



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.

REMINDER Secondary Schools do not use Edsby for Attendance

Week of Dec 2-6, 2024	
Monday Dec 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Girls Hockey Team hosts St. Teresa of Lisieux CHS at Markham Village Arena departing at 2:00 pm, game at 3:00 pm-P. Howard Sr. Girls Volleyball Team hosts FMMCA at 3:30 pm & PETHS at 4:30 pm-J. Morrison
Tuesday Dec 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Music Concert (Evening) at Flato Markham Theatre-S.Siu Boys Hockey Team hosts St. Augustine CHS, dismissal at 1:30 pm, game at 2:30 pm-M. Gasteiger Sr. Boys Basketball Team hosts St. Brother Andre CH, game at 3:30 pm-A. Butler Jr. Boys Basketball Team hosts St. Brother Andre CH, game at 4:45 pm-A. Butler
Wednesday Dec 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jr. Girls Volleyball Team to St. Augustine CHS, team dismissal at 2:15 pm, game vs Bill Hogarth S.S at 3:30 pm & St. Augustine at 4:30 pm-H. Mclean & A. Tunnickliff Solar Dance Club Meeting in cafeteria, 3:00-4:30 pm-S. Chelvanathan 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
Thursday Dec 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAC Snowball Semi-Formal at Crystal Fountain Event Venue (tickets on school cash online close on Sun night)-P. Sutharsun & D. Pingitore Jr. Boys Basketball Team to St. Katherine Drexel, team dismissal at 2:30, departing at 2:45 pm game at 3:45 pm-A. Butler PRISM weekly meeting in room 107-G. Stetina
Friday Dec 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamil Student Association Club meeting in the Cafeteria-M. Avery

Before and After School Math Department Extra Help

Morning 7:30-8:00am		Room 227				
Grade Focus	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Gr.9-10	Gr.9-12	Gr.9-11	Gr.9-10	Gr.9-12	
	Mrs. Cylka	Ms. Tsang	Ms. Patel	Mr. Zhang	Mr. Balzer	
After School 3:00-3:30pm		Room 225				
Grade Focus	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	Gr.9-12	Gr.9-12	Gr.9-11	Gr.9-12	Gr.9-11	
	Mr. Ahmad	Ms. Lam Mr. Hsia	Mr. Kwok	Ms. Teng Mr. Hsia	Mr. Kwok	



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

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.affoul@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



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LEAD is collaborating with 360 Kids for our Angel Tree campaign to help out youth in need this holiday season. If you can, please donate items such as gift cards, daily necessities, and nonperishable food items as per the lists provided to the Homerooms. We are hoping to collect donations by December 10th. In addition, any gift cards for local grocery stores (such as Walmart, etc.) will be greatly appreciated for families who need support. –Mrs. Ahmed

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ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKAN GRADUATES OF CANADA
 in partnership with
YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



GUIDANCE FOR HIGHER STUDIES



CAREER INFORMATION WORKSHOP
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (GR.9-12) & PARENT/GUARDIAN

To Register
 Scan QR Code



OR

Contact the following:

Mayooran Somanathan:

(647) 920-0106

Dr. V. Manivannan:

(647) 949-5205



Suganja Sinnathamby:

suganja.sinnathamby@yrdsb.ca



Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024
Time: 9:30 - 2:00 PM
Venue: Milliken Mills HS, Markham
(7522 Kennedy Road)

Admission: FREE

Looking for information on...

- Career Choices
- Universtiy/College Selections
- Scholarship & Grant Applications
- Secondary School Course Selections

**Come join us to meet the professionals,
 seek the right advice and step
 into the right path for a better future!**

Partner Organizations

Centre For Leadership and Innovation(CFLI)
 Canadian Tamil Professional Association(CTPA)
 Educators for Tamil Students' Success of YRDSB(ETSS)
 Sri Lankan Accountants Association of Canada(SAAC)

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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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2024-2025 START UP FORMS

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](https://www2.yrdsb.ca/school-year-guide) 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>.

Student Activity Fee

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to offer your child the chance to make the most of their high school experience at Markham District High School by paying the **optional \$40 Student Activity Fee (SAF)**, now available via School Cash Online.

This small fee goes a long way in enriching your student's life at MDHS. It supports a wide range of events and activities designed to make high school fun and memorable, while also providing discounts and special incentives. By paying the SAF, your child will benefit from:

- **Discounts** on key MDHS events such as Semi-Formals, FallFest, SummerFest, and more!
- Exclusive **free incentives** available only to SAF contributors.
- **Enhanced opportunities** for clubs and extracurricular activities.

For parents of students involved in clubs, it's important to note that funding for clubs is linked to how many of their members have paid the SAF. The more students who contribute, the more resources their clubs will have to run exciting and enriching programs. Your support can make a real difference in sustaining these opportunities for your child and their peers.

We encourage you to take advantage of this chance to support your child's high school journey. You can easily contribute via **School Cash Online** by selecting the **\$40 Student Activity Fee**.

Thank you for being a key part of creating an enriching and unforgettable high school experience at Markham District High School.

Family Dashboard **NEW**

We are pleased to introduce the YRDSB family portal called the 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 families to engage with their child's education. In this first phase, the dashboard will include secure access to report cards and links to useful information for parents/guardians. **You should have received an email from YRDSB Update inviting you to register for the dashboard.** Please ensure your school office has your up-to-date email address. We also encourage parents/guardians to have individual email addresses to access the Family Dashboard, rather than one shared email address.

Accessing Support

More information, instructions and frequently asked questions are available on the [Board website Family Dashboard Help Page](#). **A translation tool is available on the Board website that will translate this information into over 80 languages.**

A call centre is also available to support you with setting up your account. The call centre will be available:

- October 24, 28, 29, November 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21st – from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Contact:

- Newmarket and Northern York Region: 289-340-0036
- GTA/Toronto: 647-749-4324

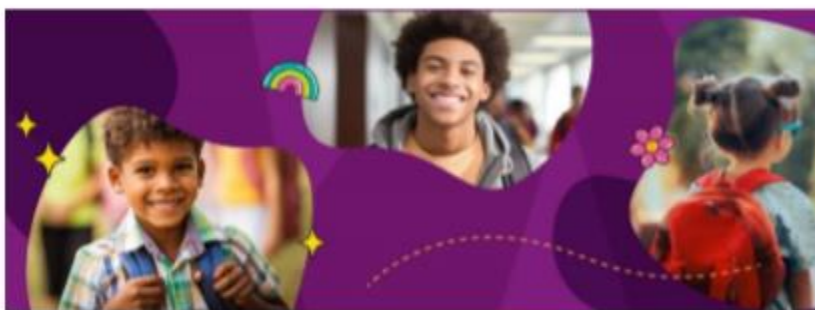
For additional support, you can also email: FamilyDashboardHelp@yrdsb.ca.



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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
1-877-464-9675
TTY 1-866-512-6228
york.ca/HealthyKids





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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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The Jewish Rainbow

**A monthly support group for parents and
caregivers of LGBTQ+ individuals**

Cost: Free

Pre-registration is required.

**For more info or to register, please contact
Shirley Shedletsky at 416-638-7800, ext. 6260 or
sshedletsky@jfindcs.com**



**Schwartz/Reisman Centre
from 7:00-9:00pm
On the following Wednesdays:
September 18, 2024
October 9, 2024
November 20, 2024
December 11, 2024**

JF&CS strives for inclusivity in all its programs, serving community members of any income, family structure, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious affiliation, level of observance, race, ethnicity, cultural identity and place of origin.





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BSA DROP-IN SESSIONS

Dates:

Wednesday, November 13, 2024
Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Time:

4-5 pm



Format: Drop-in

[Microsoft Teams Link](#)

Meeting ID: 289 948 620 938

Passcode: CoWuMh



Contact: Heather Henry
heather.henry@yrdsb.ca

There is no need to RSVP but if you would like to receive on going updates and information please [Register Here](#).

Black student groups (BSAs) work to action the YRDSBs Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy and support students in achieving their academic and well-being goals. BSA Drop-in Sessions are for any educators, administrators, or staff who are building, supporting, and/or maintaining a BSA both in the Elementary and Secondary panel.



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The SEVA Affinity Group presents:



Gurpurab Celebration: An Evening of Learning and Langar

We are excited to invite you to a special **Gurpurab Celebration** on **Wednesday, December 4, 2024**, from **5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** This event will honor the founder of the Sikh faith, Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings and provide an opportunity for our community to connect, learn, and collaborate.

Event Highlights:

Workshops to Learn about Sikh Identity:

Educators, students, parents, and caregivers are all welcome to participate in workshops designed to foster understanding of the Sikh identity and values. Each workshop is thoughtfully crafted for different age groups to encourage meaningful engagement and learning.

Workshops:

- **Educators:** Workshop on the Sikh Identity, including a Q&A session to address any questions or curiosities.
- **Primary Students (K-3):** Storytime
- **Junior Students (4-6):** Painting Workshop
- **Intermediate Students (7-12):** Community Circle
- **Parents and Caregivers:** Community circle to engage, share in strengths and challenges

Langar Seva:

Following the workshops, we will gather to share a **Langar** (free community meal) in the Sikh tradition. Langar embodies Guru Nanak's principles of equality and community, and all are welcome to join.

Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

- Welcome message: 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.
- Workshops: 5:20 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Langar: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location: Emily Carr S.S., 4901 Rutherford Rd, Vaughan, ON L4H 3C2

This event is for everyone—students, educators, parents, and caregivers from all backgrounds and communities—to come together to learn about Sikh traditions, ask questions, and connect in an inclusive space. It is an opportunity to build understanding, celebrate diversity, and engage in shared learning.

REGISTER Before Nov 27:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0dcnWjVIdZBrSYltwIud415YX_1C58ZL9m4maYngG9MMsNA/viewform



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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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Kwanzaa Celebration

Students, staff and families, please join us as we come together to celebrate Kwanzaa! This special event will honour African heritage, unity and culture and will be a time to reflect on the seven principles of Kwanzaa, enjoy cultural traditions and foster community spirit.

Date: Monday, December 9, 2024

Time: 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Location: Dr. Bette Stephenson, 36 Regatta Avenue, Richmond Hill

Event Details:

- Storytelling on Kwanzaa's history and principles
- Music and performances celebrating African heritage and culture
- Crafts and activities for all ages
- A community feast

We look forward to celebrating this cultural holiday with you.

To Register

Please fill out a [registration form](#) by **December 2, 2024**.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to Blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca

