



# 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.

If guardians/parents wish to make an appointment with their student’s guidance counsellor, please feel free to contact us at 905-294-1886 ext. 515.

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

Please note the Guidance alpha has changed slightly. Students with the last name **Je—Q** can book appointments with Mr. Buie using TeachAssist.

Students with the last name **R—Si** have the option of booking with any available counsellor (Ms. McGill, Mr. Buie or Ms. Kerhoulas).

## Important Upcoming Dates!

Full Disclosure date —	November 30, 2022
OUAC application deadline—	January 12, 2023
OCAS application deadline—	February 1, 2023 (for equal consideration)





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## Post-Secondary Information

**Scholarship Classroom = z7woi3v**  
**University Classroom = 3zw3nz6**  
**College Classroom = ny42kag**

**November 30th** is the full disclosure date. Any courses dropped before this date will not show on a student's transcript and will be removed from OUAC/OCAS.

### COURSES OUTSIDE OF 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. Also note that non-YRDSB schools are to enter their course code and midterm mark on OUAC and OCAS.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The NEW scholarship report is out! Copy and paste the link below:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:b9fbaf19-5253-3d22-adb3-1b5f1ae800bc>

## 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)

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

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

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

**Complete and submit your application!**

