



# 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 June 12-16th, 2023

<b>Monday, June 12th</b>	
<b>Tuesday, June 13th</b>	
<b>Wed. June 14th</b>	
<b>Thursday, June 15th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student SIN Clinic in the blue zone from 11:00-3:00 pm (see flyer on next page)</li> <li>• SAA Athletic Banquet in the MDHS cafeteria-Mrs. Whittaker</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, June 16th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therapy Dog visit at lunch in room 108-Mrs. McGill</li> <li>• PRISM meeting at lunch in room 151-Mrs. Lam and Mr. Stetina</li> <li>• Math Celebration (Certificates &amp; Medal distribution) at lunch Room 213-Mr. Raffoul, Mrs. Tsang. Mr. Balzer</li> <li>• TSA meeting in room 151, 2:45-5:45 pm-Mr. Avery</li> </ul>

**Our Exam schedule has been posted on our school website:**  
[Semester 2 Final Examination Schedule - 2022-2023](#)

### University Pathways Program

The University Pathways Program is a collaboration between three Canadian business schools -- Ivey Business School at Western University, Schulich School of Business at York University, and Smith School of Business at Queen's University. It is designed to support self-identified Black students in their post-secondary academic journeys, as a way to address the significant under-representation of Black students in Canadian university enrolment, including in business schools. The first cohort of the program started in January 2023 with 55 students from across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

Some key facts:

The program is no-cost to participants;

Mentoring by current Black university students is a key element;

Enrollment is by student application and approval. Applications for the fall 2023 start will open at the end of May;

Students begin the program while in grade 11;

Content includes insights on the university experience from current Black undergraduate students, and learning about pre-requisites and requirements for programs so high school students have the time, experiential learning opportunities, and support networks to prepare for post-secondary education;

The program is primarily delivered online via Zoom sessions outside of school hours. There are occasional in-person activities that provide a chance to visit the campuses of participating universities;

The Program offers significant financial support options to reduce the financial barrier to post-secondary education;

The program is currently only available to Black students based in the GTA.

We will be hosting information webinars on June 12th, and 18th.

For more info, please go to [university-pathways-program.com](http://university-pathways-program.com).

### National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21 was declared National Indigenous Peoples Day in 1996 by then Governor General Romeo Leblanc. The day was chosen in consultation with some national organizations for Indigenous peoples including the Assembly of First Nations, and coincides with the summer solstice which is significant for some First Nations. With the ongoing location of graves at Residential schools over the past 12 months the nation is slowly coming to grips with the horrors of the Residential School program. Examining the truths of Canada's colonial past and present is important work and should continue to drive our examination of bias and what Canadian history has tried to deny for so long. The importance of today, however, is to uplift and affirm Indigenous identities by including positive representations. The 21st has become a day for celebration in many Indigenous communities. It is a day for showing pride in their living cultures and to demonstrate a resurgence of ways of being, thinking and speaking. Join us today in celebrating the diverse cultures of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities, the original people of Turtle Island.

### Special Education Newsletter – May/June 2023

Please see <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/node/3697>

## MARKHAM DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SIN CLINIC JUNE 15, 2023

Meet with a Service Canada representative and receive your  
Social Insurance Number on the Spot.

Service Canada representatives will be at your school to help students apply for their Social Insurance Numbers and learn about the Canada Job Bank and Summer Program for Youth.

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location	What to Bring	Primary Document	Secondary Document	Benefits for Students
Markham District High School	<p>A primary identification document and a secondary document such as a passport or provincial identification.</p> <p>You would need to bring your original primary document, <b>no photocopies accepted.</b></p>	<p>Permanent Resident Card <b>or a</b> Confirmation of Permanent Residence <b>or</b> A Study Permit issued by IRCC which indicates the permit holder “may accept employment” or “may work” in Canada</p>	<p><b>or</b> A Certificate of Birth or Birth Certificate issued by the vital statistics agency in the province or territory of birth</p>	<p>Be job ready for summer employment by receiving your Social Insurance Number.</p> <p>Learn about the Job Bank and Canada Summer Jobs program for Youth</p>

This free service is brought to our school communities through a joint project with Service Canada and York Region District School Board.

## PARENTING STRATEGIES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SUMMER BREAK!

Let's talk about it!

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

**June 13, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend this virtual session!**

This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children with strategies to:

- how parents may get “trapped” in escalations and power struggles;
- understanding various traps ways to avoid these traps and develop age appropriate and do-able strategies; and
- how parents can have a successful, stress free summer break

**Facilitator:** Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



[REGISTER](#) TODAY!

This free parent presentation is brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families

This year, Oscar Peterson's School Council PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant topic is related to *Supporting our Children & Youth in developing the critical Social, Emotional, and Learning (SEL) skills* needed to contribute to a positive quality of life and functioning well at home, in school and in the community.

We're excited to have Christina Furtado, MACP, RP (Qualifying), Mental Health and Wellness Specialist join us on **Monday, June 12 at 7:00pm at Oscar Peterson Public School, in Stouffville**. We think this seminar will be of great benefit to all parents, guardians and those who interact with children and youth.

We would like to extend an invitation to YOU on **Monday, June 12 at 7:00pm**. We do request pre-registration.

The link to **Register**: <https://tinyurl.com/OPspeaker>

*\*\*Childcare is provided as long as you pre-register with your child's information.*

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,  
Oscar Peterson School Council

Parents & Caregivers of our school community are welcome to join us for our Oscar Peterson P.S. School Council Event:

## How to Support our Children & Youth to develop critical Social, Emotional & Learning Skills!

~Presented by Christina Furtado, MACP, RP (Qualifying)  
Mental Health and Wellness Specialist

*"You can expect to feel challenged, empowered, and hopeful."*

**When: Monday, June 12 at 7:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Where: Oscar Peterson Public School, 850 Hoover Park Drive,  
Stouffville in the Gym\***

\*Child-minding available, Please indicate requirement when registering.



**Wellness & Learning**  
Initiatives

Schools become a meeting place for cultures, containing children and adults who bring with them multiple facets of their identity, along with unique experiences and perspectives.

NYSED Culturally Responsive-Sustaining  
Education Framework

**YNOT PRESENTS**

**2023**



***JULIA RICCOBENE***

**EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY  
SERVICE AWARD**



**AWARD CRITERIA**

- Needs financial support
- A good role model in volunteerism and collaborative effort
- Shows voluntary collaboration and engagement with the surrounding community or within YNOT's community

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION**

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**Apply  
Today!**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY IS  
JULY 31ST 2023!**

*To apply, please visit our website!*

# Anti-Racism for Families 101

with Dr. Vidya Shah



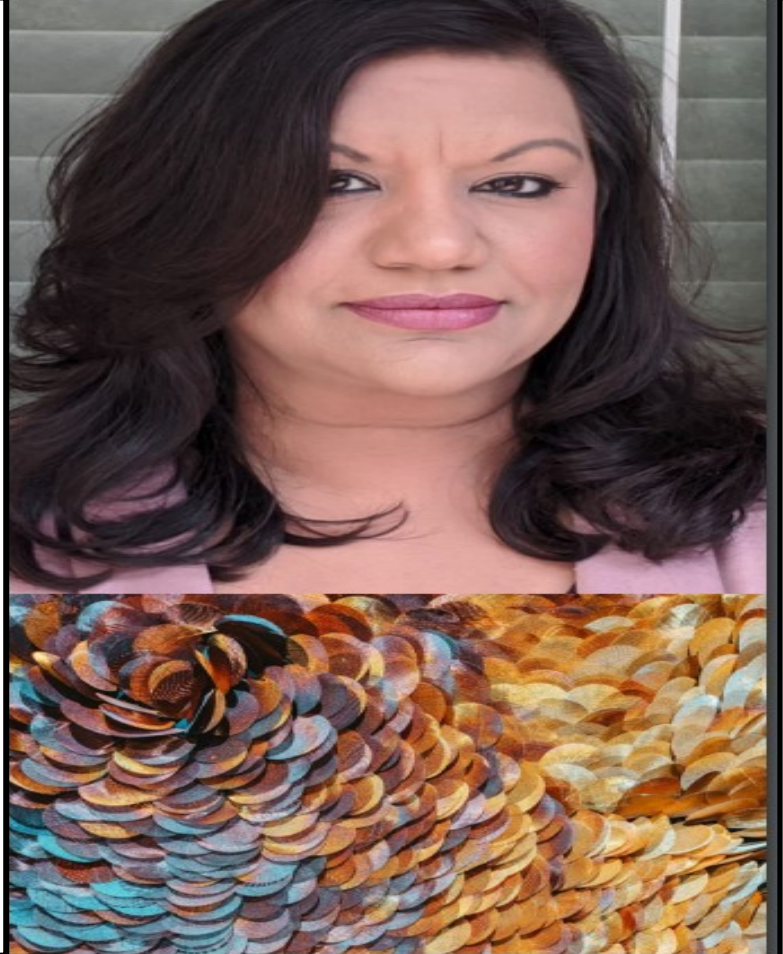
**Thursday June 15, 2023**

**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

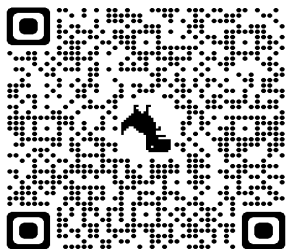
**Dr. Bette Stephenson  
Centre for Learning**

Do you ever wonder how you might support racial justice in your home, school, and community?

In this workshop, Dr. Vidya Shah will share tips and strategies for having conversations about race with children and youth and explain how parents/caregivers can support racial justice in schools.



All participants in this FREE in-person workshop must RSVP using the link below. [Register Here](#)



Presented by Inclusive School and Community Services