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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 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.

GRADE 8 INFORMATION EVENING

The Grade 8 Information night will take place on **December 2 at 6:30 pm**. There will be a video presentation and then a question and answer opportunity. Links to the presentation and the Q and A will be provided by your elementary school and also posted on the MDHS website closer to the date.

ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST (OSSLT)

It has recently been announced that the Ministry of Education will be waiving the literacy graduation requirement for all grade 12 students graduating during the 2021-22 school year.

HOLIDAY CARD WRITING FOR SENIORS!

Come join the peer mentors on **Thursday, December 9 during lunch and after school (2:45pm—3:45pm)** to write holiday cards for our seniors. You can earn some volunteer hours while spreading some holiday spirit!



Important Upcoming Dates!

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 ***NEW DATE***

December 10, 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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SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship Classroom code: [Vlboxwry](#)

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 **Monday, November 22**. 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 regarding scholarship applications.

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

University Applicants Google Classroom code – [3mpytle](#)

College Applicants Google Classroom code – [yijyrpw](#)

STUDENT LIFE EXPO BOXES for GRADE 12 STUDENTS

Guidance will be distributing a box to grade 12 students courtesy of the Student Life Expo (as they were unable to host an in-person event this year). The box contains information about careers, colleges, lifestyle, scholarships, technology, university, work and internships. As well, it contains some free stuff including pens, a fidget toy, water bottle and chocolate (CONTAINS PEANUTS). These will be distributed in your classes in the near future. If you do not want a box, please politely decline. Also, please recycle any material you do not want.

COURSES OUTSIDE OF THE YRDSB

If you are currently taking a course outside of the YRDSB, it is very important that you fill out the form from the Guidance office and return it to your guidance counsellor. A gentle reminder that it **is the student's responsibility to ensure their OCAS and OUAC accounts are accurate.**





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Community Involvement Hours

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.

Volunteering Opportunities Examples

****Please check each organization's policy regarding Volunteers at this time****

(Virtual)

<https://sheenforshefoundation.com>
<https://volunteer.ca>
<https://yrfn.ca/get-involved/volunteer>
<https://volunteermarkham.ca>

(In Person)

Salvation Army Thrift Store
Markhaven Seniors Home
Bethany Lodge Seniors Home
Centre for Immigration & Community Services
Golden Rescue
Sri Sathya Sai Baba Centres
YMCA
Libraries/Community Centres



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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

The Regional SHSM team has planned full day virtual conferences for all SHSM students to help facilitate completing SHSM graduation requirements. When deciding on which SHSM day(s) to attend, students should consider participating on days where events both interest them and help fulfill their outstanding SHSM graduation requirements. Full day attendance is required for the day(s) attended.

The next conference is December 7th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm.

(<https://bit.ly/SHSMWinterConference1>)

MORNING CHOICE:

Selection A: Sector Partnered Experience (SPE) with Enriched Academy. Question and Answer session with the founders of EA. Enriched Academy helps people of all ages take control of their financial health. https://www.cbc.ca/dragonsden/m_pitches/enriched-academy

Selection B: Customer Service Certification with a Seneca College Professor*

Elective certification. This workshop will be delivered by Seneca Professor Rick Andrew with decades of experience in Human Resources, Sales, Management, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship. His work experience includes major brands including Cadbury, Brita and Mars.

AFTERNOON CHOICE:

Selection C: Work time for the Enriched Academy Program - All registered students will be enrolled in the program and can use this time to complete the modules, or choose another option and work on this on their own time

~Experiential Learning for all sectors

Selection D: HackStudent Cyber Security (40 max)

~Fraud Prevention Certification

A quick dive into the world of computer hacking: the bad guys, and the friendly hackers. If you think of the internet as an organism, then we are the immune system; but in today's fast paced world the criminals have an edge. Explore the major incidents and trends that shook our world in the last few years, the shadowy entities behind these global attacks, and the widening gap in the supply of professionals and basic cybersecurity literacy that leaves all of us vulnerable. Get a feel for what it's like to be an offensive cybersecurity professional by learning several fundamental hacking techniques, and performing real attacks against a vulnerable website.

Selection E: Micro-credential for Microsoft Office of Adobe Creative Cloud

- choose either a Microsoft or Adobe software to learn about

- you will be guided through the registration process

~Experiential for all sectors and certification in "advanced training in a technique"

Selection F: Customer Service Certification with a Seneca College Professor* (only choose if you did not pick Option B for AM sessions)

SHSM Student Launch Permission Form: <https://bit.ly/SHSMWinterConference1>



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Give your grade 10 students the opportunity to experience a university lecture!

U of T Scarborough is proud to introduce Scholar Saturdays: a live, online lecture series designed especially for grade 10 students. Over the course of the series, students will experience lectures from professors representing a variety of academic areas and participate in interactive exercises led by current U of T Scarborough students.

Capacity in the Scholar Saturdays series is limited, encourage students to reserve their spot!

**Session 1: "What is Literature?" Dr. Sonja Nikkila (Department of English)
Saturday, November 20, 2021 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Upcoming dates and topics are:

- Saturday, February 12, 2022 - Dr. Phil Triadafilopoulos (Political Science)
- Saturday, April 9, 2022 - Dr. Avni Shah (Management)
- Saturday, June 4, 2022 - Dr. Mark Fitzpatrick (Biological Sciences)

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