



Markham District High School
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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 February 5-9, 2024

Monday Feb 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Semester 2 Classes • SAC Valentine's Rose Grams Sales Period 2-4
Tuesday Feb 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess Club meeting in the library 3:00-4:00 pm-Mr. Hamid and Mr. Raffoul • SAC Valentine's Rose Grams Sales Period 2-4 • After School Band practice 3:00-6:00 in the cafeteria-Mr. Siu
Wednesday Feb 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Buddies-Valentines Candy Gram Sales Period 3 and 4 in the Blue Zone-Mrs. Takla. All proceeds go to support the Best Buddies Prom. • SAC Valentine's Rose Grams Sales Period 2-4 • Solar Dance Club weekly meeting 3:00-4:00 pm—Ms. Chelvanathan
Thursday Feb 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Buddies-Valentines Candy Gram Sales Period 3 and 4 in the Blue Zone-Mrs. Takla. All proceeds go to support the Best Buddies Prom. • TSA weekly meeting in room 151 from 3:00-6:00 pm-Mr. Avery
Friday Feb 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • York Region Public Health Immunization Catch Up Clinic in the Library • Best Buddies-Valentines Candy Gram Sales Period 3 and 4 in the Blue Zone-Mrs. Takla. All proceeds go to support the Best Buddies Prom.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

York Region Public Health is hosting an immunization clinic at your child's school for all routine student immunizations including:

- Hepatitis B • HPV • Meningococcal ACYW135
- Measles • Mumps • Rubella • Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Tetanus • Diphtheria • Pertussis • Polio Vaccines are available for students in grades 9-12, at no cost.

The scheduled clinic day for your child's high school is 2024 Feb 9. It's not too late to submit a consent form.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE ELECTRONIC CONSENT](#) to complete an immunization consent form titled High School Clinic February 2024.

If your child was vaccinated at a YRPH school or catch-up clinic in 2022 or 2023, additional doses may be required, please submit a new consent form so they are eligible to be immunized at school.

برای این اطلاعات، لطفاً به <https://www.york.ca/health/immunizations/school-immunization-program> مراجعه کنید.

有关此信息，请访问 <https://www.york.ca/health/immunizations/school-immunization-program>

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For more information about the school immunization clinics or eligibility for vaccines please call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 or visit york.ca/immunization



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Message from Our Trustee

February 2024

As we start the second semester and second half of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to share some updates about upcoming dates, events and initiatives taking place across our system with you. I also want to thank everyone who contributes to building a strong educational community in York Region District School Board - the students, families, staff members and community partners who come together in support of student learning, achievement and well-being.

February is **Black History Month**. In addition to a number of [events taking place](#) within the school board and local community, the school board is once again Celebrating Black Excellence through its Black Voices campaign. [Black Voices](#) aims to centre and celebrate the Black members of our YRDSB community and share their voices. For families looking to learn more about school board and community events and programs for Black students and families, you can [subscribe to the Centre for Black Student Excellence mailing list](#) to receive regular updates.

Later this month, we will also recognize the [Lunar New Year](#) and wish all students, staff and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration.

While we have seen milder **winter weather** this year, I also want to remind families that we have protocols in place for [severe weather](#) and school transportation cancellation in the case of inclement weather, and want to ensure families are aware. You can find more information on the Board website. We also continue to encourage families to use active school travel all year round, including during the winter months. Early in February, we will be celebrating [Winter Walk Day](#), and be sharing tips as well as the benefits and joys of winter walking.

This month, students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote in the [Student Trustee Elections](#). I want to congratulate and thank all of the students in Grade 10 and 11 who applied for this position. Student Trustees play an important role representing student voice at the Board meetings, and we greatly value their voice and contributions. Students who are eligible to vote will receive information in their GAPPS accounts about how to vote. This is a great opportunity to participate in the democratic process and to have their say about who will represent their voice in the next school year.

[Kindergarten](#) and [French Immersion](#) registration opened in January for fall 2024. For students looking at **course selection** in secondary school, there are lots of great resources available at www.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb that let students learn more about courses, programs and opportunities that relate to their interests. You can also stay up-to-date with what's happening around the Board by visiting our [newsroom](#) or by listening to the Board's award-winning [podcast Tune In YRDSB](#), including recent and upcoming episodes on what to expect in Kindergarten, how Student Trustees represent student voice, Tamil Heritage Month, Hindu Heritage Month and more.

As the governing body of the York Region District School Board, trustees are required to establish an annual **Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)** to guide system direction for a four-year period. The MYSP is a reflection of emergent priorities identified by our educational communities. Over the coming months, we will be conducting extensive consultations with YRDSB students, staff, families and community members to collect input and feedback to develop our revised MYSP. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for all that you do to partner with us in building a strong publicly funded education system that delivers a high-quality education for your children. You can learn more about my role as a school trustee and [how you can reach me](#) on the Board website www.yrdsb.ca.

Ed Law, 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:

- University of Waterloo contests: https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/past_contests.html

[Free Family Activities at Varley Art Gallery](#)

February 10 to 11 and 17 to 18 Lunarfest at the Varley

Saturdays and Sundays, February 10 to 11, and 17 to 18 | 10 AM to 5 PM | Free

Celebrate the Lunar New Year at Varley Art Gallery! Drop-in on February 10 and 11 for free family activities, and continue the celebration on February 17 and 18 with LunarFest, a community festival in partnership with the ACSEA. Don't miss the Lunar Lanterns in the courtyard from January to March, created in partnership with Indigenous artists. Experience a 2024 Lunar New Year celebration only at Varley!

<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home/arts/varley-art-gallery/public-programs>



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Congratulations

Markham D.H.S. Students Win the National Space Competition. Please see the [link](#) for the full video.

WEEKEND CAMP

MARKHAM





STONEBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL
 168 Stonebridge Dr. Markham
 Saturday Active Camp

Dates
 Starting Jan. 27, 2024

Time
 (Full-Day) 9 AM - 4 PM
 (Half-Day) 9 AM - 12 PM
 (Half-Day) 1 - 4 PM

Age
 5-12 year olds





**SPORTS
KNOWLEDGE & FUN**

York Region Educational Services
 is a registered not-for-profit
 organization. We offer every
 camper a free half-day camp.



CONTACT:
 (416)-475-6622
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Code must be entered in all capital letters

Lunar NIGHTS

Year of the Dragon Festival

FEB 8 - 25, 2024

Indoor & Outdoor
25-acre Festival

Lantern Light Festival

Interactive Activities

STANDING IN
THE
DOORWAY
EXHIBITION

Food Vendors

Cultural Exhibitors

Baby Dragon Encounter

Games & Performances

Ice Skating

Snowshoeing

Tickets at
lunarnights.ca





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Celebrating Black History Month Events 2024

* Dates and Events subject to change

Student Events and Family Engagement (please share with your school community)

Date and Time	Event Information/Details	Location
February 8, 2024	A Discussion for Families of Black Children on Pathway Opportunities for Students and Families. Register Here	Dr.Bette Stephenson Cafeteria
February 27, 2024 7:00-8:00pm.	Anti-Blackness in Schools - Virtual Affinity Session for Black Students, Families and Black Staff with Presenters Dr.Joi Spencer and Dr.Kerri Ullucci Register Here	Online Register to Receive Link
February 29, 2024 5:00pm - 6:30pm	Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight - Open to All: Student & Families Light refreshments will be served. Register In person Experience Details to be shared upon registration. Register Here	Dr Bette Rm 113