



# GUIDANCE BULLETIN

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### MDHS COURSE SELECTIONS for SCHOOL YEAR 2021-22

The course selection process for 2021-22 will soon begin!  
Watch for an upcoming email to families with more information on process, dates and access codes to our MDHS Course Selections Google Classroom (which has all presentations, videos, guides, links and materials).

### NECESSARY COURSE CHANGES for SEMESTER 2

#### **Attention Adaptive and SVS students!**

Elective changes are **no** longer being 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 via email, based on the **new** alpha assignments below.

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### MENTAL HEALTH

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 your 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>.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your student academics and/or well-being, we encourage you to reach out to your guidance counsellor.



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](mailto:gabrielle.mcgill@yrdsb.ca) (for school sponsorship consideration). Save and PRINT (do not hit “submit”). NO late submissions will be accepted.

**Scholarship Google Classroom with code - [I5zjuvv](#)**

## Post-Secondary Information

**University Applicants Google Classroom code – [Inatkxp](#)**

**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

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.

**Community Involvement Forms can be found on the YRDSB website:**

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Guidance/CommunityInvolvement/Documents/FOR-communityinvolvement.pdf>

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

<https://sendingsunshine.ca>

<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**

#### **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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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.**

## Night School

**Semester Two - Winter 2021 - Registration is now open**



Register on-line by

**Winter Registration:** Is now open and the first night of class is Thursday, February 18.

**My Pathway Planner will close at noon on Thursday, February 11.**

Traditional in class face-to-face [Night School program](http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx) <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/Night-School-Credit-Courses.aspx> (Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:45 pm) will continue to use a remote learning delivery model. The program will be delivered virtually in real-time (**synchronous**).

The first night of class is Thursday February 18 and the program ends June 22. Course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and teacher availability. Should a course be cancelled, YRDSB students will receive an email through their gapps account while non YRDSB students will be contacted by phone.

Please check your gapps account or my Pathway Course Planner and visit the [course offerings](#) to see if your selected course has been cancelled.



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## A.B.L.E. Scholarship Opportunity



The Association of Black Law Enforcers (A.B.L.E.) created its Scholarship Program to commemorate the contributions of Rose Fortune (1774-1864) and Peter C. Butler III (1859-1943) – the first Black police officers in Canada. By awarding scholarships, A.B.L.E. assists Black and visible minority students in achieving their educational and career aspirations.

A.B.L.E. is committed to ensuring that the criminal justice system is reflective of the entire Canadian mosaic, by providing opportunities for our young people to serve, protect, and correct.

Please share the following information with graduating Students accepted at a designated educational institution that may be interested in this scholarship opportunity:

[Application Form](#)  
[Candidate Letter](#)  
[Selection Criteria](#)

Application deadline has been extended to March 22, 2021 at 5:00pm.

For any questions, students may contact the Scholarship & Awards Committee Chair at [ablescholarship@gmail.com](mailto:ablescholarship@gmail.com).

HIGH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

FRIENDS OF THE ROUGE WATERSHED'S

# GREY TREE FROG APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Are you a high school student who wants to:

- ✓ Help reverse climate change while helping Mother Nature?
- ✓ Gain ecological knowledge and restoration experience?
- ✓ Learn about and enjoy Nature while exploring green careers?

**JOIN US THIS MARCH BREAK!**

Friends of the Rouge Watershed (FRW) will host the three-day online Grey Tree Frog Apprentice Program via Zoom. Apprentices will receive a scientific introduction to ecology, ecological restoration, climate change, ecosystem decline and environmental problem solving. Apprentices will learn how to overcome environmental challenges through education, leadership, planning, communication, and individual and community action. Apprentices will develop job and life skills and contribute to improved watershed, ecosystem and community health.

Upon completion of the program, students will receive:

- Up to 20 community service hours
- Certificate of completion
- Personalized letter of reference

   @frwatershed

GREY TREE FROG



APPRENTICESHIP RUNS ONLINE MARCH 16-18, 2021  
SPOTS ARE LIMITED!  
APPLY BEFORE FEBRUARY 19, 2021 AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/KFCCDSL](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/kfCCDSL)  
OR CONTACT [THIVYAH@FRW.CA](mailto:THIVYAH@FRW.CA)