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NECESSARY COURSE CHANGES for SEMESTER 2

Once semester two 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.

MDHS COURSE SELECTIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023

In the first week of semester two, important information will be shared with students regarding the process for selecting their courses for the next school year. Once again, submission is through My Pathway Planner (myBlueprint) and will be open from **February 16—25, 2022**. Stay tuned for more information.

POST SECONDARY INFORMATION

Scholarship Classroom code: Vlbxwry

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

Due: Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 (2:35pm) - Deadline for application to be received in guidance either via email as a PDF to gabrielle.mcgill@yrdsb.ca or dropped off in person (for school sponsorship consideration). Save and PRINT (do not hit “submit”).

University Applicants Google Classroom code – 3mpytle

College Applicants Google Classroom code – yijyrpw

College Application Deadline is February 1, 2022 (for equal consideration)

College Application Deadline is fast approaching!

Apply on or before this date in order to receive equal consideration for admission to programs starting the following fall. After this date, colleges consider applicants on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full.

Note that applications to Highly Competitive Programs must be received by this date in order to be considered.

Please check our guidance website for updates:

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



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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT REMINDER for GRADUATING STUDENTS

Students Graduating in the 2021-2022 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.

SEMESTER 2 NIGHT SCHOOL OPTIONS

Remote Learning (replacing Face-to-Face / in-person instruction)

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

- The program will be delivered virtually in real-time (**synchronous**).
- Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9:45 p.m.
- **Semester Two - Winter 2022 (registration opens Tuesday, January 4, 2022)**
- Courses run from February 17, 2022 to June 14, 2022

How to Register

1. On Tuesday, January 4, 2022, registration will open on [my Pathway Planner](#). The first night of class is Thursday, February 17, 2022.
2. After Thursday, February 10, 2022, you will need to complete an [online](#) registration form as my Pathway Planner will be closed. Once submitted, a form will be emailed to you.
3. Please share the form with your guidance counsellor and have them email it to continuing education with their approval.
4. Students may register after the first class with the understanding that it is their responsibility to catch up on any missed work.

Please note: Register early as course offerings are subject to sufficient enrollment.

Online Learning (formerly known as e-Learning)

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

- Classes occur online using an **asynchronous model**, with synchronous check-in opportunities with the teacher.
- Online Learning Night School (formerly Night School e-Learning) courses are taught by YRDSB teachers using Ontario's Virtual Learning Environment-BrightSpace by D2L.
- Winter 2022 registration for current YRDSB students is **January 25 – February 23, 2022**.
- **MyPathwayPlanner** will be used during the registration period [January 25 - February 23, 2022] to register for a course offered through Online Learning Night School.

Please contact your alpha guidance counselor to discuss eligibility prior to submitting an application via MyPathway-Planner.



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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 artist to writer)
Construction	(careers ranging from architect to welder)
Health & Wellness	(careers ranging from biomedical engineer to veterinarian)
Horticulture & Landscaping	(careers ranging from agricultural technician to wetland biologist)
Non-Profit	(careers ranging from administrative officer to social services)
Transportation	(careers ranging from auto mechanic to urban planner)

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

SHSM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

1) CPR-C with AED and First Aid Compulsory Certification

If you need to complete your CPR-C with AED and First Aid compulsory certifications, you can do so by registering for the online First Aid Awareness course from St. John Ambulance (this single elective certificate will count for BOTH compulsory certs). The course takes approximately 6 hours to complete online.

Link to register: <https://bit.ly/SHSMCPRAwareness2022>

2) **Anti-oppression and Allyship elective certificate**- this is an elective option for all sectors provided by 4 Seasons of Reconciliation.

Link to register: <https://bit.ly/SHSMAllyshipReg>

*Once you have registered please provide some time for the organizers to contact you about how to access the course (at least 1 week).

REGISTRATION FOR SHSM

For Grade 11 students interested in registering for SHSM who are in co-op this year (or who are planning to take co-op in Gr. 12), feel free to book an appointment with Mr. Weinstein for information.

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

1. bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp
2. complete the application and submit

SHSM @ MDHS

SHSM STUDENT SITE: <https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/shsm-student/home>

Take a look at the resources collected for you on the SHSM Student. There you will find:

Overview of the SHSM program and details specific to your sector (ex. how many certifications you need and what they are called).

Reach ahead, experiential and certifications opportunities you can complete when it is convenient for you. (ex. multi-sector certifications like Infection Control, Project Management and other sector specific certifications).

Self-reporting forms for you to report completion of SHSM activities that are not organized by the Regional team or by a staff member at your school.

Reminders**

*As an SHSM student please frequently check your SHSM Google Classroom and your GAPPS for SHSM opportunities. Some opportunities are time sensitive and require quick response for registration.



2021-22 SHSM REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!

SHSM Winter Conference #2

February 24th, 2022, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

- Full day virtual experience -

- * Option 1: Complete an SPE (ICE) with YR Crime Stoppers
- * Option 2: Complete an SPE (Coding- Python) with VRTA

Link to registration form for more information:

<https://bit.ly/SHSMWinterConference2>

**Stay connected to your GAPPs,
your school SHSM Google Classroom,
and the SHSM Student Google Site!**



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