



# 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 May 15-19th, 2023

<b>Monday, May 15th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls Flag Football Team Hosts Bur Oak SS at 9:00 am, Father Michael McGivney CA at 11:30 am and Milliken Mills HS at 3:10 pm-Mr. Hartsliel</li> <li>Girls Soccer Team to Milliken Mills H.S game at 4:00 pm-Mrs. Howard and Mr. Ellinas</li> <li>Ultimate Team to Markville S.S games vs St. Brother Andre CHS at 3:30 pm and Bill Crothers SS at 4:30 pm-Ms. Morrison</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, May 16th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls Slo-pitch Team to Milliken Park 4 games vs St. Brother Andre CH at 10:30 am and Unionville HS at 1:30 pm-Mr. Barber</li> </ul>
<b>Wed. May 17th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girls Soccer Team hosts Pierre Elliott Trudeau at 3:30 pm-Mr. Ellinas and Mrs. Howard</li> <li>Sr. Boys Rugby to St. Theresa of Lisieux CHS depart MDHS at 2:00 pm vs St. Joan of Arc CHS at 4:15 pm-Mr. Sewell</li> <li>Ultimate Team to Bur Oak games vs Bill Crothers at 3:30 pm and Bur Oak S.S at 4:30 pm-Mrs. Morrison</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, May 18th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PROM at Hazelton Manor-99 Peeler Rd. Concord 6-10:30 pm (Doors close at 7:00 pm) Tickets are non-transferrable and no-refundable.-Mrs. Towns</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, May 19th</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRISM Meeting in room 151 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm-Mr. Stetina and Mrs. Lam</li> <li>TSA Meeting in room 151 from 2:45pm –5:45 pm-Mr. Avery</li> </ul>

### Message from Phys. Ed.-Attention graduating athletes!

If you believe you have earned enough points for your athletic letter, complete an application to find out. Log into the Markham Athletics, Google classroom and complete the application form and submit it before May 26th.

Class code: 4266vpa

**Graduation Hoodie**-and t-shirt are now available on School Cash Online to purchase until **May 26, 2023**. Please log-in to view and order. Congratulations Grads.

**ISE-Ontario Exchange Program**-The Student Exchange Program, which has been on pause, due to COVID, for the past few years, will resume for the 2023-2024 school year. In cooperation with York Region District School Board, ISE-Ontario will offer students aged 13-17 years old the opportunity to experience several European destinations for an 8 to 12 week period. For more information, please email the York Region contact [RosalieSclick@iseontario.on.ca](mailto:RosalieSclick@iseontario.on.ca), or visit the [ISE-Ontario website](#) for application guidelines, prices, and other information.

### IMPORTANT DATES IN SCIENCE

#### Waterloo Chemistry Contests Coming Up...

- Avogadro Exam** for Gr. 11 students – **Thurs. May 18<sup>th</sup> (Period 1)** in the Library
- The cost of the exam is \$4.00, please remember to pay on SCHOOL CASH ONLINE.

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#### Reptilia is Coming....

On **Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**, Reptilia will be coming to MDHS to visit with all our Gr. 10 Science and Gr. 9 Gifted Science Classes. Students will get the opportunity with some hands on experience learning about Reptile anatomy and body systems and how their populations are being impacted by Climate Change. The cost of this exciting experience is **\$6.00** and you can **pay using Cash Online**. We look forward to seeing you there!

\*NOTE: Any Gr. 10 students who did not get the opportunity to see Reptilia first semester are also welcome to join our classes on May 15th. For more information, please see Ms. Ho in the Science Department to pick up Parent Permission Forms. All are Welcome!

#### May 31st - Summerfest

Student Council is excited to announce that Summerfest will be held on Wednesday, May 31st!

Clubs will be hosting a variety of fun activities and there will be a photo booth, face painting, tie dying t-shirts and other games.

The Markham Lions Club will be hosting a BBQ and there will be Dairy Queen Ice Cream and Popcorn available for sale. The burgers will be available to pre-order through School Cash Online as well, students may buy burgers for cash on May 31st. Please see chart below for prices.

Item	Cost	Combo	Item	Cost	Combo
Beef burger	\$3.50	\$4.00	Beef burger Gluten bun	\$3.50	\$4.00
Beef Cheese burger	\$4.00	\$4.50	Beef Cheese burger Gluten	\$4.00	\$4.50
Veggie burger	\$4.00	\$4.50	Veggie burger Gluten bun	\$4.00	\$4.50
Veggie Cheese burger	\$4.50	\$5.00	Veggie Cheese burger Gluten	\$4.50	\$5.00
Halal Chicken burger	\$3.50	\$4.00	Halal Chicken burger Gluten	\$3.50	\$4.00
Halal Chicken Cheese burger	\$4.00	\$4.50	Halal Chicken Cheese burger Gluten	\$4.00	\$4.50
Pop: Coke, Pepsi, Ginger Ale			\$1.00		



# MDHS SPORTS



Please note that these dates and times are subject to change based on YRAA and busing/taxi booking.

## Senior Girls Tier 2 Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Depart MDHS	Game Time	Location	Depart Location
May 3	Middlefield	Home	3:30 pm	Markham DHS	
May 8	Father McGivney	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	Father Michael McGivney CA	4:45 pm
May 11	Bill Crothers SS	Home	3:30 pm	Markham DHS	
May 15	Milliken Mills	2:45 pm	4:00 pm	Milliken Mills HS	5:15 pm
May 17	Pierre Elliott Trudeau	Home	3:30 pm	Markham DHS	
May 24	Stouffville	2:55 pm	4:00 pm	Stouffville DSS	5:15 pm

## Ultimate Schedule

Date	Depart MDHS	Location	Game Time	Depart Location
May 8th	1:40 pm	Bill Hogarth	2:30 & 4:30 pm	5:45 pm
May 10th	7:00 am	Fletchers Field	TBD	4:30 pm
May 15th	2:30 pm	Markville S.S	3:30 & 4:30pm	5:45 pm
May 17th	1:00 pm	Bur Oak S.S	3:30 & 4:30 pm	5:45 pm
June 6th	7:00 am	Fletchers Field	TBD	5:00 pm

## Rugby

Date	Depart MDHS	Game Time	Location	Depart Location
May 12	7:45 am	All Day	Cardinal Newman	4:00 pm
May 17	2:00 pm	4:15 pm	St. Teresa de Liseux	5:00 pm
May 24	1:30 pm	3:00 pm	St. Teresa de Liseux	4:15 pm
May 31	2:00 pm	3:00 pm	Bill Crothers	4:00 pm

## Varsity Girls Tier 1 Slo Pitch Schedule

Date	Depart MDHS	Opponent	Game Time	Location	Depart Location
May 16	9:15 am	St. Brother Andre	10:30 am	Milliken Park 4	3:00 pm
May 16		Unionville HS	1:30 pm	Milliken Park 4	
May 23	9:15 am	Bill Crothers SS	10:30 am	Milliken Park 4	3:00 pm
May 23		Bill Hogarth SS	1:30 pm	Milliken Park 4	
May 30	7:45 am	Middlefield C.I	9:00 am	Milliken Park 2	12:00 pm
May 30		Markville S.S	10:30 am	Milliken Park 2	

## Girls Flag Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
May 15	Bur Oak SS	9:00 am	Markham DHS
May 15	Father McGivney	11:30 am	Markham DHS
May 15	Milliken Mills	3:10 pm	Markham DHS

## What You'll Learn

### Undergraduate Programs

Pre-Medicine, Pre-Law, Engineering, Sciences, Psychology, Nursing, Business, Arts/Design, Esports, Economics, Computer Science and more!

### Scholarships

Learn about all the scholarships and financial aid available for Canadian students!

### Study Abroad

Learn about first year study abroad opportunities to Italy, Argentina, Europe, Costa Rica, Spain and Czech Republic!

### NCAA Sports

Are you a Canadian student-athlete? Join us to learn about the many sports offered by NCAA member schools!

### Meet U.S. Universities

Speak to U.S. representatives about their undergraduate programs, sports, admissions process, standardized testing requirements, tuition/fees, scholarships, financial aid and more!



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## York Region U.S. University Fair

16 May 2023 | 7 PM - 9PM

**Location:**

Thornhill Secondary School

Organized by: CollegeTrackr Canada



[Register Here](#)



# PARENTING SESSIONS

Let's talk about it!

## May 2023 Calendar of Events

**We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these virtual sessions!**

**May 15, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – noon**

**Mindful Parenting: Ride the Waves**

For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will provide an understanding of the importance of mindful parenting and the role it plays in nurturing positive relationships within the family.

**May 16, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

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For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will provide an understanding of the importance of mindful parenting and the role it plays in nurturing positive relationships within the family.

**May 24, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30**

**Test and Exam Preparation**

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on routines and strategies for parents to help better prepare their child for effective learning outcomes.

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



These free virtual parent presentations are brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

**REGISTER NOW**

For information contact: Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB  
[Oksana.majaski@yrdsb.ca](mailto:Oksana.majaski@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**

## Bike to School Week is May 29-June 2

### Let's get cycling!

Celebrate active modes of transportation like cycling and wheeling along with other students and staff across Ontario during **Bike to School Week - May 29-June 2, 2023**. **Bike to School Week** is a free and fun week-long celebration for kids of all ages and abilities.



When cycling, remember to:

- Wear a properly fitting helmet. Every cyclist under 18 must wear a bike helmet.
- **Air Brakes Chain** – Check your bike tires, brakes and chain before you start riding.
- Ensure your bike has a working bell, white light or reflector at the front, and a red light or reflector at the back. For information and to learn more visit the [Government of Ontario's bicycle safety information](#).
- Cross at crosswalks, if there is one. Walk beside your bike when crossing the road.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways and turning at intersections.
- Lock your bike in bike racks.
- Be visible and dress for the weather.

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week, or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution around your school.

### Benefits of Biking to School

- Promotes physical and mental health
- Students arrive energized and ready to learn
- Improved safety in school zones
- Good for the environment
- Convenient, bicycling is often faster than sitting in traffic
- Good for the community, encourages social interaction
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future
- **Just plain old simple fun!**

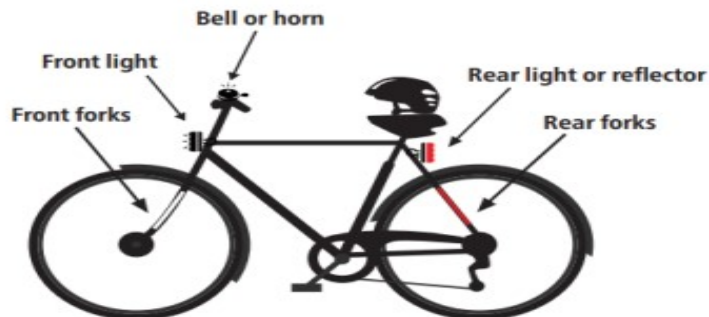
## Cycling Safety Factsheet

### Be Seen - Be Heard - Be Safe

#### Did you know?

Ontario law requires that you equip your bike with:

- ✓ White reflective tape on the front forks and red reflective tape on the rear forks
- ✓ A white front light and a red rear light or reflector if you ride between 1/2 hour before sunset and 1/2 hour after sunrise
- ✓ A bell or horn that works



**Every cyclist under 18 years of age must wear an approved bicycle helmet**

Graphic and more information can be found at [York Region Cycling education webpage](#).

#### School Staff

York Region has kindly offered to donate some items for the first 50 schools that register to help get your started with your bike to school week celebrations!

Items include:

- Bike bells
- Bike Lights
- Bike Reflector Stickers
- Spoke Lights or beads
- Posters

If your school is interested please fill out the google form (Link below). We will have the kits delivered to your school through the internal mail. Note: you will be requested to share your plans for bike to school week and we kindly ask that you keep track how many kids are cycling by simply counting the number of bikes by the racks/fence once a day. These stats will help ensure future support.

<https://forms.gle/sXeLPcmxAwahbig46>



## Recreation Subsidies

### Free Recreation and Sports Programs at Local Community Centres:

#### Participate in:

- Recreation programs at your local community centre with qualified recreation staff.
- Arts and crafts, dance, martial arts, sports, swimming, yoga and much more.
- Gym and drop-in programs; memberships and drop-in activities may also be available.

For eligible children and youth ages 4 to 18 and single parents participating in at least one of the following programs:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Child Care Fee Subsidy (income below \$36,000)

### Free Summer Camp 2023:

For eligible children ages 4 to 13 of families participating in select social services programs:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including the STAR Program and Ontario Housing Benefit)

### Free Youth Overnight Camp 2023:

For eligible youth ages 11 – 17 of families receiving:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities [york.ca/children](http://york.ca/children)
- Child Care Fee Subsidy (income below \$36,000)



And eligible youth ages 11 - 17 from a household in one of the following York Region communities:

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing
- Rent Subsidy (including the STAR Program and the Ontario Housing Benefit)

**For Eligibility and more Information:**

Call Access York at **1-877-464-9675** or visit [york.ca/recreationsubsidies](http://york.ca/recreationsubsidies)

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**(Newsletter Insert)**

**Free and/or Subsidized Recreation, Sport Programs, Summer and Overnight Camps**

For Children and Youth ages 4-18 whose families participate in one of the following:

- Ontario Works
- Ontario Disability Support Program
- Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities
- Rent Subsidy (including STAR and Ontario Housing Benefit)
- Child Care Fee Subsidy (income below \$36,000)

Some programs are only eligible to families in York Region Housing Communities

- Housing York Inc.
- Non-Profit Housing
- Cooperative Housing

**For More Program Information and Eligibility:**

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PURCHASES  
IS JUNE  
2ND!**

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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,  
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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