



Markham District High School

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Week of September 11th-15th, 2023

Monday Sept 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Grade 11-12 Volleyball tryouts in the gym after school-Mrs. McLean
Tuesday Sept 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Grade 11-12 Volleyball tryouts in the gym after school-Mrs. McLean
Wednesday Sept 13th	
Thursday Sept 14th	
Friday Sept 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photo Day for Grades 10-12 Provincial Invitational Flag Football Tourney

Message from Our Trustee

September 2023

Dear families,

It is my pleasure to welcome all new and returning families to school for the 2023-2024 school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and wish you a positive start to the new school year. I know it can be a time of transition for many, and am grateful for the dedication and professionalism of our school staff for all that they do to support students as they start the new school year, and create a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment in our schools.

The education of your children is a partnership, and we recognize that you are our most important partner when it comes to your child's education. As a family member, there are many ways you can engage in your child's learning, from speaking with your child about school and connecting with school staff to volunteering or becoming involved with the school council. You know your child best and we place great value on the relationship we have with families. I look forward to connecting with you throughout the school year.

As your school trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The Board of Trustees has many [responsibilities](#), including making [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicating with the public. Please feel free to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns, and I will continue to keep you updated throughout the year on what is happening in the board. You can also visit our [newsroom](#), listen to our [podcast](#) and connect with us on social media to stay up-to-date on what's happening in the board.

This year, we are pleased to welcome our [new Director of Education Bill Cober](#), who took on the role on August 1 this year. He brings nearly 30 years of experience in public education in York Region, a commitment to student achievement and well-being, and a strategic and collaborative approach.

Later in the year, we will be undertaking a comprehensive strategic plan review. One of our roles as a board is to set the [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) that establishes our priorities and guides our direction as a school board. We will be reviewing that plan this year, and engaging with communities is a priority for us. Your input will be important and I look forward to sharing more information with you on this in the future.

I wish you all a great start to the school year and a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Ed Law

Trustee, Markham Wards 3 and 4



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Mathematics Contests for 2023-2024

MDHS's Mathematics Department will be running the following contests this year:

Contest	Eligible Grades	Contest Date	Registration Deadline on SchoolCash Online	Fee
Canada Lynx Mathematics Contest (by Canadian Math Society)	9 - 12	Thursday 28th Sept.	Wednesday 20th Sept.	\$13
Canadian Open Math Challenge (by Canadian Math Society)	11, 12	Thursday 27th Oct.	Wednesday 5th Oct.	\$31
Canadian Senior Math Contest (by University of Waterloo)	11, 12	Wednesday 16th Nov.	Monday 16th Oct.	\$15
Canadian Intermediate Math Contest (by University of Waterloo)	9, 10	Wednesday 16th Nov.	Monday 16th Oct.	\$15
Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat Contests (by University of Waterloo)	9, 10, 11	Wednesday 28th Feb.	Monday 12th Feb.	\$7
Euclid Contest (by University of Waterloo)	11, 12	Wednesday 3rd April	Mon 4th March	\$19
Fryer, Galois, and Hypatia Contests (by University of Waterloo)	9, 10, 11	Thursday 4th April	Monday 4th March	\$13

Please register for the contests by making a payment for the contest on SchoolCash Online. The fees indicated above are the fees set by the contest creators (CMS / CEMC), plus \$1 to cover SchoolCash Online transaction fees.

Once students have signed up for a contest by making a payment on SchoolCash Online, they will be invited to the "MDHS Mathematics Contest 2023-2024" Google Classroom. This portal will be used to give information about the contests such as date / time / location, and to return results to each student. If you would like to access more information about the contests, or to access past contests and solutions, please see the following links:

- Canada Lynx Mathematics Contest: <https://cms.math.ca/competitions/clmc/>
- Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge: <https://cms.math.ca/competitions/comc/>
- University of Waterloo Contests: https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past_contests.html



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Tech Department

Dear parents/guardians, this is the time of year when garages and cottages are being cleaned up. If you have any old engines (lawnmowers, outboard motors, vehicles, etc.) that you would like to donate to the Markham Auto shop, we would be more than happy to make student project work out of them. We can take vehicles, but please contact me for more information. Please contact Andrew Macgregor at andrew.macgregor@yrdsb.ca to arrange pick up or delivery of your item(s). Thank you for considering us.

Students in Ms. Howards Communication Technology course will be learning how to produce their very own podcast.
Mr. More will be taking his Construction Technology classes through the safe use of machinery used in the building trades.

MDHS Clubs

Markham Christian Fellowship's first meeting is Monday, September 18th at 3pm in room 163. For this first meeting we are welcoming new members and planning activities for the year. Free snacks provided! All students and staff are welcome!

Anime Club is back! This year we will offer Anime Club during Period 3 and Period 4 lunch as well as Tuesdays and Thursdays after school so everyone can join! Period 4 Anime Club's general meeting starts Thursday, September 14th at the start of P4 Lunch in room 163.

For Thursday, September 14th,
P4 Anime Club - 12:15pm - room 163 – Mr. Kee

Continuing Education Services

Continuing Education Services is pleased to offer credit programs outside of the school day to support our secondary school students. Students are encouraged to register early as course offerings are subject to enrollment and teacher availability.

Night School

Night School will be offered using a remote learning model.

- Classes will occur online using a synchronous model.
- Classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 9:45p.m.
- October 5, 2023 to February 1, 2024
- Contact continuing.education@yrdsb.ca for more information

Online Learning Night School

Our Online Learning Night School courses are initially offered to adult learners. Once program offerings are determined, space may be available to current YRDSB secondary school students.

- These courses are specifically designed to be delivered in a fully online format. Classes will be delivered online using an asynchronous model.
- September 27, 2023 to January 22, 2024
- Contact online.learning@yrdsb.ca for more information MyPathwayPlanner YRDSB Students will register for both programs using MyPathwayPlanner.



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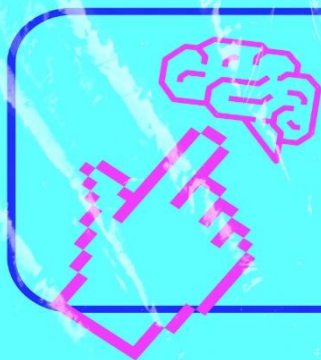
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PA Day Agenda - September 22, 2023

The first Professional Activity Day of the 2023-2024 school year is scheduled for Friday September 22. Please see an overview of the PA Day plan for your information.

Activity
<p>Half Day Morning session (150 min)</p> <p>Compliance Training</p> <p>Description: School teams will engage in compliance training including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• occupational health & safety;• student safety and violent incident prevention;• training on supporting student mental health and well-being; and• understanding cybersecurity and online privacy.
<p>Half Day Afternoon Session (150 min):</p> <p>Supporting the Success of Multilingual Language Learners</p> <p>Description: School teams will engage School Improvement planning led by school administrators focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• high-impact instructional practices to support student improvement in alignment with the curriculum;• developing resources and learning plans to consolidate foundational knowledge and skills in de-streamed grade 9 courses including English, Mathematics and Science and across the curriculum; and• supporting Multi Language Learners (MLL) in our classrooms. <p>School Improvement Planning/Department Meetings</p>

Additional professional learning activities for educational assistants, office support staff, and library technicians will be available.

Please call the main office if you have any questions about the September 22 P. A. Day