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Semester 2 timetable change requests can now be made with your alpha counsellor. Kindly book an appointment through TeachAssist to discuss your request.

- 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 you will not be attending in person, please send us an email so we can coordinate. Our Counsellors look forward to meeting with you!

Please note: If guardians/parents wish to make an appointment with their student’s guidance counsellor, please feel free to give us a call at 905-294-1886 ext. 515.

Guidance office hours: Monday- Friday 7:45am—3:45pm

Phone# (905) 294-1886 plus extension provided above

Important Upcoming Dates!

University Application Deadline: January 13, 2022

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

Please check our guidance website for updates:

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





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Guidance News

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship Classroom code: **Vlboxwry**

****NEW**** Grade 12 students who are graduating this year do NOT need school sponsorship in order to apply to the LORAN. There is only one application deadline which is **Thursday, October 13th, 2021**.

Please see the first installment of *the Scholarship Report*, this report contains important deadlines for **upcoming scholarships**. Copy and paste this link into your browser:

http://seekingscholarships.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/ScholarshipReport_Sep-Oct-2021-AAA.pdf

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

University Applicants Google Classroom code – **3mpytle**

College Applicants Google Classroom code – **yijyrpw**

University & College Information Session #1

Guidance hosted the first in a series of post-secondary research & planning sessions for Grade 12 university and/or college applicants. Information Session #1 was held on Oct 7 during period 4. Students who were on spare that period can view the presentation on their own time. Drop-in Q&A sessions are also available for students to ask questions after they have viewed the presentation. Don't forget to join the Google Classrooms for university applicants (3mpytle), college applicants (yijyrpw) and scholarships (vlboxwry).

Drop-in Q&A Sessions

University Applicants: (use University GC meet code)

- Thurs Oct 7 @ 3:30—4:30 pm
- Thurs Oct 7 @ 6:00—7:00 pm
- **Tues Oct 12 @ 3:30—4:30 pm**



College Applicants:

- Thurs Oct 7 @ 3:30-4:30 pm (meet.google.com/znh-tnnq-vbc)
- **Tuesday October 12 @ 3:30—4:30 pm and 5:00—5:30 pm** (meet.google.com/pbo-gfa-yxa)

For Parents/Guardians of Grade 12 applicants

- **Wed Oct 13 @ 6:00—7:00 pm** (meet.google.com/uma-jhdw-cij)

THE ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES' FAIRS (OUFs) GO VIRTUAL!

Ontario's universities are hosting the OUFs virtual events in Fall 2021: **Tuesday, October 26, 5—7 pm**

All Ontario universities will participate in these events. The events are free and anyone may attend.

NO pre-registration required. Each event has four 30-minute sessions, where students can learn about the universities and programs of their choice and ask questions.

<https://www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca/>



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College Mondays



Meet College representatives and learn valuable information about different schools every Monday via Zoom. You choose the schools you want to learn about!

Please visit the following website for more information and to REGISTER:

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/college-recruitment>

Ready to explore your future with Ontario community colleges? In just four sessions, you will be able to meet with representatives from all Ontario community colleges.

Every Monday in October and November, there will be four panel groups running simultaneously on Zoom, each made up of six to seven colleges.

Each group will provide:

- A brief overview of the Ontario community college system
- Highlights from each college on the panel
- Time to ask your questions to individual college representatives

These virtual events replace the College Information Program (CIP) events that run annually across the province.

College Mondays Panels:

Panel 1

Conestoga
Canadore
Fleming
Humber
Michener
Ridgetown
Sault

Panel 3

Cambrian
Centennial
Durham
Fanshawe
Georgian
La Cité

Panel 2

Algonquin
Boréal
Mohawk
Niagara
Northern
Seneca
St. Lawrence

Panel 4

Confederation
George Brown
Lambton
Loyalist
Sheridan
St. Clair



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Community Involvement/Volunteering

This applies to grade 12 students graduating only.

In 2021-22, the required number of hours for community involvement activities will be reduced from 40 hours to a minimum of **20** hours for graduating students. This is consistent with changes made in the 2020-21 school year.

Applies to all grades 9-12.

At the principal's discretion, the following activities will be deemed eligible for all secondary students for their community involvement activities in the 2021-22 school year:

- ⇒ Activities such as walking a younger neighbour or sibling to and from school, helping younger siblings with their homework, helping elderly relatives with errands, providing after-school care for a younger sibling etc. - up to a maximum of **10 hours**.
- ⇒ Activities that include up to **10 hours** of paid work, with the requirement to complete a reflection exercise indicating how their work contributed to service for others (e.g., grocery work during the pandemic)

Here are the steps you must follow in order to ensure your hours are approved.

Step 1: Review the list of eligible activities as set out on the YRDSB website.

Step 2: Select an activity. Students may want to contact one or more of the following charitable organizations; community agencies · community centers · government offices · service clubs · volunteer centers

Step 3: Complete the notification portion of the Notification and Completion of Community Involvement Activities Form by contacting your Guidance Counsellor to discuss via email or by making an appointment on TeachAssist.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/migrate/files/FOR-communityinvolvement.pdf>

Contact your guidance counsellor if you are unsure if your activity will count. In the event that you do not discuss the volunteer activity with your Guidance Counsellor, then you run the risk of your hours not counting.

Step 4: Complete your volunteer activities

Step 5: Submit the completed form. Ensure that all sections are completed, including parent signature, supervisor name, title and contact details. Then submit the completed form to Guidance.

If you have any questions, please contact your alpha counsellor.

The Guidance Team



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Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)

SHSM SECTORS at MDHS

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

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

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

Reminder: Grade 12 SHSM students should check that they are on track to earn their Red Seal.

***If you are missing a certification (e.g. Working at Heights for Construction, Standard First Aid/CPR Level C – offered as an awareness course this year and last year due to COVID restrictions), there will be opportunities to earn them. If you are missing other SHSM requirements (e.g. courses, Reach Aheads, Experiential Learning), inquire on the MDHS SHSM students site to see how you may be able to complete these requirements.

CERTIFICATIONS / REACH AHEADS and EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:

If you have earned certificates outside of school (e.g. St. John's Babysitting, Standard First Aid/CPR Level C, Leadership, customer service, or others), please use the self-reporting link in the student SHSM site so that you can earn credit. This can also be used for Reach Ahead and Experiential Learning activities completed by you.

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 coop in grade 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.

October 14th: YRDSB Student launch for SHSM programming for this school year. Details will be sent through gapps from the SHSM regional team.



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FOR CURRENT SHSM STUDENTS:

Please check your GAPPs for the email regarding the first SHSM conference of the 2021-22 school year, the SHSM Student Launch on **October 14th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.**

Morning:

SHSM Launch and Overview of the 2021-22 SHSM Program

Afternoon: Choice of:

- A: Centennial College Workshops (ex. Biomedical, Architecture, Networking, Electronics...). This will be a reach ahead and an experiential.
- B: Micro-credential: Microsoft Office tools or Adobe Suite Overview. This will be an experiential.
- C: Continue work on Anti-oppression and Allyship Certificate (can be done asynchronously on your own time if you choose option A or B). Elective certification.

Students who wish to take part are being given permission to stay at home. Please assist your parent/guardians to fill out the permission form.



Join us on a night to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways and our Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information night if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the skilled trades
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information on this program to better prepare for this pathway, or
- you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9-12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades

Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!

Automotive Service Technician	Baker	Cook
Electrician	Plumber	Carpenter
Child Development Practitioner	Drywall Finisher & Plasterer	Motorcycle Technician
Floor Covering Installer	Hairstylist <i>(pending approval)</i>	
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Air Systems Mechanic	Truck and Coach Technician	

Join us on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM!

REGISTER AT: www.bit.ly/OYAP_OPENHOUSE

7:00 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB and MLTSD

7:30 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs

8:30 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB

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