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Message from Guidance

Apologies, it's a LOT of info, but all important:).....

FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES

The next Family Night presentation is quickly approaching on **February 5th @ 6:30pm**, to support families in **Course Selection** for next year. This is a big one. We will start right on time. Please join a few minutes early. **The link to the February 5th presentation** will be found on [Family Night Agenda](#), and includes information on Closed Captioning in a preferred language. Students will receive Course Selection information assemblies during school hours on February 7th and 10th.

COURSE SELECTION - FOR NEXT YEAR:

Course Selection will be open in [myBluePrint/myPathwayPlanner](#) for submission on **February 13, closing on February 21, 2025**. Students can enter courses at any point now, but MUST be locked in by February 21st. There is no advantage to submitting early, so please make your selection carefully, as elective changes (unless pathway changes) can be incredibly challenging.

IMPORTANT: Students in **Grade 10 and 11** should be exploring Post-Secondary interests to review program requirements, so as to be able to choose potentially required Grade 11&12 pre-requisite courses in February for next year's **Course Selection**. Course selection options/information can be found [here](#) on the Guidance website, as well as reviewing post-secondary information and links [here](#). Gr 11 research information can be examined [here](#), as well as a presentation that was delivered to Grade 10s [here](#) (scroll down in the link). Courses must be locked in by February 21st. Course selection tips and advice will be shared at the **February 5th Family Night webinar**, and many questions answered. Families making decisions about Math, in particular, may want to start to review the [Guidance Math Pathway information document](#).

Guidance will open soon after Semester 2 begins, to start meeting with families to assist with course selection. Families are welcome to join by video link, but students must be in person. Families can book via the [TeachAssist Parent Portal](#) (see appt

[instructions](#), if needed). If requiring a link, please [email the counsellor](#) to let them know. We also suggest families book 2 appts in a row, as you often have excellent questions that take up more time than just one slot:)

COURSE CHANGES – SEMESTER 2:

Waitlists for courses begin in June after the timetable has been built, ensuring students who did not get a preferred course have first dibs when a course opens up. Additionally, Guidance continues to monitor, honour, and add to the waitlists in the very first week of school, *all the way up to the start of semester 2*, as it is important to us to try to meet the changing needs of students in all ways that we can. At this time, adding to a waitlist for all grades is closed, and there is no more possible movement in Gr 9 and 10. Grade 11 and 12 students received a list of available seats and were given a final opportunity to make changes. **For course must-haves in Semester 2 at this late date, students will be encouraged to work with a counsellor to find ways to support their needs.** For students who were unsuccessful in a *compulsory course* in Semester 1, families are encouraged to connect with Guidance for planning, if this has not yet occurred.

NIGHT SCHOOL – SEMESTER 2:

YRDSB Sem 2 Night School registration is still Open, however many courses now have waitlists. Students **must register on myBlueprint, as well as complete a [Google form that provides Guardian consent](#)**. No registrations will be approved without both MBP and the form being completed. Students can review YRDSB [course options](#). **The first night of class is Thursday, February 13, 2025** and the program **ends Thursday, June 5, 2025**. Please be advised that the Night School program (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). Students can also look into Night School course options at other Boards. Their registration deadlines and process will each be different. Students wishing to register externally would need to review the process for receiving permissions and seek Guidance support.

SUMMER CO-OP INFORMATION:

Summer Co-op Programs are offered through Continuing Education and supported by Curriculum & Instructional Services. Summer Co-op is available for students entering Grade 11 or 12 in the fall. However, Grade 12 students who could not fit co-op into their regular timetables and require it for graduation will be given priority. Students must be available for all scheduled dates.

There will be a summer co-op information session for students held virtually on February 12, 2025 from 4pm - 5pm. All students interested in applying are encouraged to attend. Students can register for the information session through yrdsb.cc/summercoopinfo.

Summer Co-op Programs 2025

<p>SHSM 2-Credit Co-op: Mackenzie Health & Scarborough Health Network</p>	<p>This program has an early registration deadline.</p> <p>The SHSM Summer Co-op Program is for SHSM students in the Health & Wellness or Business sectors (for non-clinical positions), interested in working at Mackenzie Health/Cortellucci Hospital <u>or</u> Scarborough Health Network. Students may only apply to one hospital of their choice.</p> <p>Application is limited to SHSM students entering Grade 12 who could not schedule Co-op into their regular timetables.</p> <p>This program is being offered in collaboration with YRDSB and YCDSB.</p> <p>The SHSM 2-credit summer co-op program is a blended learning model running from May 6, 2025 to August 1, 2025.</p> <p>Pre-placement classes will take place in-person and virtually from 5:00–9:00 pm.</p> <p>In-person classes will take place at Richmond Green Secondary School at 1 William F. Bell Pkwy, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9.</p> <p>Students placed with Mackenzie Health Hospital must complete a mandatory two-week volunteer component at</p>	<p><u>Registration Link</u></p> <p>Opens: Friday, February 14, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Closes: Monday, February 24, 2025 by 4:00 p.m.</p>
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	<p>Mackenzie Health Hospital from August 5th to August 18th, 2025.</p> <p>Program Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-placement classes: May 6 (in-person), May 13, May 20, May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17 (in-person), June 26 • Integration classes: To be determined • Placement: July 2, 2025 – August 1, 2025 (40 hours per week) • Mackenzie Health Volunteer Dates: August 5, 2025 – August 18, 2025 	
2-Credit Co-op	<p>This program has an early registration deadline.</p> <p>The 2-credit summer co-op program is a blended learning model running from May 6, 2025 to August 1, 2025. Pre-placement classes will take place in-person and virtually from 5:00–9:00 pm. In-person classes will take place at Richmond Green Secondary School at 1 William F. Bell Pkwy, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 2T9.</p> <p>Students entering Grade 11 and Grade 12 may apply.</p> <p>Program Dates</p>	<p><u>Registration Link</u></p> <p>Opens: Friday February 14, 2025 at 9:00am</p> <p>Deadline: Friday March 7, 2025 by 4:00pm</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-placement classes: May 6 (in-person), May 13, May 20, May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17 (in-person), June 26 • Integration classes: To be determined • Placement: July 2, 2025 - August 1, 2025 (40 hours per week) 	
1-Credit Co-op	<p>This program has an early registration deadline.</p> <p>Students will participate in virtual and in-person learning with their Co-op teacher and in-person/virtual Co-op placements in their community from July 2, 2025 to July 25, 2025. Location of the in-person classes is to be determined at a later date.</p> <p>Students entering Grade 11 and Grade 12 may apply.</p> <p>Program Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Placement Classes: July 2 - July 4 (location to be determined) • Integration Classes: To be determined • Placement: July 7 - July 25 (40 hours/week) 	<p><u>Registration Link</u></p> <p>Opens: Friday February 14, 2025 at 9:00am</p> <p>Deadline: Friday March 7, 2025 by 4:00pm</p>

1-Credit ALEP	<p>One Credit ALEP is available to students in grades 10–12 interested in earning a credit in July through a paid placement.</p> <p>Students will participate in remote/in-person learning and will be required to have a full-time job from July 2, 2025 to July 25, 2025.</p> <p>Employers must meet with the summer ALEP teacher for a placement assessment before students are accepted into the program.</p> <p>Program Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 2 – July 25 (approximately 40 hours/week) • Pre-placement and integration classes will be determined with the summer ALEP teacher. 	<p>Registration will open with regular summer school through My Pathways Planner in April.</p>
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All programs are pending enrolment and availability. Students will be contacted by the Pathways team in Curriculum and Instructional Services when their enrolment is confirmed. More information about Summer Co-op Programs can be found at www.yrdsb.ca/summer-pathway. There is a flyer for schools to share with their students and communities.

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Applications to OCAS (Ontario Colleges) are due February 1st. Be sure if applying, that your student chooses the max of 5 programs and a start date of September 2025.

For Gr 12 students – as Semester 1 comes to a close, please ensure that any **Private School or alternative Board report cards** are submitted to Markville Guidance.

Private schools must upload to OUAC/OCAS, but the course does not count towards a student Transcript, unless MSS uploads the report card. Private schools can email counsellors directly; TDSB, etc would need to be provided via the student. The OUAC / OCAS upload will occur on February 13th. After this date, students in external Public Board Night School will need to walk into Guidance to ensure their courses are visible in the system. Sem 2 Private courses must be made visible by the Private schools.

Guidance will present to Gr 12 students on **Accepting Your Offer** on **February 24th @ 3:30** virtually. We will post reminders in the Guidance Google Classroom. Our last presentation will be to students/families on **March 19th @ 6:30pm** regarding **Funding Your Education – OSAP, etc.** via Family Night Webinar.

JANUARY STUDENT WELLNESS *Spotlight* **Quick mindfulness strategies and audio recordings to help manage stress and anxiety**

Many students in our school will be writing final exams for the first time next month. This can be a stressful and overwhelming experience for many. Access short audio recordings to help your child/student manage the many emotions they may be experiencing at this time of year as they prepare for final exams and assignments.

[Newsletter Translation Instructions](#)

Have a great weekend and good luck to those studying for exams!
Your Guidance Team~



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