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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.

<u>Week of Dec 4-8, 2023</u> SAC SPIRIT WEEK	
Monday Dec 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAC SPIRIT WEEK –See below for daily activities.
Tuesday Dec 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anime Club meeting in room 151, 3:00 pm-4:30pm-Ms. Thomas Chess weekly club meeting in the library, 3:00 pm-4:00 pm-Mr. Hamid and Mr. Raffoul
Wednesday Dec 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eco Club general meeting, room 203, 3:00-4:00 pm-Mrs. Rass Solar Dance Club weekly meeting in room 151, from 3:00 pm-4:00 pm -Ms. Chelvanathan
Thursday Dec 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anime Club in room 163 during P4 lunch-Mr. Kee TSA meeting in the cafeteria from 3:00 pm-6:00 pm Mr. Avery
Friday Dec 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Club meeting in room 230 at 3:00 pm-Mrs. Sharma Anime Club meeting in Room 151, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm –Mr. Avery Badminton Tryouts in the gym at 3:00 pm-Mr. Kee

**LEAD PRESENTS
...
ANGEL TREE GIFT DRIVE**

FROM NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 12

MAKE SOMEONE'S WISH COME TRUE THIS CHRISTMAS!!!

Donation box and wishlists will be provided to your homeroom class!!

Contact us at:

mdhs_lead
mdhsleadrive@gmail.com

Battle of the Grades Spirit Week (December 4-8):

- Monday (Dec 4): Colour Day
 - Wear your grades colour to show your spirit!
 - Grade 12: Red
 - Grade 11: Black
 - Grade 10: White
 - Grade 9: Blue
- Tuesday (Dec 5): Toronto Tuesday
 - Dress in your favorite Toronto themed gear!
 - E.g. Toronto team jerseys, Toronto celebrities and artists, and stereotypical Torontonion clothing.
- Wednesday (Dec 6): Taylor Swift Day
 - Dress as your favorite Taylor Swift era! Or in any football gear/merch!
 - SAC will also have bracelet making from P2-P4!
- Thursday (Dec 7): Holiday Sweater Day
 - Dress in your ugliest, coolest or prettiest holiday sweater!
- Friday (Dec 8): Pajama Day
 - Wear your coziest PJ's!
 - SAC will also have gingerbread cookie decorating from P2-P4!

Additionally, the grade that shows the most spirit will be rewarded with a prize!



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Message from Our Trustee

December 2023

I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and is looking forward to the winter break ahead. As I have been visiting schools and attending events, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of school staff, the commitment and support of families and the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, this also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported. I want to thank everyone who attended the school council forum held in our area and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Over the past few years, some of our secondary schools have experienced significant enrollment growth, including Markville S.S. To ensure in-boundary YRDSB students can be accommodated at their home secondary school, we are introducing capped enrollment and new modified proof of residency requirements including this school. More information will be communicated to the Markville S.S. school community in early December. Students can [search from 16 different sectors](#) that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb to learn more.

We also offer a variety of [programs for Black students](#) through the Board's Centre for Black Student Excellence. These summer and school-year programs are designed to affirm students' identities and support student achievement and well-being. You can learn more about the programs and how to sign up for the centre's mailing list [on the website](#). Our Board, the City of Markham and community partners have collaborated and created a wonderful exhibit "[Standing in the Doorway: Lived Histories & Experiences of the Chinese Community](#)" at the Markham Museum. I invite everyone to explore and celebrate our Chinese residents, to engage and learn from each other as a wider community. The exhibit will continue till February 25, 2024.

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following [network outages](#) as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services. As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Ed Law-Trustee, Markham Wards 3 and 4



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Contest	Eligible Grades	Contest Date	Registration Deadline on SchoolCash Online	Fee
Pascal Contest (by University of Waterloo)	9	Wednesday 28th Feb.	Monday 12th Feb.	\$7
Cayley Contest (by University of Waterloo)	10	Wednesday 28th Feb.	Monday 12th Feb.	\$7
Fermat Contest (by University of Waterloo)	11	Wednesday 28th Feb.	Monday 12th Feb.	\$7
Euclid Contest (by University of Waterloo)	11 / 12	Wednesday 3rd April	Mon 4th March	\$19
Fryer Contests (by University of Waterloo)	9	Thursday 4th April	Monday 4th March	\$13
Galois Contests (by University of Waterloo)	10	Thursday 4th April	Monday 4th March	\$13
Hypatia Contests (by University of Waterloo)	11	Thursday 4th April	Monday 4th March	\$13

Please register for the contests by making payments on SchoolCash Online. The fees above are set by the contest creators (CMS / CEMC), plus \$1 to cover SchoolCash Online transaction fees. Once payments have been made on SchoolCash Online, students will be invited to the “**MDHS Math Contests 2023-2024**” Google Classroom. This portal will be used to provide information about the contests such as date / time / location, and to return results to each student.

If you would like to register a student for a contest outside of their grade (eg. a grade 10 student who wants to write the grade 11 contests instead), please contact michael.raffoul@yrdsb.ca to make appropriate arrangements.

For more information about the contests, or to access past contests and solutions, please go to:

- Canada Lynx Math Competition: <https://cms.math.ca/competitions/clmc/>
- Canadian Open Mathematics Challenge: <https://cms.math.ca/competitions/comc/>
- University of Waterloo contests: https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past_contests.html

What’s Happening In the Tech Department

TIJ10 - Grade 9 Exploring Technologies

Students are in our fully equipped woodshop building a hinged box with a lock. They will be journaling their daily progress on their Tech website. You can ask your student for a website link to see what they are doing every day in class as they learn how to use power tools and hand tools to complete their box project.



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TCJ201 - Grade 10 Construction Technology

As we are approaching winter break, our floating nightstands are coming to fruition! Most students have completed assembly and fitment of pieces and have learned about rabbit joints, plough joints, pocket holes, dowels, and jigs. Students are currently applying edge banding to cover any end grain that is visible on the project by making use of lamination. We are also wrapping up our study of rafters and trusses and continuing the theory component with ceiling and wall framing.

TDJ3M - Grade 11 Tech Design

Using measurements from real life students will begin designing the layout of a series of rooms (Foyer, Living Room, Dining Room, etc.) in AutoCAD. Emphasis will be placed on designing functional spaces which take into consideration how these rooms are used in our daily lives. The individual drawings from these exercises will later be incorporated into a full floor plan layout of a two bedroom bungalow.

TGJ4M - Grade 12 Communications Technology

Students will be exploring the use of AI in the generation of media assets including images, video and audio. They will be looking at the impact on the communications technology industry, learning how to utilize various AI software and looking at the impact on society as authenticity in what we see in the media becomes blurred.

Name of Club or Council	Meeting Day	Staff Advisor
Solar Dance Club	Tuesday 3:00pm	Ms. Kimberly De Irish Baugh
L.E.A.D.	Tuesdays After School	Ms. Ahmed and Ms. Chelvanathan
Chess Club	Tuesdays After School in Library	Mr. Raffoul and Mr. Hamid.
HOSA	Monday	Mark Sewell



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Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Club	Friday	Ms. Borovicka
PRISM	Biweekly Thursdays	Mr. Stetina, Mrs. Lam, Mr. Tizzard
Chinese Student Association CSA	Every other Wednesday	Vernon Kee
Health & Wellness	Thursdays	Jesse Keyes-Renaud
DECA	Wednesdays	Ms. Webber
Muslim Student Association	Monday	Jamil Ahmad
MDHS AV Team	When necessary	Mr. Avery
Classics Club	Friday	Mr. McLaren
Markham Christian Fellowship	Monday	Mr. Kee, Mr. Nieh, Mr. Hartsliel
Desi Student Association (DSA)	Bi-Weekly Thursdays	Ms. Puri
Anime Club	Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays	Vernon Kee
MSA (Muslim Student Ass.)	Bi-Weekly Mondays	Mr. Ahmad
PRISM	Bi-weekly meetings Thursday afterschool in Room 107 (next meeting Oct 19)	Mr. Stetina, Ms. Lam, Mr. Tizzard
Peer Mentors	Thursday	Ms. McGill, Ms. Rass, Ms. McLean
American Sign Language Club	Monday	Ms. Rosalle
Markham Basketball Association	Friday	Mr. Zhang
Best Buddies	Wednesday	Ms. Takla, Ms. Tanus, Ms. Turney
Computer Science Club	Thursday	Mr. Berry
Debate Club	Monday	Mr. Hodgins
Multicultural Awareness Club	Wednesday	Mr. Lau
Markham Business Opportunities		Ms. Patel
Puzzle/Logic Club	Tuesday	Mr. Raffoul
Running Club	Wednesday	Ms. Belcastro
STEAM	Wednesday	Mr. Avery, Linda Lam
Table Tennis Club	Thursday	Mr. Kee
Women's Empowerment Club	Thursday	Ms. Lovell
Youth Volunteering Initiative	Monday	Mr. Butler

Please have your child contact Staff Advisor for more detailed information if interested or refer to the TV screens around the schools for up to date information about what's happen in the school on a weekly basis.



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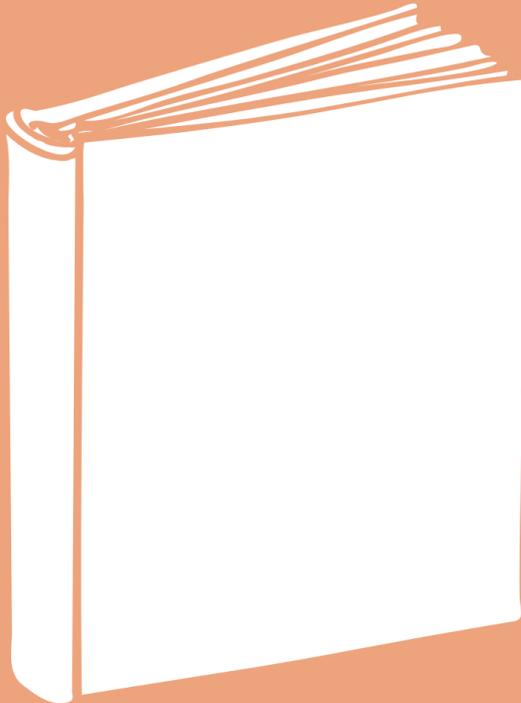
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