



# PARENT BULLETIN

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## ATTENDANCE REMINDER

Parents/Guardians are reminded to report all late or absent notices to the Attendance Office by calling 905-294-1886, option 1 **or** emailing [markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:markham.dhs@yrdsb.ca). Should your student be absent for 3 or more days, an extended absence form must be signed by each subject teacher, Parent/Guardian and the Vice-Principal prior to leaving for the absence. Forms are available from the attendance secretary or main office.



### Week of Dec 12th-16th, 2022



*Candy Cane-O-Grams sales all week in the blue zone at lunch*

<b>Monday, Dec 12th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guest Photographer Talk/Workshop 1:15-2:35 pm in Room 154-Ms. Fung</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, Dec 13th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anime Club in room 163 at lunch –Mr. Kee</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, Dec 14th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Badminton tryouts at 7:00 am-Mr. Kee</li> <li>Deadline for grade 10 science students to pay for Reptilia on <a href="#">School Cash Online</a></li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, Dec 15th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Buddies Fundraising Event-Snack Sales in the Blue Zone at lunch-Ms. Takla</li> <li>Law Club meeting at lunch in room 226-Ms. Sharma</li> <li>Magic Card Club in room 163 at lunch –Mr. Kee</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, Dec 16th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Badminton tryouts at 7:00 am-Mr. Kee</li> <li>Best Buddies Fundraising Event-Snack Sales in the Blue Zone at lunch-Ms. Takla</li> <li>Tamil Student Association (TSA) Meeting 2:45 pm -4:00 pm-Mr. Avery</li> <li>SAA Tri-Sport Event #1-Dodgeball in the gym 2:45-5:45 pm-Mr. Morris &amp; Ms. Morrison</li> </ul>

### Message from Lead

LEAD is organizing Candy Cane-o-grams next week (Dec. 12th-16th) during lunch. The students can purchase a Candy Cane-o-gram in front of the cafeteria (blue zone) for their friends and write a message. These will then be delivered to the recipients on a specified day.

### Tamil Student Association presents “Holiday Movie Night for Mental Health”

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we think, feel, and act. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make choices. Mental health is important at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood. This year, YPAM & MDHS will be hosting a Holiday Movie Night where we will raise awareness and collect money for Markham Stouffville Hospital’s Child and Adolescent Mental Health Unit. Tickets will be sold for \$2 in the Blue Zone from December 7th to December 14th. The Holiday Movie Night will be on Monday, December 19th from 3:30 pm - 5:15 p.m. This event is open to MDHS students only.  
-Mr. Avery

### Reptilia is coming to MDHS!

On Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, Reptilia will be coming to MDHS to provide our Gr. 10 science students with some hands-on learning experience with a wide range of reptiles. We are so excited for this in-school field trip!

Our students will be learning about the different organs and organ systems found in these fascinating creatures and to make comparisons with our own body. If your child is taking Gr. 10 science this semester, please return all permission forms and **payment of \$3** using [school cash online](#). Do not miss this opportunity!  
Please pay by Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.-Ms. Ho



### MDHS Winterfest

Get ready, because the annual Winter Wonderland Assembly is back!  
On Friday, December 23rd the wonderful talents that Markham District has to offer will be on display!  
If you would like to audition to share your talent, then fill out the following form by Monday 12th!  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDqf41Xo2j4c1ZFAO3Ph32SY0u6ht7j\\_OnGeojiUC5dp2VIA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdDqf41Xo2j4c1ZFAO3Ph32SY0u6ht7j_OnGeojiUC5dp2VIA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The auditions will be held on December 14th and 15th during lunch. All acts must be 3 minutes or less and must be performed live. You can perform anything from singing to dancing, to skits, etc!-MDHS SAC



### Markham’s Student Athletic Association (SAA)

SAA is inviting students to participate in our first annual Tri-Sport Challenge. With permission and the payment of the \$6 registration fee the student will be added to the Tri-Sport Google Classroom where they will find details on the event and how to enter a team. There are three (3) separate sporting events that will take place on 3 different dates during this school year between the hours of 3 -5pm.  
All events will adhere to OPHEA (Ontario Physical and Health Education Association) and YRDSB COVID Health & Safety protocols. Once the permission form is “signed off” the student will be added to the TriSport Challenge Google Classroom.-J. Morrison  
[school cash online](#)



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## [PEERS Program for Students with Autism](#)

This January, in YRDSB, there is an exciting opportunity for students with Autism! We will be offering students the opportunity to participate in an evidence based social skills program called Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relationship Skills (PEERS®). The PEERS® program engages students in 16 different modules that teach teens social skills that focus on making and keeping friends. The program will be running VIRTUALLY for sixteen weeks, from the weeks of January 16th - May 8th, on Tuesday, Wednesday OR Thursday evenings from 4-6pm.

In order for the PEERS curriculum to meet the needs of all students in the group it is important the recommended students meet the criteria listed below:

- Students in grades 7-11 who are working at, or close to, grade level curriculum (Locally Developed/Applied/Academic)
- Students who are socially motivated and are wanting to develop social skills or improve their social skills, (they have to want to join a social skills group)
- Students who are looking for next steps in their social understanding (currently struggling with higher level, adolescent/teen social skills and innuendo)
- Students who have same age friends/peers but are finding it increasingly difficult to “fit in”
- Students who are interested in meeting other students who may share similar interests to them

Please fill out this REGISTRATION FORM

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGRibUc3TOCn6-9uTFp3DD1w23IFEsR-4M9HcYxIB2dL2K8A/viewform>

All referral forms need to be returned by Wednesday, December 14th, 2022. Please know that there are limited spaces so some students may be placed on a waitlist for future opportunities.

## [Grade 12 Graduating Students with SEA technology](#)

Apply for the Ignite Technology Grant by December 19, 2022 for \$1000!

Award is **only** open to students currently in Grade 12 with SEA technology AND whose anticipated graduation is **June 2023**.

- \$1000 in discretionary funds will be awarded in May/June 2023 and will be put towards the purchase of personal technology to assist the graduating student in their post-secondary goals.
- Given to graduating students who have demonstrated leadership and success while using SEA technology throughout their educational careers.
- Apply here, under the tab Graduation Award: <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/student-support/special-education/special-education-amount-sea/ignite-technology-grant>

If you have questions or would like support with your application please come to the resource room (112) or email:

Assistant Department Head of Special Education at [karen.mckennaquayle@yrdsb.ca](mailto:karen.mckennaquayle@yrdsb.ca)

Karen McKenna-Quayle-Assistant Department Head of Special Education

## [Tutoring Support Programs](#)

As a part of the Province's efforts to support learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, additional funding has been allocated for the first term of the 2022-23 school year (**ending on December 15, 2022**) for Tutoring Support Programs.

Project funding will provide small group tutoring support for students. The purpose of this funding is to offer programs that will support learning recovery and renewal in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. YRDSB has included an opportunity to partner with community organizations who can provide tutoring supports to students. These tutoring programs will prioritize math, literacy and other foundational learning skills and are intended to promote learning recovery and to help address achievement and skills development gaps. In addition, these programs will support learning in a trusted environment grounded in the language, culture and community norms for students.

Details for tutoring programs outside the school day can be found on the [Tutoring Support Programs Through Community Partners](#) site. Please contact community partners directly and inquire about tutoring services as soon as possible. Funding and spaces are limited. -Mrs. Civello

## [Message from Family Services of York Region](#)

The series: YRDSB in Collaboration with FSyr (Family Services of York Region): Mental Health Event for Families and Youth in Light of the Protests in Iran : An event to “Acknowledge - Bridge - and Connect” During Global Protests The events are open to Iranian parents, caregivers, and families acknowledging that we all may have different experiences in relation to the protest in Iran. At the events, Iranian families will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health and their child using the ABCs (i.e., Acknowledge, Bridge, Connection) of Mental Health. Youth will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health using the ABCs of Mental Health. Each event will end with a brief panel discussion responding to pre-submitted participant questions. After School Events will have support available in English and Farsi.

If you are interested, please click on this [form](#). -Mrs. Civello

## [The LOST has been FOUND!](#)

Please remind your student to check the Lost & Found box in the office. Items such as jewellery, watches, glasses and electronics (including lots of air pods and cases) can be retrieved at the reception desk.



# MDHS TEAMS' SCHEDULE



## Junior Girls Tier 1 Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov 30	St. Augustine	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Nov 30	St. Robert	4:30 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 6	Milliken Mills	3:30 pm	Milliken Mills HS
Dec 6	Bill Crothers SS	4:30 pm	Milliken Mills HS
Dec 19	Thornlea SS	3:30 pm	Thornlea SS
Dec 19	St. Augustine	4:15 pm	Thornlea SS
Dec 21	St. Robert	3:30 pm	St Robert CHS
Dec 21	Bill Crothers SS	4:15 pm	St Robert CHS
Jan 12	Milliken Mills	3:30 pm	Milliken Mills HS
Jan 12	Thornlea SS	4:30 pm	Milliken Mills HS
Jan 17	St. Brother Andre	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Jan 17	Unionville HS	4:30 pm	Markham DHS



## Senior Girls Tier 2 Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov 29	St. Brother Andre	3:30 pm	Bur Oak SS
Nov 29	Bur Oak SS	4:30 pm	Bur Oak SS
Dec 7	Bill Crothers SS	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 7	Bill Hogarth SS	4:30 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 14	Bill Hogarth SS	3:30 pm	Bill Crothers SS
Dec 14	Bill Crothers SS	4:30 pm	Bill Crothers SS
Jan 10	Stouffville	3:30 pm	Stouffville DSS
Jan 10	Pape Francois	4:30 pm	Stouffville DSS
Jan 17	Middlefield	3:30 pm	Bill Hogarth SS
Jan 17	Markville	4:30 pm	Bill Hogarth SS
Jan 19	Bur Oak SS	3:30 pm	St Brother Andre
Jan 19	Middlefield	4:30 pm	St Brother Andre

## Junior Boys Tier 2 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov 28	Markville	4:00 pm	Markville SS
Dec 1	Milliken Mills	4:45 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 5	Middlefield	4:45 pm	Middlefield CI
Dec 8	Unionville HS	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 13	St. Brother Andre	4:45 pm	St Brother Andre
Dec 20	Markville	4:45 pm	Markham DHS
Jan 12	St. Brother Andre	4:45 pm	Markham DHS
Jan 18	Unionville HS	4:45 pm	Unionville HS

## Senior Boys Tier 2 Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov 28	Father McGivney	4:00 pm	Father Michael McGivney
Dec 1	Milliken Mills	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 8	Unionville HS	4:45 pm	Markham DHS
Dec 13	St. Brother Andre	3:30 pm	St Brother Andre CHS
Dec 15	Pape Francois	4:00 pm	Pape Francois
Dec 20	Bur Oak SS	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Jan 12	Pierre Elliott Trudeau	3:30 pm	Markham DHS
Jan 18	Stouffville	4:00 pm	Stouffville DSS

## Senior Boys Tier 2 Ice Hockey Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Nov 15	Bill Hogarth SS	2:30 pm	Markham Village Arena
Nov 22	Markville	2:30 pm	Markham Village Arena
Nov 24	St. Robert	2:30 pm	RJ Clatworthy Arena
Nov 29	St. Robert	2:30 pm	Markham Village Arena
Dec 6	Markville	2:30 pm	Markham Centennial Arena
Dec 15	St. Augustine	2:30 pm	Angus Glen Arena
Jan 10	Bill Hogarth SS	2:30 pm	Stouffville Arena
Jan 17	St. Augustine	2:30 pm	Markham Village Arena

**REMINDER!**  
The Yearbook price is only  
**\$30!**  
An increase of 5\$ but the yearbook is still worth every dollar!  
The final deadline is January 31st.



## Community Building and Engagement Event

共建美好家庭座談會 / 共建美好家庭座談

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Please join us at our 2022-2023 community building event! We are thrilled to build connections with the Chinese Heritage parents and students, and engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school.

我們渴望對話，了解學生的情況並分享有關家庭關係和情感健康的技巧。我們誠邀您加入對話，好讓華裔學生的情況能夠得到更多的支持。

我们渴望对话，了解学生的情况并分享有关家庭关系和情感健康的技巧。我们诚邀您加入对话，好让华裔学生的情况能够得到更多的支持。



**HONG FOOK**  
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

## Parents, Guardians, Caregiver and Students

Join us to learn and share with your community how the families are supported!

Date: **Wednesday, Dec 14th, 2022**

Time: **6-8:30pm**

Location: **Armadale Community Centre**  
2401 Denison Street, Markham, ON L3S 1E7

### Presenters:

**Charmaine Tong** (M.S.W., R.S.W.)

York Region District School Board  
School Social Worker (Chinese Heritage Community)

**Hannah Xu** (MPH)

Hong Fook Mental Health Association  
Youth Program Worker

### For more information, please contact:

Community Care Team  
School Social Worker  
Charmaine Tong  
[charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca](mailto:charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca)

### To register for this Cantonese/ Mandarin session:

点击这里报名讲座

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GLR-  
YEI0Te3yaSqYAGA6PIy7PbP33djb2-KMKNkaEY/  
viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GLR-YEI0Te3yaSqYAGA6PIy7PbP33djb2-KMKNkaEY/viewform?edit_requested=true)

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[https://docs.google.com/forms/  
d/1uMtgXRKHWSGN1uoKcdV3WAvVuMca8JB6Ybs0UfvLC  
RI/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1uMtgXRKHWSGN1uoKcdV3WAvVuMca8JB6Ybs0UfvLCRI/viewform?edit_requested=true)

Light refreshments will be provided

Registration will be closed after we have reached the maximum number of registrations for the event. This free session is brought to you in partnership with Hong Fook Mental Health Association and Community Care Team of York Region District School Board