



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. 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 29th-June 2nd, 2023

Monday, May 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Night of Musical Theater: Little Shops of Horror– May 29, 30th, June 5 and 6th, 6:00-9:00 pm in the Cafeteria-Mr. Lavalle
Tuesday, May 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls SloPitch Team to Milliken Park 2, games vs Middlefield C.I at 9:00 am and Markville SS at 10:30 am-Mr. Barber Night of Musical Theater: Little Shops of Horror– May 29, 30th, June 5 and 6th, 6:00-9:00 pm in the Cafeteria-Mr. Lavalle
Wed. May 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. Boys Rugby Team to Bill Crothers S.S, bus departing MDHS at 2:00 pm , game at 3:00 pm, bus pick up at 4:00 pm Ultimate Team Hosts Markville SS at 2:30 pm and Bill Hogarth S.S at 4:30 pm-Ms. Morrison SAC Summerfest-Please see chart below for ordering food on school cash.
Thurs-day, June 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Banquet at Crystal Fountain-60 McDowell Gate, Markham –Mr. Siu
Friday, June 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRISM Meeting in Room 151 from 11:00 am–12:00 pm-Mr. Stetina, Mrs. Lam

Drama Department

Night of Musical Theater: Little Shops of Horror– May 29, 30th, June 5 and 6th, 6:00-9:00 pm in the Cafeteria-Mr. Lavalle

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. Note that ordering by School Cash Online is preferred as it helps us know how many burgers to buy.

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		

Message from Yearbook

YEARBOOK YEARBOOK YEARBOOK YEARBOOK YEARBOOK
Yearbooks will be distributed to student classes on Thursday June 8th, 2023. For everyone that has pre-ordered their book, thank you for your support! If you have not bought one yet please do not wait to order on school cash online this week. **Sales online will close on Friday June 2nd, 2023.** After this date books will ONLY be sold IF THERE ARE ANY EXTRA RUN OFF'S FROM THE PRINTER AND THAT CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. To avoid disappointment, pre-order your book now. -Your 2023 Yearbook Team-Mrs. Howard

Ultimate Frisbee

Come and cheer our Varsity Tier 1 Ultimate (frisbee) team this Wed. May 31st as we host for the first time since 2019!

Game Times:

2:30pm - Markham vs. Markville (Markville is undefeated so far)

4:30pm - Markham vs. Bill Hogarth (we are tied with record of 3W -5L)

There will be 6 teams competing between 2:30 - 5:30pm on the main field (2 games are played lengthwise at the same time). These are the last league games before the YRAA Championships next Tues. June 6th @Fletcher's Field.

Hope to see you on Wednesday!

Good luck to all Coaches & Athletes during these last 2 weeks of competition!



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MDHS Students with Ecospark

EcoSpark engage students in activities to learn about and take actions that benefit their local environment. They participate in scientific research projects in collaboration with certified staff and other professional scientists. Working in a collaborative fashion, EcoSpark mentors citizens in environmental work while contributing valuable data to local, regional, national and international environmental research projects.

Under the supervision and guidance of Ms. Rass and Mr. MacDonald, a wonderful group of geography students from Markham District High School worked with Ecospark on a full-day Digital Mapping workshop including conducting an outdoor tree benefits workshop on school grounds. Students used various tools to collect data including tree circumference, tree height, and canopy cover and using an app to determine the tree species. In the afternoon, students analyzed data and completed a mapping component. Looking forward to more exciting opportunities with SHSM in the future.



Why consider SHSM?

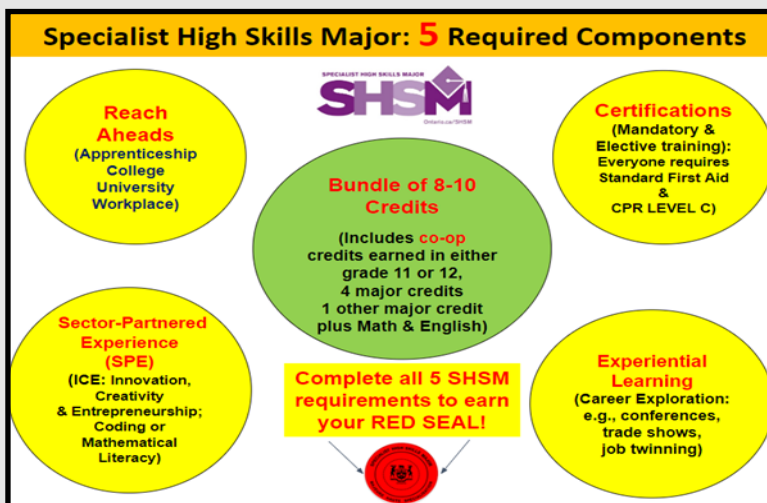
- Customize secondary school education to suit interests and skills
- Complete sector recognized certifications to build your resume
- Prepare for post-secondary opportunities (appropriate for all pathways)
- Explore and refine career goals
- Earn the SHSM Distinction on their OSSD
- Engage in fun, experiential learning with like-minded peers
- Participation in the training and field trips is **free**.

SHSM Sectors at Markham District High School:

Arts & Culture
 Horticulture & Landscaping

Construction
 Non Profit

Health & Wellness
 Transportation



Apply to SHSM: bit.ly/YRDSBSHSMapp



Indigenous Trustee Greeting

June 2023

Aaniin (Hello), I am Indigenous Trustee for the York Region District School Board and a member of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, the only First Nation in York Region and one you may recognize YRDSB acknowledging as their “partner in education” when providing land acknowledgements.

I would like to offer greetings for the month of June, the month when we recognize and celebrate the Indigenous People of Canada, our unique status as Canadians, our history on this land and our many significant contributions. In 1996, Governor General Romeo LeBlanc declared June 21 as National Aboriginal Peoples Day. He said, “On June 21st, this year and every year, Canada will honour the native peoples who first brought humanity to this great land.” In 2017, the name was formally changed, and we now recognize this day as National Indigenous Peoples Day.

June 21 was chosen because it is summer solstice, a time of spiritual significance for Indigenous people. It is a time when the sun is at the highest point in the sky and we experience the longest day of the year, and the most amount of daylight. This is considered powerful medicine and is a time for practicing ceremonies that honour our interconnection with the land and the cosmos.

The Anishinaabe also recognize June as the month of the Strawberry moon, Ode’min Giizis. The beautiful red heart shaped strawberry offers us the teaching of reconciliation and forgiveness. It is the first berry of the season that brings us that sweetness for life. June offers us many special gifts and much to be grateful for.

People ask what they can do to celebrate Indigenous People Day and as Canadians support Indigenous people in Canada? We can build our awareness by reading Indigenous books, listening to Indigenous podcasts, and attending Indigenous events. We can create positive change and promote public awareness by lending our support to Indigenous issues. We can also offer land acknowledgements as we do at the beginning of meetings and events in the YRDSB.

However, I believe most importantly to Indigenous people across this planet is to recognize our right to reclaim and practice our Indigenous languages and the important significance of the earth under our feet. Our traditional knowledge and our cultures exist in our languages and without the opportunity to learn them in our schools and speak them in our communities much of our ancestral knowledge will be lost forever.

Further, recognizing Indigenous relationship with the land and taking the time to build land awareness and connection is imperative. We must practice environmental stewardship and protect our greenspaces. Walk in nature, plant, or hug a tree, help a turtle across the road, sing to the water, just be with the land. It does little to offer a land acknowledgement if we do not acknowledge the earth on which we live. The earth is our mother, this is why we call her “Mother Earth” in our Anishinaabe creation stories. We are extrinsically interconnected; without her we would not exist. As her children we must care for her and protect her. Stand with Indigenous people by honouring her, this is the most important land acknowledgement you can give.

Chi-Miigwech and Happy Indigenous People’s Day!

Your Indigenous Trustee, Lauri Hoeg

This is a good [resource and activity guide for students](https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/DAM/DAM-CIRNAC-RCAANC/DAM-PPLCOM/STAGING/texte-text/nIPD_activity_guide_2018_1528380426091_eng.pdf)

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Message from Our Trustee

June 2023

Dear families,

As we approach the end of the school year and the start of the summer break, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping to make this school year a positive one. This is our first school year since 2018-2019 that has not been interrupted by closures as a result of COVID-19, and it has been such a pleasure to visit schools and school events over the past few months and see students, staff and families connecting and learning together.

I think it's important to acknowledge the effect the pandemic has had on students; and we have made it a priority to put supports in place for student learning, achievement, mental health and well-being. We also continue to work hard to create safe, inclusive and caring learning environments where our students know and feel that they matter and belong.

June is also a time when we look ahead to transitions - students moving ahead to new grades, new schools and new adventures. Thank you to the school staff who support students through these transitions. Congratulations to all of our graduating students moving on to secondary school or post-secondary pathways. We are so proud of all that you have achieved, class of 2023, and wish you all the very best in what comes next.

I also want to acknowledge all that you have done, as family members, to support your child and our schools - whether that's asking your child about their learning, communicating with their educators, attending school events, reading the information that comes home from the school, sharing feedback, completing surveys, tracking down library books, volunteering on field trips and in the classroom, participating in school councils, and so much more. We are grateful for all of the ways you support your child's learning and our public education system.

Communicating with families remains an important priority for us. I have had the pleasure of meeting and connecting with many families throughout the school year and appreciate how important it is that we remain connected to you. In addition to communication from your child's school, there are also many ways you can stay connected with what is happening in the Board, including our [newsroom](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [award-winning podcast](#). We were also very pleased to launch this year the [Centre for Black Student Excellence Mailing List](#) for families looking to receive information directly related to supporting Black students, celebrating Black excellence and dismantling anti-Black racism.

As we approach the summer, we look forward to welcoming students who will be participating in our variety of [elementary](#) and [secondary](#) summer learning programs. I wish everyone a happy, safe and restful summer break.

Ed Law

Trustee, Markham Wards 3 and 4



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 SloPitch 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	

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2023



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**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

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INFORMATION**

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email: info@ynotservices.org

website: www.ynotservices.org

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

To apply, please visit our website!

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 <u>identification</u>.</p> <p>You would need to bring your original primary document, no photocopies accepted.</p>	<p>Permanent Resident Card or a Confirmation of Permanent Residence or A Study Permit issued by IRCC which indicates the permit holder “may accept employment” or “may work” in Canada</p>	<p>or 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.

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!**

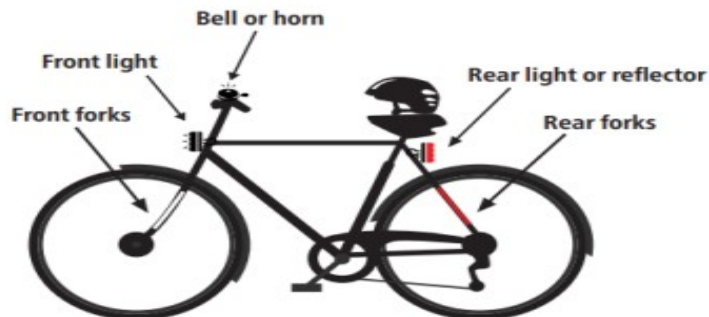
Cycling Safety Factsheet

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
- 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

#StartswithKidsYR

(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:

Call Access York at **1-877-464-9675** or visit york.ca/recreationsubsidies



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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!