



GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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[http://www.yrdsb.ca/
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We also have a
Guidance Google Site:

[https://
sites.google.com/
gapps.yrdsb.ca/
mdhsguidance/home](https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/mdhsguidance/home)

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

NECESSARY COURSE CHANGES for SEMESTER 2

Once Semester 2 begins elective changes will **no** longer be made as they have been performed on an ongoing basis since early October. If you require a necessary timetable change (pathway/level/prerequisite change or course failure), then please contact your alpha counsellor.

SEMESTER 1 EXAMS

Exam schedules were emailed to parents/guardians and students this week. Schedules are also posted throughout the school. Please make sure to check when and where you have your exams. Good luck to all students!

Please note that Guidance counsellors will not be scheduling appointments during exams, however they will be available for drop-ins.

MDHS COURSE SELECTIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024

In the first week of Semester 2, important information will be shared with students regarding the process for selecting their courses for the next school year. Once again, submission will be through My Pathway Planner (myBlueprint). Stay tuned for more information.

Important Upcoming Dates!

College application drop-in session—	January 24 at 11am and 2:35pm
Exam Period—	January 26—February 1, 2023
OCAS application deadline—	February 1, 2023 (for equal consideration)
PA Day—	February 3, 2023
Semester 2 begins—	February 6, 2023
Course selections—	February 16—24, 2023



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Post-Secondary Information

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

College application due date for equal consideration to programs is FEBRUARY 1, 2023.

The cost is \$110 to apply to 5 programs (with a maximum of 3 programs from the same school).

On January 24, Guidance will host a 'drop-in' in Room 104a (next to Guidance) to assist with anyone who needs help with their application. The drop-in will be at the start of lunch, and after school. If you are unable to make any of these sessions, you are welcome to see your Guidance Counsellor for assistance at any time (please book an appointment).

College Application Drop-In Session (Room 104a next to Guidance)

Tuesday, January 24: 11:00am & 2:35pm

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

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

Due: Tuesday, February 7th , 2023 (2:35pm) - Deadline for application to be received in guidance.

Night School

SEMESTER 2 REMOTE LEARNING NIGHT SCHOOL (Winter 2023)

Attention students who want to register for Night School in Semester 2. Winter registration is now open using My Pathway Planner, and courses will run from **February 16, 2023 to June 8, 2023**.

Please be advised that 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)**. Classes will be held on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:45 pm**. We encourage students to register early as course offerings are not guaranteed and are subject to sufficient enrollment.

Please visit the following website for more details and course offering information:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/night-school-credit-courses>

SEMESTER 2 ONLINE LEARNING NIGHT SCHOOL (Winter 2023)

Winter 2023 courses run from **February 21- June 5, 2023**.

Current YRDSB Student registration period: **January 31 - February 28, 2023** using My Pathway Planner.

Online Learning (formerly referred to as “e-learning”) provides students with another option to expand their educational experience. The program offers courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format . Classes occur online using an **asynchronous model**, with numerous synchronous learning opportunities offered with the teacher.

Students can expect to do a minimum of 6 hours of learning each week per course. The program offers courses that are specifically designed to be taught in a **fully online format** (formerly referred to as “e-learning”).

Online learning relies on communication between pupils and teachers. Online learning does not require pupils and teachers to be face-to-face with each other.

For more information and registration information, please visit the following website:

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/online-learning-formerly-e-learning/online-learning-night-school>



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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

SHSM SECTORS at MDHS

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

Arts & Culture:	(careers ranging from animator to writer)
Construction	(careers ranging from architect to welder)
Health & Wellness	(careers ranging from athletic trainer to zoologist)
Horticulture & Landscaping	(careers ranging from agricultural technician to wetland biologist)
Non-Profit	(careers ranging from administrative officer to women's shelter director)
Transportation	(careers ranging from auto mechanic to water transportation manager)

***Please note, there are many other careers that fall into the various sectors above.

The SHSM student website is updated with new opportunities as they are planned.

Standard First AID/CPR Level C with AED semester 2: stay tuned for more details.

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 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.

Stay tuned as we plan field trips and opportunities (in and out of the school)!

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, contact Mr. Weinstein (marc.weinstein@yrdsb.ca)

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

bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp

Complete and submit your application!

