



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 prior to leaving for the absence. Forms are available from the attendance secretary or main office.

Week of January 29- February 2, 2024

Monday Jan 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Period 5 Exams • No Classes
Tuesday Jan 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Period 3 Exams • No Classes
Wednesday Jan 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Period 4 Exams • No Classes
Thursday Feb 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam Feedback Day-<i>See Modified School Day Schedule below.</i>
Friday Feb 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Day • No Classes
Monday Feb 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Semester 2 Classes

Thursday, February 1st Exam Feedback Day - Schedule

Period 1	8:10 AM to 8:47 AM
Period 2	8:52 AM to 9:29 AM
Period 3	9:34 AM to 10:11 AM
Period 4	10:16 AM to 10:53 AM
Period 5	10:58 AM to 11:35 AM
Lunch	11:35 AM to 12:35 PM

This is the only chance to review your exam with your teacher. **Attendance will be taken.**

12:35-2:50 PM - Teacher interviews upon request/by appointment



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2024 Exam Schedule is posted on the front page of the school website

STUDENT EXAMINATION INFORMATION

1. Examination Schedule

Confirm your exam/interview/performance date (if applicable) with your classroom teacher. Record the date and time in your cell phone calendar. Plan to be at school at least fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of the exam/culminating activity. All written exams begin at 8:20 a.m.

2. Transportation

Buses will maintain their regular schedule.

3. Absence

Students should not be absent during the exam period for family vacations. Illness is the only legitimate reason to be absent for an exam. In the event of illness, you should telephone the school office (905) 294-1886.

Information required will be the subject, grade and teacher name. An administrator will reach out with next steps

4. Lateness

If you are less than 15 minutes late, please report directly to the exam. If you are more than 15 minutes late, please report to the main office.

5. No Materials Brought In

Notes and paper are not to be brought in to the exam room, unless previously confirmed by the classroom teacher. Backpacks, binders and jackets should be left in lockers; they are not to be brought to the exam room.

Electronic devices (including cell phones and music devices) are not permitted in exam rooms.

6. Consequences of Inappropriate Behaviour

Students not adhering to the rules and conditions of the exam area will be brought to the office by a staff member.

7. Upon completion of your exam/culminating activity

Once student have completed their exam/culminating activity, they are expected to exit the building or wait quietly in the cafeteria until they depart. Students are not permitted to be in the halls as other exams/culminating activities may still be in progress.

8. Severe/Inclement Weather and Transportation

In the event of bus cancellation because of storm conditions, examinations for that day only will be rescheduled. All other examinations will be written as scheduled. If an exam has to be rescheduled due to inclement weather, the exams for that date will be rescheduled to Thursday, February 1, 2024.

When the decision about school transportation and school closures is made, the board does so as early as possible, and no later than 6:00 a.m. The YRDSB will do their best to notify families in advance when they may be considering closing school and Board offices. Transportation cancellations or school closures are communicated through:

- Student Transportation Services - www.schoolbuscity.com or 1-877-330-3001
- YRDSB Website: www.yrdsb.ca
- YRDSB Twitter: @YRDSB
- Radio and TV media outlets

9. Thursday, February 1, 2024 – Exam Feedback Day

This is a modified school day. Attendance will be taken. This is meant to be an opportunity for students to review their final exams with their teachers. The schedule for the day is listed on the Exam Schedule.



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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



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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
info@yorkeducation.ca

SCAN & REGISTER:



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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PA Day February 2, 2024

The focus of the February 2, 2024 Professional Activity Day is Violence Prevention and Curriculum Implementation.

Morning (150 minutes)

Topic: Violence Prevention (Facilitated by Administrators)

Details: This module is designed to support all staff in:

- developing relationships and identity-affirming working and learning environments;
- identifying warning signs that a person's behaviour may be escalating;
- responding to escalations using specific strategies;
- exploring case studies; following reporting procedures; and accessing support and resources.

Topic: Equitable Assessment Practices Professional Learning Series #2

Details: School teams will engage in professional learning facilitated by school administrators focusing on:

- implementing the fundamental principles of equitable assessment and evaluation;
- addressing self-identified barriers to equitable assessment and evaluation; and developing next steps within schools and/or departments.

Topic: SIP/Department Meetings

Details: School teams will engage School Improvement planning led by school administrators focusing on:

- high-impact instructional practices to support student improvement in alignment with the curriculum;
- developing resources and learning plans to consolidate foundational knowledge and skills in de-streamed grade 9 courses and across the curriculum; supporting Multi Language Learners in our classrooms; and developing equitable assessment practices.

Afternoon (150 minutes)

Topic: Making Learning Accessible for MLLs Using the STEP Continua

Details: This module is the third in a series of required learning intended for secondary educators, administrators and support staff. To build on the content from modules 1 and 2, educators will explore approaches guided by the STEP continua that create entry points to learning for Step 1/Step 2 learners across all subject areas.

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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

