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## Meeting Details

Date / Time	<b>Monday, November 20, 2023 6:30pm to 8:00pm</b> <b>Location: School Cafeteria</b>
Theme	<b><i>Planning for the Future</i></b> <b>Hosted by Guidance Department – Mr. Alkins, Ms. Rai, Ms. Ceausu</b>

## Agenda and Minutes

#	Topic	Lead
1.	<p><b>Post-secondary Pathways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeship and skilled trade</li> <li>• College</li> <li>• University</li> <li>• Gap year (community living, employment, travel, volunteering and more) → be intentional and be sure to have a week by week plan!</li> </ul> <p><b>OSSD Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 compulsory credits</li> <li>• 12 elective/interest/optional credits</li> <li>• Literacy requirement               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT), written in Grade 10 year, measure whether students are meeting minimum literacy standard up to the end of Grade 9</li> <li>○ Passing grade: minimum 75% or minimum score of 300 out of total 400</li> <li>○ If student did not successfully pass the OSSLT, they can retake the test or enroll in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course to fulfil the literacy requirement</li> <li>○ 1 test session in Fall and 1 test session in Spring</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 40 community involvement hours</li> <li>• 2 online learning credits (can choose to opt-out)</li> </ul> <p><b>Full-time Status</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 credits each year from grades 9 to 11</li> <li>• Grade 12 year: minimum 6 courses (3 in each semester)</li> </ul> <p><b>Full Disclosure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only successfully completed Grade 9 and 10 courses will be on transcript</li> <li>• Grade 11 and 12 courses will appear on transcript whether students pass them or not</li> <li>• If students don't want a course shown on the official transcript, the course must be dropped before the "full disclosure" date</li> </ul> <p><b>Course Types in Grades 11 and 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C - college</li> <li>• E - workplace</li> <li>• M - university/college</li> <li>• U - university</li> <li>• O - open</li> </ul>	<b>Guidance Department</b>



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### Pre-requisite Planning

- “My Pathway Planner” clearly states all prerequisites for each course – <https://mypathwayplanner.yrdsb.ca>
- Course calendar is available here: <https://app.myblueprint.ca/public/courses/yrdsb/thornlea1>

### Math Pathways

- Typical pathway for university bound students: MCR3U Grade 11 Functions → MHF4U Grade 12 Advanced Functions, MCV4U Grade 12 Calculus & Vectors, and/or MDM4U Grade 12 Data Management
- If student is struggling in Grade 10 math (a grade in the 50-55 range), it'll be difficult to do well in MCR3U as there will be a huge learning gap
- University applicants' competitive average is around 90; or around 95 for highly competitive programs
- Other math pathways:
  - MCF3M Grade 11 Functions & Applications → MDM4U Grade 12 Data Management
  - MBF3C Grade 11 Foundations for College Math → MAP4C Grade 12 Foundations for College Math
  - MEL3E Grade 11 Math for Work & Everyday Life → MEL4E Grade 12 Math for Work & Everyday Life
- If not enough demand, courses will not be offered

### Other Ways of Earning Credits

- Asynchronous online learning: day e-learning, night e-learning, summer school
- Remote synchronous night school (every Tuesday & Thursday)
- In-person summer school (month of July)
- Dual credits (see below for more details)
- Co-operative education (see below for more details)
- Check each post-secondary school's admission policy for courses taken outside of regular day school
  - University of Waterloo requires students to explain why a course was taken outside of regular day school
  - If a course is taken outside Thornlea, student must confirm with Guidance that the school is a Ministry approved school, and transcript must be delivered to Guidance in a signed and sealed envelope

### Guidance Support

- Course selection process
- Community involvement at the school level
- University and college info session for Grade 11 and 12 students
- College and university fairs
- College, university, and apprenticeship application
- Graduation awards - nomination procedures
- Scholarships/awards - nomination procedures

### Guidance Google Classroom

- Lots of important information on the Guidance Google classroom – student should regularly check for new postings
- Volunteering and learning opportunities
- Scholarship info
- OCAS deadlines and updates
- OUAC deadlines and updates



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	<p><b>AP Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2-year program for Grade 11 and 12</li> <li>• Achieving a level of 4 or 5 on the College Board AP exams → may be eligible to receive credit in university</li> <li>• College Board AP exam is about \$175 for each course</li> <li>• Ontario universities will accept up to 2 credit exemption</li> <li>• There are various AP Scholar awards available <a href="https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/awards-recognitions/ap-scholar-award">https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/awards-recognitions/ap-scholar-award</a></li> <li>• Beneficial when applying to US universities but not mandatory</li> </ul> <p><b>Post-secondary Pathways Research</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ By end of Grade 12, Ontario colleges require you to have successfully completed ENG4C or ENG4U in addition to a mix of C,M,and U type courses</li> <li>○ <a href="https://ontariocolleges.ca">https://ontariocolleges.ca</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• University:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="https://ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca">https://ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
2.	<p><b>Cooperative Education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community based experiential learning; similar to an internship</li> <li>• Integrates classroom course expectations with practical experience in the workplace; job shadowing, training, work experience</li> <li>• Placements:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cold calling</li> <li>○ Students may already have contacts</li> <li>○ Schools may already have partnership with businesses or organizations (hospital, daycare, body shop, law firm)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 2,3 and 4 credit packages available</li> <li>• 2 sections run in each semester - placement in the morning or afternoon</li> <li>• First 2 weeks in-school learning with Co-op teacher, such as resume writing, interview preparation</li> <li>• Rest of semester at placement/workplace</li> <li>• Some integration days held throughout semester (in class)</li> <li>• On site visit by Co-op teacher a few times during the semester</li> <li>• Benefits of the program: hands-on experience, job readiness, learning skills, course connections, personalized instruction and delivery</li> <li>• Can count towards 2 of the compulsory courses for OSSD</li> <li>• But does not count towards the top 6 Grade 12 course average for university application</li> <li>• To enroll: Select Co-op during course selection, attend pre-course interview, submit application package, attend small group interview</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/DeptPrograms/coop/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/DeptPrograms/coop/Pages/default.aspx</a></li> <li>• OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program) and Accelerated OYAP:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Skilled trade</li> <li>○ Must be registered with the Ministry of Labour</li> <li>○ AOYAP: 8-week block of training</li> <li>○ <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/DeptPrograms/coop/Pages/ Apprenticeships.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/DeptPrograms/coop/Pages/ Apprenticeships.aspx</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Co-op Teacher:</b> <b>Ms. Livi</b></p>



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<p>3.</p>	<p><b>“Let’s talk SHSM – Specialist High Skills Major”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas of focus include: health and wellness, business, arts and culture</li> <li>• 5 requirements:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ bundle of 8 to 10 Grade 11 and 12 credits (4 major/focus courses, 2 to 3 other courses, 2 Co-op)</li> <li>○ sector recognized certification and training courses (first aid, CPR, WHMIS and more)</li> <li>○ Co-op: can earn 2 credits through Co-op in SHSM related field</li> <li>○ reach ahead experiences in the student’s post-secondary destination of choice</li> <li>○ sector-partnered contextualized experience</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SHSM Red Seal recognition on the OSSD</li> <li>• Some colleges offer scholarship</li> <li>• How to apply?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Request SHSM on YRDSB’s MyPathwayPlanner</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/DeptPrograms/specprog/Pages/SHSM.aspx">http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/thornlea.ss/DeptPrograms/specprog/Pages/SHSM.aspx</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Regional SHSM Teacher:</b> <b>Mr. Wineberg</b></p> <p>Email: ryan.wineberg@yrdsb.ca</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Dual Credits program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 credits for 1 course → earn elective high school credit toward your OSSD and college credit that counts toward a college diploma</li> <li>• Students are in congregated class with only other high school dual credit students</li> <li>• All free (tuition, transportation, textbooks, uniform, etc.)</li> <li>• Students can take 1 to 2 courses per semester (total of 4 throughout high school)</li> <li>• Is Dual Credits right for you?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Good fit for Grade 11 and 12 who want to go to college, want to explore career option, or want to take electives not offered in their high school</li> <li>○ Typically not for students who want to go to university</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Check out the dual credit flyer for course offerings (available through Guidance)</li> <li>• Timetable/frequency: classes are once a week at the college; spare period on other days</li> <li>• Typical timetable: 2 to 3 courses (at your home high school) in the morning and early afternoon; period 4 is usually a spare to accommodate afternoon dual credit course</li> <li>• Registration: contact Guidance → complete Google form → use YRDSB gapps email only</li> <li>• About 400 to 500 students in the Dual Credits program across YRDSB</li> </ul>	<p><b>Regional Dual Credit Teacher:</b> <b>Mr. Scire</b></p> <p>Email: leo.scire@yrdsb.ca</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>College Pathways and Scholarships</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colleges             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Offer degrees</li> <li>○ Career ready, industry aligned, expert faculty</li> <li>○ Flexible delivery options: in-person, online</li> <li>○ Work-integrated learning opportunities: Co-op, placement, internship, clinical/lab, capstone project, applied research</li> <li>○ <a href="https://ontransfer.ca">https://ontransfer.ca</a></li> <li>○ Diploma to degree pathways</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>George Brown College:</b> <b>Ms. Robyn Papoff</b></p> <p>Email: rpapoff@georgebrown.ca</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College application roadmap:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Research and apply at OCAS <a href="https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en">https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en</a></li> <li>2 Direct entry: six Grades 11-12 U or M credits OR bridge from an Ontario college diploma program to degree</li> <li>3 Accept your offer on OCAS</li> <li>4 Pay deposit to confirm your spot (\$250 - 500)                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Equal consideration deadline: Feb 1</li> <li>○ Deadline to confirm offer: May 1</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>• Scholarship, awards, bursaries             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$249 million in scholarship and financial aid</li> <li>○ Average scholarship value is \$2668</li> <li>○ Many scholarships/awards are renewable</li> <li>○ Some scholarships are automatically offered to you; some require application</li> <li>○ Go to the college/university website to check scholarships/awards</li> <li>○ Research for scholarships:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Unions and associations</li> <li>▪ Ductape award</li> <li>▪ <a href="http://scholarshipscanada.com">scholarshipscanada.com</a></li> <li>▪ <a href="http://yconic.com">yconic.com</a></li> <li>▪ international student: <a href="http://cicic.ca">cicic.ca</a></li> <li>▪ <a href="http://educanada.ca">educanada.ca</a></li> <li>▪ crowd funding</li> <li>▪ <a href="http://higheredpoints.com">higheredpoints.com</a> (loyalty programs like Aeroplan, Amex, CIBC, TD)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
6.	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm</li> </ul>	