



Markham District High School
 89 Church Street, Markham, ON L3P 2M3
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 Website: <http://www.markhamdistrict.hs.yrdsb.ca>

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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.

REMINDER Secondary Schools do not use Edsby for Attendance



Week of Dec 16th-20th, 2024

<p>Monday Dec 16th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 11 School Immunization clinic in the library, see the flyer on page 3 of this bulletin. Kinesiology Guest Speaker in room 138, 9:35 am-10:50 am-J. Morrison Jr. Boys Basketball Team to Unionville H.S, 2:00 pm-5:30 pm Sr. Girls Volleyball Team to Stouffville District S.S, 2:15 pm-6:15 pm-H. McLean Christian Fellowship Christmas Party - Pizza, snacks, Gingerbread Houses, Christmas carols and more! Room 163 - after school – Mr. Kee TSA Dance Workshop in the cafeteria 3:00 pm-5:45 pm-M. Avery
<p>Tuesday Dec 17th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Classes Field Trip to Imagine Cinemas Elgin Mills-K. Howsam, G. Stetina, D. Puri, D. Ip, and A. Klein's classes. Bus leaving at 9:15 and returning at 12:35pm Grade 11 Pathways Presentation Period 2 (9:35 am-10:50 am) in the library-Guidance Dept. Boys Hockey Team hosts Markville S.S., dismissal at 1:30 pm and game at 2:30 pm-M. Gasteiger Jr. Girls Volleyball Team hosts Bill Crothers S.S .at 3:00 pm and Bill Hogarth SS at 5:00 pm-H. Mclean Sr. Boys Basketball team to Markville S.S., 2:15 pm-5:45 pm-A. Butler Music Department Holiday Bash in the cafeteria, 5:00 pm-8:00 pm-S. Siu
<p>Wednesday Dec 18th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls Hockey Team to Ray Twinney Complex in Newmarket. Bus leaving at 8:45 am and returning at 2:45 pm-P. Howard Archery Safety Test - This test is mandatory for anyone who wants to try out for the archery team. Room 163 – 3:00 pm – Mr. Kee Solar Dance Club weekly meeting in room 115, 3:00-4:00 pm. SAA weekly meeting in the Library, 3:00-4:00 pm-S. Whittaker STEM Club weekly meeting, 3:00-4:00 pm-M. Avery & L. Lam Coach's Classic Hockey Game at Mount Joy Arena, 4:00-5:00 pm-M. Gasteiger
<p>Thursday Dec 19th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anime Club Holiday Event in the drama room 151, 3:00-4:30 pm-M. Hancock PRISM weekly meeting in room 107-G. Stetina
<p>Friday Dec 20th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAC Holiday Assemblies 8:15 am-11:30 am in the Cafeteria.
<p>Dec 23rd to Jan 3rd</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Happy Holidays! No Classes.
<p>Jan 6, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day back to school.



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Re: Upcoming EQAO Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics

Between January 16 and January 17, 2025, our students in the Grade 9 mathematics course this semester (MTH1W) will be taking part in the online Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This assessment is administered province-wide and has been developed by Ontario teachers and assessment experts. It is designed to allow students to demonstrate their skills and knowledge relating to mathematics as described in The Ontario Curriculum, Grade 9: Mathematics (2021).

Students will complete the assessment in two sessions (Session A and Session B). Each session will be completed in one sitting and will take approximately 60 minutes to complete. The assessment uses a multi-stage computer adaptive testing model that adapts to the individual student's performance as the student progresses through each session. Students will also be presented with a questionnaire.

After the assessment sessions are complete, teachers will receive an Individual Student Report for each student. Results from this assessment will be included as part of a student's final course mark (10%).

Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the types of questions on the online assessment and its platform through EQAO's online sample test.

For more information about EQAO and to view a sample test, visit EQAO's website, www.eqao.com. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Tsang, Head of Mathematics, michelle.tsang@yrdsb.ca or Roma Patel, Interim Assistant Head of Mathematics, roma.patel@yrdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

Kathy McAlpine Principal

2024-2025 START UP FORMS REMINDER

Each year we ask families to complete **important start-up forms**. <https://startupforms.yrdsb.ca/> Please review and complete the forms. If you prefer to receive and complete a paper copy, please contact the main office. **This form will grant permission for your student's photo to be published in the yearbook. Please complete the form to avoid disappointment.**

The [Guide to the School Year](#) has been moved online. We encourage families to review this webpage as it includes important information you may need to access throughout the school year. You can use the translation feature on the website to translate this content. It is available at <https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-guide>.



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Mathematics Contests for 2024 - 2025

Contest	Eligible Grades	Contest Date	SchoolCash Deadline	Fee
Canadian Math Society:				
The Center for Education in Mathematics and Computing (University of Waterloo):				
Pascal Contest	9	Wednesday 26th February 2025	Thursday 6th February 2025	\$7
Cayley Contest	10			
Fermat Contest	11			
Euclid Contest	11 / 12	Wednesday 2nd April 2025	Monday 3rd March 2025	\$19
Fryer Contest	9	Thursday 3rd April 2025	Monday 3rd March 2025	\$13
Galois Contest	10			
Hypatia Contest	11			

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 the SchoolCash Online deadline has passed, students will be invited to the “**MDHS Math Contests 2024-2025**” 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. On days when multiple contests are running, it is possible to register for a contest that is intended for students in higher grades (for example, a Grade 10 student who wishes to write the Fermat instead of the Cayley). If this applies to you, please contact michael.raffoul@yrdsb.ca after making the payment on SchoolCash Online to make arrangements. For more information about the contests, or to access past contests and solutions, please go to:

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

PRICE ONLY UNTIL NEW YEARS!
\$50
 Order on School Cash Online!
BUY YOUR YEARBOOK NOW

Don't Miss Out on the 2024-2025 Yearbook!

*Relive all the memories, laughs, and moments that made this year unforgettable!
 It is currently \$50 on School Cash Online BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 4 YEARS THE PRICE WILL INCREASE TO \$55 IN JANUARY, YOU DON'T WANT TO PAY MORE!!*

ORDER HERE: [School Cash Online](#) GRAB YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY! Don't forget you MUST have the [School Start-up Form](#) completed to appear in the book!

*******Check out the pages below for community events *******



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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 **grade 11 at no cost.**

The scheduled clinic day for Markham District HS. is:

December 16, 2024

It's not too late to submit a consent form.

<https://www.york.ca/form/immunization-consent>

If your child was vaccinated by YRPH at a school or catch-up clinic in 2022-2024, additional doses may be required, please submit a new consent form so they are eligible to be immunized at school.

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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Inclusive School and Community Services

Transit Assistance Program (TAP) For Those who Qualify

York Region is offering the Transit Assistance Program (TAP) to help make transit more affordable for eligible residents.

- Eligible TAP participants can receive a 50% discount on regular Adult single ride York Region Transit (YRT) fare using a PRESTO card. After 40 trips, rides are free for unlimited travel for the remainder of the calendar month.
- Anyone in the family can use the TAP card, including students going to high school
- Please Visit : [Eligibility and How to Apply for TAP](#)
- **New Applications and Renewals for 2025** are now being accepted by telephone. There are a limited number of new spots available so apply soon. **Please contact ACCESS YORK at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 75581.** All Students turning 18 should apply in their own right.
- If you require language interpretation for this call, simply say the language you speak when connected at the number above and interpretation services will be put in place.

If you have any additional questions please contact:

Yvonne Kelly,
Community and Partnership Developer, YRDSB
Regional Portfolio on Poverty/Intersections of Poverty
Inclusive School and Community Services
yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca
(905) 895-5155 ext.5124



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BUILDING HEALTHY KIDS



Supporting healthy, confident kids and teens!

Resiliency is not just about surviving tough times; it's about thriving despite them. Resilient kids and teens are better equipped to manage stress, build healthy relationships, and succeed academically and socially. Resilience comes from supportive relationships, emotional awareness, competence, and realistic optimism.

Help kids bounce back from stress by giving them tools to manage stress in different environments. These tools might include strategies such as breathing, visualization or listening to music. Try a variety of activities, and practice strategies together as a family to see what works best for you and your child.

You can also encourage optimistic thinking by listening to your child and respecting and confirming their experiences. Foster positive interactions and support and help them to make connections – encourage your child to talk to others. Parents, caregivers, coaches and teachers all have a role to play in building a child's resilience and confidence. Everyone can contribute to a child or teens resiliency by believing in them and encouraging them to try new things and achieve their goals.

Don't forget it is also important to build your own resiliency – taking care of you helps you support others. Your self-care can help improve your energy, focus, ability to cope with challenges and you will be a role model for your children. Practice self-care by staying active, getting enough sleep, keeping connected with friends and family, taking time to pause and reflect and treating yourself with compassion and gentleness. You may want to try journaling, mindfulness, practicing gratitude and kindness or listening to music. Find what works for you.

Building positive relationships with children is important for them to grow up healthy and confident. York Region Public Health is here to support you with information and resources. If you would like more information on how you can help build healthy kids and teens visit york.ca/HealthyKids.

Public Health
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TTY 1-866-512-6228
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Family Dashboard



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Welcome to the YRDSB Family Dashboard

The dashboard will give you secure one-stop access to information and applications related to your child's education. It is designed to make it easier for you to engage with your child's education.

Register today at family.yrdsb.ca.

Setting up your account

1. Visit family.yrdsb.ca.
2. Click "No account? Create one" under the email.
3. Enter the email address you have on file at your child's school, and click the Next Button.
4. Check your email, you will receive an email with a one-time code that expires within 30 minutes in order to confirm your identity. Enter that code on the account creation screen.

Once your email has been validated you will be asked to:

1. **Create a password.**
Passwords must be between 8-256 characters and include three of the four following types of characters: lowercase characters; uppercase characters, numbers (0-9); symbols
2. **Enter a Display Name** (your parent/guardian name).
3. **Enter the following information about your child or one of your children for further verification:**
If you use the same email address for your children's schools, all of your children will show in the dashboard once you have registered.
 - a. **Student Number** (is the same number as their GAPPS ID, or is available in EDBSY)
 - b. **Student Birthdate**
 - c. **Student Home Address Postal Code**

For more tips and frequently asked questions, visit www2.yrdsb.ca/family-resources and click on the Need Help button for the Family Dashboard.





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Tamil
Community
Centre

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Tamil Community Centre's Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Competition

2025 Call for Entries!

Theme

Meeting Together, Meeting Place – Celebrating the Tamil Community Centre and Preserving Our Culture.

We're excited to announce the launch of our Tamil Heritage Month Video & Essay Competition as part of the Tamil Community Centre's mission to celebrate and preserve Tamil heritage! Students from all schools are invited to participate in this exciting contest.

Theme Overview

The theme **"Meeting Together, Meeting Place"** highlights the power of community spaces like the Tamil Community Centre, where Canadian Tamils gather to share stories, pass on traditions, learn, play, participate in the arts and nurture a sense of belonging. It is a place that will connect generations, shaping bonds that influence the future.

In your video essay, explore how such spaces allow us to celebrate our heritage, foster learning, form community and inspire future generations to carry on our traditions. Share your personal thoughts on how a gathering place like the Tamil Community Centre can create meaningful connections that strengthen and enrich our community for years to come.

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ORGANIZATION NUMBER:
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Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by

THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

Monday, December 16, 2024
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us for our monthly virtual meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools.

Agenda:

- Presentation - Ways to support our children
- Upcoming Programs and events
- Question and answer session

Please register ASAP.

A Zoom meeting link will be sent after registration.

Let us come together to empower our students and build a stronger community.

We look forward to seeing you there.



[REGISTER HERE](#)



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Integrated Elementary Arts @ Baythorn!



At YRDSB, we are committed to continuous improvement, and we continue to focus on **Student Achievement**, promoting and supporting high expectations for all, **Health and Well-Being**, building healthy environments and positive relationships, and **Human Rights and Inclusive Education**, learning and growing together, and affirming our diverse identities.



There are 4 Regional High School Arts Programs and 1 Regional Arts Elementary Arts Program in YRDSB. The Arts@Baythorn invites students to explore Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music integrated into learning each and every day in a collaborative and cooperative learning environment.

Applications are open on [Edsby](#) from January 13 – 26, 2025.

Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Collaborative workshops are being held February 18 – 20, 2025.

These dates are firm.



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WINTER LEARN & PLAY VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM



START DATE :
THE WEEK OF
JANUARY 6TH
6PM-8PM



Age group: 8-13
Years old



Cost: \$240 + tax
8 Weeks of program



***Free t-shirt included**



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35 HIGHGATE RD, MARKHAM



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(416) 258-8071



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YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS

WINTER HOUSE LEAGUE

JANUARY 11TH – MARCH 15TH, 2025

- Learn volleying, passing, hitting, and serving
- Develop skills through games and activities
- Play in a non-competitive environment that makes learning FUN!



\$240 (+tax)

What to Expect:

- Skill development + modified gameplay every session
- Using kid-friendly equipment for confidence and success!

8 weeks on Saturdays

Session 1: 9am-10:30am | 8-11 years old
Session 2: 10:30am-12pm | 12-15 years old

Location:
 Renaissance Catholic Secondary School
 700 chemin Bloomington, Aurora, ON L4G 0E1

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YRDSB ARTS CAMP 2025



Join us for an immersive program in visual, studio, and performance arts. Explore your identity through creative expression, supported risk-taking, and collaboration with peers and staff. Fosters self-confidence, individuality, and the discovery of new talents.

Memories that last a
Lifetime

Students. Educators. Community Artists
CREATING TOGETHER



Applications open Fri. Dec 13 – Fri. Feb. 7

- ✓ Campers (gr. 7-12)
- ✓ Counsellors-In-Training (gr. 9-11)
- ✓ Counsellors (gr. 11 & 12)



FOR MORE INFORMATION
& TO APPLY, VISIT:

bit.ly/YRDSBac25Info



Sat. May 24 – Sat. May 31, 2025



Questions? Email:
arts.camp@yrdsb.ca



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