

**Please visit the following website for more information and to REGISTER:**

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/college-recruitment>

**Ready to explore your future with Ontario community colleges? In just four sessions, you will be able to meet with representatives from all Ontario community colleges.**

Every Monday in October and November, there will be four panel groups running simultaneously on Zoom, each made up of six to seven colleges.

Each group will provide:

- A brief overview of the Ontario community college system
- Highlights from each college on the panel
- Time to ask your questions to individual college representatives

These virtual events replace the College Information Program (CIP) events that run annually across the province.

### **College Mondays Panels:**

#### **Panel 1**

Conestoga  
Canadore  
Fleming  
Humber  
Michener  
Ridgetown  
Sault

#### **Panel 2**

Algonquin  
Boréal  
Mohawk  
Niagara  
Northern  
Seneca  
St. Lawrence

#### **Panel 3**

Cambrian  
Centennial  
Durham  
Fanshawe  
Georgian  
La Cité

#### **Panel 4**

Confederation  
George Brown  
Lambton  
Loyalist  
Sheridan  
St. Clair