



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



Dec 23rd to Jan 3, 2025 Happy Holidays-No classes

Monday Jan 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Happy New Year! Welcome back to school.
Tuesday Jan 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant Faith Day- Eastern Christmas
Wednesday Jan 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Photo Retake Day- In room 164 Students have been emailed the online appointment booking link via their Gapps email account. Jr. Girls Volleyball Team to Bill Crothers S.S, team dismissal at 2:00 pm, departing at 2:15 pm games vs St. Augustine at 3:00 pm & Unionville at 4:30 pm-A. Tunnicliff Sr. Girls Volleyball Team to Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S, team dismissal at 2:15 pm, departure at 2:30 pm, game vs Father Michael M. at 4:00 pm and Markville S.S at 5:00 pm-A. Tunnicliff Solar Dance Club Meeting in the cafeteria, 3:00-4:00 pm-S. Chelvanathan SAA weekly meeting in the Library-S. Whittaker STEM Club weekly meeting in room 115-M. Avery Boys Hockey Team Practice at Mount Joy Arena 4:00-5:00 pm-M. Gasteiger
Thursday Jan 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Photo Retake Day- In room 164 Students have been emailed the online appointment booking link via their gapps email account. Jr. and Sr. Boys Basketball Team to Father Michael M., dismissal at 2:00 pm, bus departing at 2:15 pm, games at 3:30 pm & 4:45 pm PRISM weekly meeting in room 107-G. Stetina
Friday Jan 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamil Student Association weekly meeting

Important News

- Our Exam Schedule and Information is on our school website. **Link:** [Exam Schedule](#)
- YRT Bus Route 411 Change – see flyer on page 4
- EQAO Grade 9 Math Assessment-see information on the next page



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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

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!



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Service update



EFFECTIVE: JANUARY 5, 2025

Post until: Jan 20

411

Markham District School Special via Box Grove



Route and schedule change

Route 411 – Markham District School Special via Box Grove will be improved to better serve the Box Grove community. Route 411 will no longer service Kenilworth Gate, Stoney Stanton Road, and Bur Oak Avenue to improve travel times for students traveling south of Highway 407.

Students may use Route 416 – Markham District School Special via Ninth Line to continue travelling to Kenilworth Gate, Stoney Stanton Road and Bur Oak Avenue.

The morning trip will be adjusted:

- Morning trip will depart from 14th Avenue/Markham Road (stop 1508) at 7:20 a.m. instead of 7:11 a.m.

For more information, visit yrt.ca/servicechanges or call the YRT Contact Centre at 1-866-668-3978.



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FUNDRAISING FOR PROVINCIAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS



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35 All Occasion Cards for only \$35



Purchase from
January 6 to 31, 2025

\$35

Buy on School Cash Online

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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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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**

MONDAYS - EAST
HIGHGATE PS
35 HIGHGATE RD, MARKHAM



WEDNESDAYS - NORTH
SACRED HEART CHS
908 LEMAR RD, NEWMARKET

REGISTER NOW



www.yorkregionsports.ca



(416) 258-8071



info@yorkregionsports.ca

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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

Contact Us

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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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[@YRDSBArtsCamp](https://www.instagram.com/YRDSBArtsCamp)



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Wellbeing & Mindfulness Workshop



We are delighted to invite you to an engaging Wellbeing and Mindfulness Workshop designed to help students and families nurture balance, build resilience, and practice self-care in today's fast-paced world.

Date: January 23, 2025

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Location: Poplar Bank Public School
400 Woodspring Ave, Newmarket, ON L3X 2X1

Dinner will be provided.

During this interactive session, you will learn practical mindfulness techniques, explore strategies to support mental health, and participate in activities aimed at fostering connection and relaxation. This workshop is a great opportunity to prioritize your wellbeing as a family while gaining tools to thrive both academically and personally.

We look forward to seeing you there!



To Register

Please [register](#) by January 14, 2025. Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to respond early to secure your spot!



[Link to Register](#)