



# PARENT BULLETIN

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## Week of April 17th to 21st, 2023- EcoMarkham Earth Week

<b>Monday, April 17th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Archery Competitive Team practice - 7:15am in the gym-Mr. Kee</li> <li>• Track and Field Team going to York University Track and Field Center, departing MDHS at 7:30 am, departing York University at 3:30 pm.-Mr. Morris, Mrs. Whittaker and Mrs. Kerhoulas</li> <li>• CMHA Donation Drive –Period 1 Class Visits giving details of Donation Drive-Mr. Keyes</li> <li>• York Region Public Health Vaccination Clinic in the Library</li> <li>• Badminton Practice - 2:45 pm - 4:15 pm in the gym-Mr. Kee</li> <li>• Law Club going to the Judges Cup Finals at the Newmarket Courthouse, departing MDHS at 2:40 pm leaving Newmarket between 8:45 pm– 9:00 pm-Mrs. Sharma</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, April 18th</b>	
<b>Wednesday, April 19th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last Day of Term 1 Semester 2</li> <li>• Archery Competitive Team practice at 7:15 am in the gym.-Mr. Kee</li> <li>• Best Buddies meeting in room 108 at lunch-Mrs. Takla</li> <li>• Badminton practice at 2:45 pm-4:15 pm in the gym-Mr. Kee</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, April 20th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of Term 2 Semester 2</li> <li>• Earth Day Assembly Period 1 in cafeteria-Mrs. More. Thrift Shoppe in the Blue Zone 2:45 –5:00 pm</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, April 21st</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significant Faith Day (Diamond Day): Eid-ul-Fitr</li> <li>• Significant Faith Day (Diamond Day): Ridvan</li> <li>• CMHA (Canadian Mental Health Ass) Donation Drive-Cash Donations accepted in the Blue Zone at lunch-Mr. Keyes</li> </ul>

**EcoMarkham News-** It's April and EcoMarkham is gearing up for Earth Week and our Earth Day Assembly that will be held on Thursday April 20th. Our Keynote Speaker will be Peter Kendall, CEO of The Schad Foundation which funds environmental initiatives for youth. On Thursday April 20th and Friday April 21, we will run the EcoMarkham Thrift Shoppe in the Blue Zone from 2:45 to 5:00 p.m. Community members are welcome to drop by to check out the vintage and lightly-used clothing for all ages and tastes! The EcoMarkham Team will also be setting up different booths each day of Earth Week (April 17-21) highlighting various environmental issues.

**ECOMARKHAM SALE - We are super excited to let the MDHS Community know about our upcoming Tomato Plant Sale. We will have a variety of tomato plants available for sale in the next 3 weeks for the amazing price of \$4 per plant. We will have a variety of tomatoes available.**

**Proceeds from the sale will go to EcoMarkham's plans to establish an outdoor classroom in our east yard. Instructions for ordering will be posted in this newsletter soon.-Ms. More**

**MDHS PROM-A Night at Gatsby's – Prom 2023**-This year, prom will be held on Thursday, May 18th from 6-10:30 pm at Hazelton Manor (99 Peelar Rd, Concord). Tickets will be available on School CashOnline from April 13 - May 4th. Tickets will be sold at \$100 for students who have paid their student activity fee, or \$110 for those who have not paid the activity fee and for guests. If you are purchasing a guest ticket, you need to complete a Guest Form (available from the SAC Tuck Shop), and have it approved by an administrator prior to purchasing the guest ticket. Tickets are NON-REFUNDABLE and NON-TRANSFERABLE. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you have any questions, please email [Kris-tin.towns@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Kris-tin.towns@yrdsb.ca)

**Best Buddies Fundraiser**-Best Buddies will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts to fundraise for the Best Buddies Prom coming up! Orders will open on April 3rd and close on April 21st. Pick up will be on Thursday, April 27th! We are selling them by the dozen for \$15.00. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Best Buddies Canada is a national charity that helps promote inclusion and reduce bullying through friendship for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD). For the past 28 years, Best Buddies Canada has been in elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, universities and colleges nationwide. Markham District students with an IDD are paired in one to-one friendships with a peer buddy. Students get to know one another and develop lasting friendships.

The Best Buddies group at Markham District High School will be hosting the York Region Prom for all of their Best Buddies schools in the region, reaching schools from across the school board and hundreds of students. This event gives students the opportunity to have a prom that is safe, inclusive, and fun. They can connect with other Best Buddies chapters across the region.

**Law Club**-Nine students will be competing in the Finals of the Judges Cup on April 17 at the Newmarket Courthouse. There were twenty-four high schools that participated in the mock trial competition and our law team made it to the final four.-Mrs. Sharma

**The Health & Wellness Club**-is proud to present our upcoming event: The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Donation Drive! On Monday, April 17th, our club will be collecting loose change from homeroom classes during Period 1. If you miss your chance, no worries! Students can also make a donation on Friday, April 21st, during lunch, in the Blue zone.

**Graduation**-The Graduation package for 2022/2023 school year is now available for purchase. Please go to the MDHS website. The School Cash Online icon is on the front page. Graduation will be held on Tuesday June 27, 2023 at Markham District H.S. The Souvenir Package includes Cap w/2023 tassel, V-Stole and gown which is yours to keep. Fee also includes two guest entrance tickets per student, program, and décor. **Deadline to Purchase is April 23.** Ticket Package and Gown pickup will be announced closer to the ceremony.

**South Asian and Tamil Youth Conference**-To honour South Asian Heritage Month, the York Region District School Board in partnership with The South Asian and Tamil Women's Collective invites self-identifying South Asian and Tamil, female and gender non-binary, grades 7 to 12 students to attend our 2023 South Asian & Tamil Well-Being Conference. Students will participate in a day of culturally responsive, identity affirming mentorship and learning in support of their agency, health and well-being. SHSM students should note that this conference fulfills the Experiential Learning required for your SHSM certification!

**When:** Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Where:** Pierre Elliott Trudeau Secondary School 90 Bur Oak Ave, Markham, ON L6C 2E6

**Registration:** Students are to register through this [Conference Google Form](#). Students should also bring the completed [consent](#) for filming form to submit at the conference. Contact: For more information, please contact: nusrat.sacranie@yrdsb.ca or hshah@ccsyr.org or sana.aliqureshi@gmail.com or ayesha.syed@yrdsb.ca



*Dear Graduate,  
You are cordially invited to*

# **A NIGHT AT GATSBY'S**

*Thursday, May 18, 2023 | 06-10:30 PM*

*Hazelton Manor*

*99 Peelar Rd, Concord, ON L4K 1A3*

**DOORS CLOSE AT 07 PM  
TICKETS ARE NON-TRANSFERRABLE  
AND NON-REFUNDABLE**



**May 6, 2023**

**12 TO 4 PM**

**MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL**

**89 CHURCH ST,**

**MARKHAM, ON L3P 2M3**



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# **ENSEMBLE EVENT**

Providing donated formal attire to Grades 8 & 12 students,  
so they can attend graduation in style

All interested Grad students are invited to attend  
Please ensure you bring the following information to register at  
the door: Student Name, School, Graduation Date

If you require accommodation, please contact us  
at [facesoftheheart2022@gmail.com](mailto:facesoftheheart2022@gmail.com)

Gently used, dry cleaned, age appropriate donations are  
welcomed (dresses, suits, pant suits, traditional and cultural  
outfits and accessories)

All donations would be appreciated by Tuesday May 2, 2023

For more information:  
Contact us at [facesoftheheart2022@gmail.com](mailto:facesoftheheart2022@gmail.com)

For donation drop off:  
Contact Karey Robbins at Markham District High School at  
905-294-1886

**MARKHAM EAST**



## 2023 South Asian Heritage Month

**Educators of Students of South Asian Heritage (ESSAH)  
Invites you to engage in the celebration & professional learning around  
Affirming South Asian Identities**



**Randall Public School  
50 Randall Ave, Markham, ON L3S 1E2  
May 4, 2023 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**[Register Online by April 30, 2023](#)**

This event is an opportunity for **all** educators and parents to network, share and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of South Asian Heritage.

Please join us for an evening of connecting through storytelling, music, information and resource sharing. This is an opportunity to amplify South Asian student, educator and parent voices.

Light refreshments will be served.

For additional information please contact ESSAH Co-Chairs: [asha.rathod@yrdsb.ca](mailto:asha.rathod@yrdsb.ca), [kala.henry@yrdsb.ca](mailto:kala.henry@yrdsb.ca), and [rashmee.karnad-jani@yrdsb.ca](mailto:rashmee.karnad-jani@yrdsb.ca)

Follow us on [ESSAH \(@ESSAHyr\) / Twitter](#)

### **Who are South Asians?**

According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, [South Asian Canadians](#) trace their origins to South Asia, which encompasses India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Most South Asian Canadians are immigrants or descendants of immigrants from these countries, but immigrants from South Asian communities established during British colonial times also include those from East and South Africa, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji and Mauritius. [Some South Asian Canadians come from Britain, the US and Europe. In the 2016 census, 1,963,330 Canadians reported South Asian origins (1,603,000 single and 360,330 multiple responses)].

That said, the experiences of individual students and their families are so rich and diverse that they cannot be neatly packed into labelled boxes.



**THE LAST**



**50**


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THE EXTRA 50  
YEARBOOKS  
FOR \$50!!**

**FOR**

**DEADLINE  
FOR  
PURCHASES  
IS JUNE  
2ND!**

**50**

**PURCHASE  
ON  
SCHOOL  
CASH  
ONLINE**



Uh oh! Ms. Howard ordered 50 EXTRA yearbooks! Luckily for the students, this is their LAST chance to buy a book of memories!



CALLING ALL SUPERSTARS!

# Rising Star

2022 Rising Star Junior Grand Champion,  
Ishaan Grotra



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Actors • Magicians • Comedians & more!  
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# Rising Star

If you are a singer, dancer, actor, musician, magician, or comedian, performing solo or as a group, you are invited to audition for the annual Rising Star competition at the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE). Selected competitors will perform at the 2023 CNE.

## DIVISIONS

There are two age divisions in the competition:

1. **Junior Rising Star:** 6 to 12 years of age
2. **Youth Rising Star:** 13 to 21 years of age

## JUDGING

1. Contestants are judged by a panel based on the following criteria:

Natural Ability	20%
Stage Presence / Showmanship	20%
Audience Appeal	20%
Quality of Performance	40%

2. All contestants, including last year's finalists must have an audition with the Canadian National Exhibition's production staff to be eligible to compete in the talent competition. Decisions made by CNE staff and judges are final. No discussion shall be entered into with the contestants and the judges or CNE staff regarding contest decisions. Matters not covered by the stated rules are resolved at the sole discretion of the CNE staff.

## HOW TO ENTER

1. Complete an entry form online at [www.thocx.com/risingstar](http://www.thocx.com/risingstar). Entry forms must be received by the CNE no later than Friday, May 26, 2023. The administrator may choose to accept or refuse entry forms that are late, incomplete or illegible.
2. Along with your entry form, a YouTube video link must be submitted at the same time or before the deadline. All audition material must have been recorded within the last 12 months. Your audition video must represent how you will be performing, if selected, on our stage. Do not send in a video of you singing with a band unless the whole band is entering as well. Only one performance is permitted per YouTube submission. When preparing your YouTube video, make sure to list your full name in the title of your video. Videos not properly labelled may not be considered.
3. Contestants acknowledge that the CNE is not affiliated in any way with YouTube and a submission made by a contestant via YouTube is the sole responsibility of the contestant, including the ability of the CNE to access the submission. Any YouTube submissions that cannot be accessed by the CNE for

any reason whatsoever will be deemed not to have been received. Contestants are responsible for compliance with YouTube's Terms of Use.

4. The judges will consist of a panel chosen by the administrator. The judges will review all video entries and score them according to our judging criteria.

## SHOW DATES

The contest, which consists of preliminaries, semi-finals and finals will run during the CNE, August 18 to September 4, 2023.

## PRIZES

The **Junior Grand Champion** receives \$1,000 and the first runner up, \$750. Second through fifth runners-up receive \$500, \$300, \$200 and \$100 respectively.

The **Youth Grand Champion** receives \$2,500 and the first runner up, \$1,500. Second through fifth runners-up receive \$700, \$500, \$300 and \$200 respectively.

**NOTE:** All participants are awarded souvenirs of the contest as they advance through the preliminaries, semi-finals and finals.

**The structure of the competition may change without notice.**

## Please Read Carefully - Entry Guidelines

1. This competition is open to legal residents of Ontario only. You can only enter once.
2. Junior Rising Star: All contestants must be at least 6 years of age and not older than 12 by September 2, 2023.
3. Youth Rising Star: All contestants must be at least 13 years of age and not older than 21 by September 2, 2023.
4. The age divisions of contestants in duet or groups will be determined by average age.
5. A performance must be no more than 4 minutes 30 seconds in duration. Any act running over this time will be disqualified. Timing begins with the first word, note, or action.
6. Acts using machetes, knives, baton weapons and rigging (circus acts) cannot enter. Fire and/or pyrotechnics are not allowed on stage at any time. Profane language, swearing or suggestive lyrics or actions that are not suitable for a family audience (as determined by the administrator or the judge) will not be accepted. The administrator or the judge may refuse to accept an entry containing any of the aforesaid.
7. Once again, the competition will be held on a stage indoors. Therefore, sound level restrictions will be in effect.
8. An individual may not enter the competition if they are: 1) a CNE full-time or contract employee; 2) a member of the CNEA Membership or Board of Directors; 3) a contractor and/or agent of the CNE directly involved in the competition; 4) any other persons directly associated with the competition; 5) a member of the immediate families of any of the aforesaid persons or any other person residing in the same household.
9. Contestants who do not appear one half-hour prior to the competition or fail to remain until the end of the show, will be disqualified.
10. If you are selected for the competition as a vocalist, we ask that you prepare a backup song. This is to ensure that, should you be chosen to perform in the Competition Finals, that there is no duplication in the repertoire presented onstage.
11. Contestants selected to advance to the preliminaries will be notified around the beginning of July.
12. As a condition of the contestant being permitted to compete in the Rising Star Competition, each contestant (A) grants permission to the CNE to use, without compensation of any kind, any photograph, audio, or video tapes or other audio or visual images or recordings, including digital recordings, in such manner as the CNE may determine including any promotions or advertising, and (B) waives any right to any fee or compensation for any of the aforesaid and (C) releases the CNE from any loss, damage, injury or expense, which the contestant may suffer or incur as a result of his or her participation in the event, however caused.
13. A previous Junior Grand Champion can enter the Youth competition once they reach the age of 13. A previous Youth Grand Champion cannot enter again.
14. All audition videos must be a live recording. Videos that have a voice dubbed in will not be accepted. Audition video must represent how you would be performing in the competition. Videos should have a clear sound, no reverberation.

Personal information collected will be used for the administration of the CNE Rising Star Talent Competition only.

Questions about the collection of this information should be directed to: Corporate Secretariat, Canadian National Exhibition, 200 Princes' Blvd., Exhibition Place, Toronto, ON M6R 8C3