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HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

If you are concerned about your student's mental health, your guidance counsellor will conduct a "mental health check" which is intended for any student that might need some support and/or encouragement. Please email the appropriate counsellor with the student's cell phone number (or best number to reach them) and the best time to call. We will do our very best to call within one business day.

We are continuing to meet with both parents/guardians and students at this time, so please continue to book via teach assist, <https://ta.yrdsb.ca/live/index.php>.

Please note, all guidance counsellors will be working from home until Wednesday, February 10th (or until the government instructs otherwise). As a result, we will be calling parents/guardians (when necessary) with a "blocked" number.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your student academics and/or well-being, we encourage you to reach out to your guidance counsellor. The guidance website is also another great resource to stay updated on various items.

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Please check our guidance website for updates:

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



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Scholarship Information

University of Western Ontario – National Scholarship (school nomination required)

Due: Monday February 1st, 2021 (2:50pm) - Deadline for application to be received in guidance via email as a PDF to gabrielle.mcgill@yrdsb.ca (for school sponsorship consideration). Save and PRINT (do not hit “submit”).

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

Post-Secondary Information

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

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

Please check the College Google classroom for videos and information explaining 'How to Apply for College'.

REMINDER: College Application (equal consideration) deadline is February 1, 2021.

Volunteer Hours

Community Involvement Reminder for Graduating Students

For the 2020-2021 school year, the Ministry of Education revised the 40-hour community involvement graduation requirement by providing increased flexibility in how hours can be earned for all students, so that they will not be adversely impacted by the ongoing challenges related to COVID-19.

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> (VOLUNTEERING IN ONTARIO)

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

<http://www.sparkontario.ca>



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Specialist High Skill Major

SHSM SECTORS at MDHS

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

ARTS & CULTURE SHSM Opportunity

Students in this sector have an upcoming opportunity to complete a couple of SHSM components and a chance to participate in a contest (with a chance to win some \$\$\$). The following are some of the details as well as a link to the google permission form.

Permission form for this event is due by **Monday January 18th, 2021.**

On January 22nd and February 8th from 1 pm to 3:30 pm the YRDSB SHSM Regional team along with the MDHS SHSM Staff team has organized an **SPE ICE opportunity for Arts and Culture SHSM students with York Region Crime Stoppers.**

Every SHSM student must complete 1 SPE event within the two year program to work toward their RED SEAL.

The event includes:

- ~ Connection to Sector Partner (Crime Stoppers)
- ~ Facilitation by Y2 Entrepreneurship Labs
- ~ **ICE task will be creating this year's Crime Stoppers advertising/promotion materials**

Access to the event will be through a zoom link provided after registration.

PLEASE NOTE: That all students will be attending their regularly scheduled morning class and students are responsible for informing their afternoon teachers of their absence.

All SHSM students will receive an email in their GAPPS account with the required links and the schedule for the day. Please ensure they check your email for details.

<https://forms.gle/WJ2SBtcUVPT5MrWX9>

REGISTRATION FOR SHSM :

For Grade 11 students 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).

For Grade 10 students interested in registering for SHSM for next year (and are planning to take co-op in grade 11 or grade 12), feel free to contact Mr. Weinstein for information.

Apply to SHSM

After attending an SHSM information session, or speaking with Mr. Weinstein or Mr. Butler, you can begin the following 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 being offered centrally. Students are asked to self-report their participation using the forms posted in the google classroom. Some opportunities have already been posted by sector with many others still to come.



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Night School

Semester 2 Night School (e-learning)

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

Winter 2021 information and registration is open.

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>

Winter 2021 Registration is open and spaces are filling up.

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)

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.

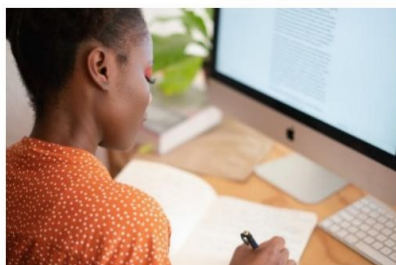


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COLLEGE INFORMATION WEEK



The YRDSB Graduation Coaches for Black Students, in partnership with various colleges, are hosting two College Information Nights for Black Students.



Two Nights of Information

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Humber College and George Brown

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Seneca College, Sheridan and Centennial

[Registration](#)

Seneca



Sheridan | Get Creative

CENTENNIAL
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**Black Foundation of
Community Networks
(BFCN)**

Scholarship Application Workshop

A FREE online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

**Friday, January 22, 2021
7 PM - 9 PM | ONLINE (Zoom)**

To participate, download Zoom and register via Eventbrite at
bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopJanuary22

For more information or to share accessibility needs, contact Cheryl at
info@bfcn.ca or 416-566-2731.

Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca.