



# GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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### BOOKING APPOINTMENTS

Students are now able to make semester 2 timetable changes with their alpha counselor. Appointments can be made via teach assist.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.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

**Scholarship Classroom code: Vlbxwry**

The Scholarship Report for November – January 2022 has been added to the Scholarship Google Classroom. This issue contains scholarship listings with JAN—MAR 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.

This is a reminder that the Queen's Chancellor's scholarship is due on **November 22**, and the Lester B. Pearson applications is due on **November 15 at 2:35 pm**. These applications can be submitted either in person or via email. No late submissions will be accepted. Please consult the Scholarship google classroom for specific details for each scholarship application.

### POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

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

**College Applicants Google Classroom code – yijyrpw**

## Important Upcoming Dates!

Grade 9 Guidance Classroom Visits	Week of November 8, 2021
Marks transmitted to OUAC and OCAS – students please check your accounts to ensure accuracy!	November 19, 2021
Electronic mid-term report cards will be sent to students	November 25—30, 2021
Full Disclosure	December 6, 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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## Community Involvement/Volunteering

### This applies to grade 12 students graduating only.

In 2021-22, the required number of hours for community involvement activities will be reduced from 40 hours to a minimum of **20** hours for graduating students. This is consistent with changes made in the 2020-21 school year.

### Applies to all grades 9-12.

At the principal's discretion, the following activities will be deemed eligible for all secondary students for their community involvement activities in the 2021-22 school year:

- ⇒ Activities such as walking a younger neighbour or sibling to and from school, helping younger siblings with their homework, helping elderly relatives with errands, providing after-school care for a younger sibling etc. - up to a maximum of **10 hours**.
- ⇒ Activities that include up to **10 hours** of paid work, with the requirement to complete a reflection exercise indicating how their work contributed to service for others (e.g., grocery work during the pandemic)

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.

If you have any questions, please contact your alpha counsellor.  
The Guidance Team





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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.