



**DO YOU LIKE MONEY?**

**DO YOU LIKE WORKING WITH YOUR HANDS?**

**AFTER HIGH SCHOOL ARE YOU PLANNING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- **WORK?**
- **AN APPRENTICESHIP?**
- **COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY?**

**If you answered yes to these questions, then the Construction SHSM -now branded as Fabrication- is for you!**

This is an invitational letter for you to apply to our Specialist High Skills Major program in Fabrication. Our Construction SHSM has been expanded to Fabrication to allow students in Transportation, Manufacturing, Tech Design, Construction & Custom Woodworking to all be able to access this awesome opportunity!

So, what is SHSM?

*Specialist High Skills Major* programs allow students to focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

It is courses that you have likely already chosen to take: 2 tech classes in both grade 11 & 12., your regular English, Math, 1 other in Science or Business, and 2 periods (minimum) of co-op.

*Does this program mean that I can only go into the Construction industry?*

No, not at all. SHSM allows students in all pathways to take this program. This program helps you gain much needed certifications and experience to help secure a post secondary job, an apprenticeship, a part time job during college or university or even a summer part time job.

As a SHSM student, you will earn trade recognized certificates that allow you get a step ahead. Certifications can include:

- First Aid
- CPR
- Working at Heights
- Fork lift training
- Elevated work platform
- Propane Exchange
- WHMIS
- Health and Safety
- Welding
- Hoisting & Rigging



In addition to certifications that help gain employment, you will have the opportunity to go on trips, tours, and work shops to see post secondary options, site and plant tours, trade shows, etc. In the past, students have had the chance to:

- Participate in work shops like plumbing, electrical, welding and others at Georgian College.
- Tour building sites and companies in Simcoe County.
- Tour Colleges that have trade programs and see what college life is like.
- Attend events like the Toronto Woodworking Show, Skilled Trades Toronto, Canadian Manufacturing Tech Show, National Heavy Equipment Show, etc.

The program is especially appealing to all students who:

- are interested in exploring the trades, specifically those related to construction
- enjoy hands-on, focussed learning
- like to network with employers & build skills in the sector before graduating from high school.

During the SHSM program, our students will:

- see the connections between their studies, the world beyond high school and future careers
- develop essential skills and work habits required in the workplace
- gain valuable work experience that will build a resume for post-secondary programs and future employment.

Did you know...

*Over 90 per cent of students are successful in **all of their courses** when they are participating in SHSM!*

Enclosed you will find our brochure for the SHSM Construction (Fabrication) program at Orillia S.S. as well as an application form. We ask that you and your child complete the application form and return it to the Guidance office no later than **October 26, 2018**.

For more information on this or other SHSM programs, visit the following website: [www.myshm.ca](http://www.myshm.ca).

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