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Community Involvement Reminder for Graduating Students

Students Graduating in the 2020-2021 School Year: The community involvement graduation requirement has been reduced to a **minimum of 20 hours** of community involvement activities.

We have many potential graduates who are missing some or all of their community involvement hours. Please contact your alpha counselor if you have any questions and/or if you would like to confirm that your hours meet the graduation requirement criteria.

Some possible volunteering opportunities to explore (copy link into browser):

<https://volunteer.ca/index.php?MenuItemID=419> (VIRTUAL VOLUNTEERING)

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/volunteering-ontario>

<http://s643234117.online-home.ca/volunteering/find-my-volunteer-centre> (ONTARIO VOLUNTEER CENTRE NETWORK)

<http://www.sparkontario.ca>



Mental Health Awareness

We understand that students may be finding these extremely challenging times. If your student or if you know of a student struggling emotionally, please reach out to the alpha guidance counsellor for support. The school has access to a social worker and a mental health nurse that can support students with a referral. We can also refer students to community supports, if necessary.

If your concern is immediate and you feel that your child is in crisis, please contact one of the following links or phone numbers.

310-COPE: 905-310-COPE (2673) or 1-855-310-COPE (2673), <https://www.yssn.ca/> - available 24/7

KidsHelpPhone: 1-800-668-6868, text 686868 - <https://kidshelpphone.ca/> - available 24/7

OR call 911 if immediate assistance is required.

Please check our guidance website for updates:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/guidance/Pages/default.aspx>



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Scholarship Information

The Scholarship Report for November – January 2021 can be found on 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.

School Nominated Scholarships:

The Schulich Leaders Scholarship is due **January 11, 2021** in Guidance either via email or in person.

Please join the Scholarship Google Classroom with code - [15zjuvv](#)

Post-Secondary Information

University Applicants Google Classroom code – [Inatxpx](#)

REMINDER: Application deadline to an Ontario University is January 15, 2021

The OUAC is officially closed for the holidays from December 23, 2020 to January 1, 2021, inclusive. The OUAC website and online applications will be available during this time. To reduce the chance of delays and slower online response times, encourage your university—bound students to complete and submit their 101 application well in advance of the January 15, 2021 deadline.

Extended Applicant Services hours will be available before the 101 application deadline:

Wednesday, January 13 to Friday, January 15, 9:30 am to 7 pm (ET)

Applicant Services Phone: 519-823-1063

College Applicants Google Classroom code – [khz24ox](#)

A reminder that the due date for College Applications (equal consideration) is February 1, 2021.

Please continue to be actively thinking about your application and the programs that you are considering.

If you have any questions, please contact your Guidance Counsellor for questions and support.





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Specialist High Skill Major

SHSM SECTORS at MDHS

**Arts & Culture, Construction, Health & Wellness, Horticulture & Landscaping,
Non-Profit and Transportation**

SHSM Student Website (be sure to open in gapps): <https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/shsm-student/home>

Students can find a variety of opportunities for certifications, experiential learning, reach aheads along with related information. Once completed, students **MUST** complete the appropriate self-reporting form (e.g. for a Reach Ahead, Certification or Experiential Learning) to receive credit for the completion of that activity.

CERTIFICATIONS EARNED:

If you have earned certificates outside of school (e.g. St. John's Babysitting, Standard First AID/CPR Level C, or others), please send us a scanned copy and we will see if it is eligible to count toward your SHSM requirements.

REGISTRATION FOR SHSM :

For Grade 11 students who may still be interested in registering for SHSM (and are planning to take co-op in grade 12 or who are enrolled in co-op this year), feel free to contact Mr. Weinstein for information (marc.weinstein@yrdsb.ca) or proceed with the application process listed below.

Calling all Grade 10 students! If you have interest in co-op next year (or in grade 12), consider registering for SHSM for next year. You are encouraged to reach out to Mr. Weinstein for additional information on the 6 SHSM programs at MDHS and how they can benefit you.

Apply to SHSM

After attending an SHSM information session, or speaking with Mr. Weinstein or Mr. Butler, you can begin the application process.

Step 1: Login to your YRDSB @gapps account

Step 2: Complete the Regional application: bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

Step 3: Monitor your YRDSB @ gapps email for all SHSM related communications. If you wish to forward your YRDSB@ gapps email to a preferred email account, see: bit.ly/gappsforward

Students are asked to check the SHSM google classroom for opportunities offered centrally.

Courses outside of YRDSB



If you are currently taking a course outside of the YRDSB, it is very important that you fill out the **Private School Intention Form** located on the MDHS website, under Guidance.

Complete this form and return it to your Guidance counsellor by the deadlines listed on the form.

A gentle reminder that it is the student's responsibility to ensure their OCAS and OUAC accounts are accurate.



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Dual Credit / Night School

Dual Credit

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/dualcredit/Pages/default.aspx>

- Experience college while still in high school at no cost to you
- Earn high school credits AND college credits at the same time in the same course
- Learn in college state-of-the-art facilities
- Explore different pathway options
- Try something new

Dual Credit courses are for Grade 11 & 12 students. As ministry-approved courses, Dual Credits allow students (while they are still in secondary school), to take college or apprenticeship courses that count towards both the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and a postsecondary certificate, diploma, or degree, or an apprenticeship certification.

Students may earn credits towards the OSSD through courses delivered by publicly funded colleges in Ontario that are participating in the ministry-approved dual credit program. Students may earn up to four optional credits through college-delivered courses. If you are interested, please **contact your alpha counselor for more details including eligibility.**

Semester 2 Night School (e-learning)

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/programs/Pages/Night%20School%20e-Learning.aspx>

Winter 2021 information is now available and registration is scheduled to open December 7, 2020.

Note: Students enrolled in day school courses, worth less than 4 credits in a given semester, may be eligible. Night School e-Learning + Day School credits cannot exceed a total of 8 credits in a school year. If you are interested, please **contact your alpha counselor for more details including eligibility.**

Application Process: Eligible students may apply online by visiting the [e-Learning website](#) after receiving permission from their home school.

Registration Details:

- **Course dates:** February 17- June 10, 2021
- **Registration fee:** No fee, the \$20 fee has been waived for the winter 2021 session

For assistance, please contact your Guidance Counsellor.

Semester 2 Night School (runs from February 18, 2021 to June 22, 2021)

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx>

Semester Two - Winter 2021 - **Registration will open in January 4, 2021**

Please be advised that the traditional in class face-to-face Night School program will move to a remote learning delivery model. The program will be delivered virtually in real-time synchronous (real-time).

Before the start of the program, students will receive an email with instructions on how to join the class on the first day. YRDSB students will login with their gapps accounts.

If you are interested, please **contact your alpha counselor for more details including eligibility.** Students may take a maximum of 4 courses in a semester (including night school)