## MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL
### SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR 2008 – 2009

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Aug. 26-28  Registration
Sept.  2  First Day of School (Grade 9-Modified Schedule)
Sept.  2  Staff Meeting (Mandatory attendance)
Sept.  3  First Day of School (Grades 10-12)
Sept.  5  Grade Assemblies (Gr. 10-12)
Sept. 11  Picture Day
Sept. 15  Heads Meetin
Sept. 15-18  Safety Week (Code Red Drill)
Sept. 17  School Council
Sept. 22-24  LEADER 1 Retreat
Sept. 24  University Info. Session #1 assembly
Sept. 24  Gr. 9 Welcome Day
Sept. 24  Subject Award Ceremony
Sept. 25  Wind Symphony - Markham Fair
Sept. 25  Terry Fox Day
Sept. 26  P.A. Day (no classes)
Sept. 26  Ontario University Information Fair
Sept. 30-Oct. 1  Rosh Hashanah (Significant Faith Day)
  1  Eid-ul-fitr (Significant Faith Day)
Oct.  2  Free the Children Gr. 10 Assembly
Oct.  2  Scholarship Information Session @ lunch
Oct.  3  Last Day to Add a Course
Oct.  6  Staff Meeting
Oct.  6-10  Student Council Spirit Week
Oct.  7-8  Gr. 9/10 Bullying Survey (English Classes)
Oct.  8  College Information Session #1
Oct.  8-9  Early Intervention Reports
Oct.  9  Yom Kippur (Significant Faith Day)
Oct. 10  Gr. 9 Music – Food Drive
Oct. 13  Thanksgiving Day
Oct. 14-20  Sukkot
Oct. 15  LEAD “Me to We” Day
Oct. 15  School Council
Oct. 16-17  Guidance Visits – Gr. 9 Geography Classes
Oct. 20  Picture Re-take day
Oct. 20  Ontario College Information Fair
Oct. 20  Heads Meeting
Oct. 21  Math League
Oct. 23  Student Council Octoberfest / Club Day
Oct. 24  PA Day (no classes)
Oct. 27-Oct. 31  Amnesty International Week
Oct. 28  Diwali (Significant Faith Day)
Oct. 31  SAC Halloween Events
Oct 31  All Saints’ Day
Nov.  3  Staff Meeting
Nov.  3-14  Grad Photos
Nov.  5  Gr. 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
Nov.  5  Take our Gr. 8 to High School Day
Nov.  6-7  OMEA Music Conference
Nov.  6  School Dance
Nov.  6  Beach Volleyball Tournament
Nov. 10  PT Day (No Classes)
Nov. 11  Remembrance Day
Nov. 12-13  Destinations Assemblies Gr. 11
Nov. 13  Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji
Nov 13/14  Gr. 9 Music retreat
Nov. 14  Report Card Issued
Nov. 17  Heads Meeting
Nov. 18  Math League
Nov. 19  School Council
Nov. 19  Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge
Nov. 20  Strive Conference
Nov. 21  SAC Dodge-ball Tournament
Nov. 21  Last Day to Drop a Course (Full Disclosure)
Nov. 22  Grade 10 Band Rehearsal

Nov. 26  University Information Session #2 (PTT)
Nov. 27  Parents’ Night 5-8 p.m.
Nov. 28  PT Day (No Classes)
Dec.  1  Staff Meeting
Dec.  3  College Info. Session #2 (PTT)
Dec.  3-4  Winter Music Concerts - Markham Theatre
Dec.  8  Door Decorating Contest Begins
Dec.  9  Elementary Music Concert 1
Dec.  9  Eid-ul-Adha (Significant Faith Day)
Dec. 10  Bullying Prevention Assemblies
Dec. 15  Heads Meeting
Dec. 16  Elementary Music Concert 2
Dec. 16  Math League
Dec. 16  LEAD Free the Children Run
Dec. 17  School Council
Dec. 18  Last day for field trips
Dec. 19  Holiday Assembly
Dec. 22  Hanukkah
Dec. 22-Jan. 5  Winter Holidays
Dec. 25  Christmas (Western) (Significant Faith Day)

2009

Jan.  5  Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh
Jan.  6  Staff Meeting
Jan.  7  Christmas-Eastern (Significant Faith Day)
Jan.  7  Ashura
Jan. 12  Heads Meeting
Jan. 13  Math League
Jan. 15  10 Period Day
Jan.16-23  Exams
Jan.16-23  Guidance Visits to Elementary Schools
Jan. 21  School Council
Jan. 26  Lunar New Year (Significant Faith Day)
Jan. 28-29  Guidance Visits Gr. 9 Math Classes
Jan. 30  PT Day (No Classes)
Feb.  2  Field Trips Resume;
Feb.  2  Staff Meeting
Feb.  5  Gr. 8 Parents’ Night
Feb.  5  Report Cards Issued
Feb.  5, 10, 17  Sports Night (Key Club)
Feb.  6  DECA Provincial Competition
Feb.  7  York U Band Festival
Feb.  9  Gr. 9 Band Performance Night
Feb.  9-13  OBA Concert Band Festival
Feb. 10  Course Request Information Assemblies
Feb. 10  American Math Contest 10/12
Feb. 11  Department Open House
Feb. 12  Semi Formal (Key Club)
Feb. 13  SAC Valentines Day Events
Feb. 16  Family Day (No Classes)
Feb. 17-18  Music Fest Canada Jazz Regionals at MDHS
Feb. 17  Heads Meeting
Feb. 18  Gr. 9-11 Math Contests
Feb. 18  School Council
Feb. 19  Parents Night 5-8pm
Feb. 20  Course Request Sheets due
Feb. 24  Canadian Computing Competition
Feb. 24  Math League
Feb. 24 – 27  Ontario Vocal Festival
Feb. 25  Ash Wednesday
Feb. 25  LEAD Heart and Stroke Campaign
Feb. 26  Ski Club Night Ski
Feb. 27  Black History Festival
Feb. 27  Wind Symphony – GTI Festival of Bands
Mar.  1  Gr. 10 Band-Markham Joint Concert
Mar.  2  Staff Meeting
Mar.  3-4  Ontario Vocal Jazz Festival
Mar.  5  Ski Club Full Day Alpine

Mar.  5  Battle of the Bands
Mar. 10  Phys Ed Ski Trip
Mar. 16-22  March Break
Mar. 20  Naw Ruz
Mar. 24  Gr. 10 Practice Literacy Test; Gr. 9 Limelight on Literacy
Mar. 24  Math League
Mar. 25  School Council
Mar 31 Apr. 1  SAC Nomination Forms Distributed
Apr.  1  Math Exam (AIME)
Apr.  1  SAC Nomination Forms Distributed
Apr.  2  EQAO Gr. 10 Literacy Test – Modified Day Schedule
Apr.  6  Staff Meeting
Apr.  7  Euclid Math Contest
Apr.  8  Fryer, Galois, Hypatia Math Contest
Apr.  9  Coll. + Univ. PIT Talk – Accepting Offers of Admission
Apr.  9-17  Passover (Significant Faith Days)
Apr. 10  Good Friday (Significant Faith Day)
Apr. 13  Easter Monday (Holiday)
Apr. 14  Baisakhi (Significant Faith Day)
Apr. 15  School Council
Apr. 16  SAC Spirit Day
Apr. 16  Marks distributed to students
Apr. 17  Holy Friday (Significant Faith Day)
Apr. 20-22  LEAD 2 Retreat
Apr. 21  Ridvan (Significant Faith Day)
Apr. 23  Beach Volleyball Tournament
Apr. 24  Cabaret Music Night
Apr. 27  Student Council Elections Campaign Begins
Apr. 29  LEAD Cancer Society Campaign
May  1  Student Council Elections Assembly
May  4  Staff Meeting
May  4-8  Visual Arts Week
May  5  Artscapes 2008
May  6  AP Exam Calculus 8am-12 pm
May  6-7  Spring Music Concerts Markham Theatre
May  6-7  AP Exam English Lit. 8am-12
May  7  Gr. 12 Installation Project Tour
May  8  Wedding (Faith Day)
May  8  May Day
May 11  AP Exam Physics 12-4pm
May 15  Gr. 10 Band to Music Festival - Wonderland
May 18  Victoria Day Holiday
May 19  Heads Meeting
May 20  School Council
May 22  Last day for field trips
May 22  PROM
May 25-29  Arts Camp
May 29  Shavuot
June  1  Staff Meeting
June  2  Gr. 12 Music Recital Night
June  4  Music Banquet
June  8  Teacher Appreciation BBQ
June 9-13  Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Mathematics
June 11  Athletic Banquet
June 17  School Council
June 17-24  10 Period Day
June 18-23  Final Evaluations
June 23  Graduation 2009
June 25 & 26  P.A. Days

1-2  Cycle Day
3  10-Period Day
4  Gr. 9 Orientation Day
5  Exam Day
6  Holiday
7  PA Day
8  Prof. Activity Day
9  Prof. Training Day
10  Professional Development