



# 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!

- Take Our Kids to Work Day—** Wednesday, November 2nd  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-H9bqlmMPgY>
- Grade 8s to MDHS Day—** Wednesday, November 2nd—for feeder schools
- MDHS Post-secondary Planning Information Night for Parents/Guardians —** Thursday, November 3rd at 6:00 pm
- Midterm Report Cards -** Semester 1 midterm report cards will be issued electronically starting November 18 to students’ GAPPS email accounts. Students are encouraged to download and print their midterm report cards.
- 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

<b>Scholarship Classroom =</b>	<b>z7woi3v</b>
<b>University Classroom =</b>	<b>3zw3nz6</b>
<b>College Classroom =</b>	<b>ny42kag</b>

OUAC **PIN numbers** were distributed electronically to students via their GAPPS email the week of October 17th. Students were provided with their OEN#, Mident #(BSID) and PIN (for OUAC if applicable). Please contact your Guidance counsellor if you did not receive this email.

The next OUAC/OCAS transmissions will be on **November 18th**. This upload includes first semester midterm marks. Please check your OUAC/OCAS account for accuracy!

**November 29th** is the full disclosure date. Any courses dropped before this date will not show on a students’ transcript and will removed from OUAC/OCAS.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

**LESTER B PEARSON SCHOLARSHIP** — International Students only! <https://future.utoronto.ca/pearson/about>  
 Due: November 17, 2022 by 2:35pm

### QUEEN’S CHANCELLORS SCHOLARSHIP

Due: November 24, 2022 by 2:35pm  
 Submit via email to [gabrielle.mcgill@yrdsb.ca](mailto:gabrielle.mcgill@yrdsb.ca) (for school sponsorship consideration)  
 Note: You must apply to Queen’s University via OUAC no later than November 20th if you are planning to submit a scholarship application

### 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.

- Nov 1—** Sheridan College –postponed. New date TBA.
- Nov 3 -** Ontario Tech U
- Nov 4 -** Fleming College
- Nov 7 -** Guelph U/Guelph-Humber
- Nov 8 -** Laurentian U
- Nov 9 -** U of Waterloo
- Nov 10 -** UT Engineering
- Nov 14 -** Toronto Metro U
- Nov 16 -** Western U
- Nov 17 -** Windsor U
- Nov 23 -** Queen's U





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## TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

“Take Our Kids to Work” (TOKW) is an initiative that provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to OBSERVE a work environment for one day. As suggested by the Premier’s Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel Report, the program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

**On Wednesday, November 2, 2022, Grade 9 students will have an opportunity to spend the day at a workplace of a parent/guardian, relative, friend or volunteer.**

There is a Family Guide Resource available to support families with planning:

[ [https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/TLP/media/Documents/TOKW/TOKW%202022/Family\\_Resource\\_Guide\\_2022\\_e.pdf](https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/TLP/media/Documents/TOKW/TOKW%202022/Family_Resource_Guide_2022_e.pdf) ].

A Google permission forms to participate in Take our Kids to Work Day was sent to your child’s GAPPS account. It can be accessed again using this link: <https://forms.gle/kQ25MDr4NSxj4uxj6>.

We ask that you review the form with your child and then sign off as per the instructions.

Please indicate this choice on the permission form so that schools can plan appropriately selecting 1 of the 3 options provided in the Google form:

- 1. I give permission for my child to participate in the virtual/in person job shadowing Event Take our Kids Work Day on Wednesday, November 2, 2022**
- 2. I would like my child to stay at home on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 to independently participate in the career exploration activities.**
- 3. I would like my child to stay at school on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 and independently participate in the career exploration activities under staff supervision.**

Parents/Guardians can also choose to have their child participate independently in career exploration activities at home or at school.

**Please note that there will NOT be formal grade 9 classes on November 2nd.**

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact a guidance counsellor or administrator to discuss your questions.

Sincerely,

MDHS Guidance and Admin



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## Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

### SHSM SECTORS at MDHS

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

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

**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.

### 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!

## 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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**UNIVERSITY PANEL**

SATURDAY, NOV. 5, 2022 - 2 TO 3 PM EST

OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

REGISTER NOW

@SWOCANADA



Starts With One is an organization that strives to improve quality and access to education for Canadian youth and their families. We strongly advocate for education equity and solving systemic and structural barriers in education and focus on improving access to extracurricular programming for low-income and new Canadians.

This year, SWO will be hosting a University Panel for any high school students that have questions about University, and the application process happening **Saturday November 5 at 2-3 PM**. Following the panel, participants will be able to speak with panelists to ask specific questions in breakout rooms, connect, and more!

The 19 panelists come from diverse educational backgrounds, and will be representing the following universities:

- University of Toronto
- McMaster University
- Toronto Metropolitan University
- Western University
- Queen's University
- OCAD University
- York University
- University of Ottawa
- University of British Columbia
- Waterloo University

Students who are interested can register using the following link to gain access to the zoom link for the event;

<https://bit.ly/3VUdDly>