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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 Nov 11th-15th, 2024	
Monday Nov 11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remembrance Day Assemblies 8:15 -10:45 AM, Period 1 Grade 9 and 11's Period 2 Grade 10 and 12s-G. Morris • 3 vs 3 Basketball tournament in the gym 3:00-5:45 pm-L. Hsia
Tuesday Nov 12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boys Hockey Team hosts St. Robert's CHS at Markham Village Arena, dismissal at 1:30 pm, game at 2:30 pm-M. Gasteiger
Wednesday Nov 13th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHSM Trip to Southlake Hospital, bus departing at 7:45 am, returning at 3:45 pm-M. Weinstein • Canadian Intermediate and Senior Math Contest 8:10-10:50 am in the cafeteria-M. Raffoul • Classics Competition at St. Clement's School, bus leaving at 12:30 pm, returning to school at 9:45 pm-D. McLaren • Solar Dance Club weekly meeting 3:00-4:30 pm in the cafeteria-S. Chelvanathan • SAA weekly meeting 3:00-4:00 pm in the library-S. Whittaker • STEM weekly club meeting 3:00-4:00 pm in room 115-M. Avery • Boys Hockey Team Practice at Mount Joy Arena 4:00-5:00 pm-M. Gasteiger • Wind Symphony Performance at the Chinese Cultural Center 5:45-9:45 pm, bus departing at 5:45 pm and returning to school at 10:00 pm -S. Siu
Thursday Nov 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHSM –OCAD Portfolio Workshop in room 124, 8:15 am-12:15 pm-G. Rosalle • Science Field Trip to Activate Scarborough, 9:45 am-2:45 pm-V. Ho and R. Patel • Girls Hockey to Stouffville Arena, bus departing at 1:30 pm, game at 3:00 pm returning to school at 4:15 pm-P. Howard • Tamil Student Association Dance Workshop in the cafeteria 3:00-6:00 pm-M. Avery • PRISM (GSA CLUB) weekly meeting in room 107-G. Stetina
Friday Nov 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA Day-No Classes

**** Please note that dates and times of sporting events may change closer to the date. Link to York Region Athletics Association for information about Team games <http://www.yraa.com/src/>**

****Please see below for many community events** (Begins on page 5)**



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Before and After School Math Department Extra Help

Morning 7:30-8:00am		Room 227			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grade Focus	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			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grade Focus	Gr.9-12	Gr.9-12	Gr.9-11	Gr.9-12	Gr.9-11
	Mr. Ahmad	Ms. Lam	Mr. Kwok	Ms. Teng	Mr. Kwok
		Mr. Hsia (Gr9-11,12 Data)		Mr. Hsia (Gr9-11,12 Data)	

Note: We encourage you to attend extra help session on day(s) your teacher is supervising.

Krispy Kreme fundraiser for Best Buddies Prom

Best Buddies is selling Krispy Kreme donuts to fundraise for the Best Buddies Prom coming up! Orders are open on School Cash Online from October 23rd and will close on November 13th. Pick-up will be on Wednesday, November 20th! We are selling them by the dozen for \$16.00. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Best Buddies Canada is a national charity that helps promote inclusion and reduce bullying through friendship for individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability (IDD). For the past 29 years, Best Buddies Canada has been in elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, universities, and colleges nationwide. Markham District students with an IDD are paired in one to-one friendships with a peer buddy. Students get to know one another and develop lasting friendships.

The Best Buddies group at Markham District High School will be attending the York Region Prom which is for all of the Best Buddies schools in the region, reaching schools from across the school board and hundreds of students. This event gives students the opportunity to have a prom that is safe, inclusive, and fun. They can connect with other Best Buddies chapters across the region.

DECA is selling Poinsettias from October 21, 2024 to Friday November 15, 2024



DECA

Poinsettia Fundraiser
 IN SUPPORT OF DECA

- 4.5" Red - \$7
- 6" Red Standard Table Size - \$10
- 8" Red Table/Floor Size - \$22.50
- 10" Red Premium Floor Size - \$32.50
- Grinch Tree (14-15") - \$30

All purchases can be made on School Cash Online

All proceeds support MDHS DECA Chapter's Provincial Competition

Pick-up on Friday November 29, 2024 from 2:50 pm to 5:30 pm in the Library



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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):				
Canadian Senior Math Contest	11 / 12	Wednesday 13th November 2024	Tuesday 15th October 2024	\$15
Canadian Intermediate Math Contest	9 / 10			
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



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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](#) 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



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

City of Markham **School Zone Safety Guide**



Join us at our virtual Public Information Centre!

Do you have concerns about road safety near schools in your area? Share your ideas to make school zones safer.

November 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm



markham.ca/SchoolZoneSafety



[Markham School Zone Safety Guide](#)

Provide your input at the Virtual Public Information Session

Join the project team at the [Virtual Public Information Centre](#) on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6 pm EST. Register [here](#) ([External link](#)).

[City of Markham School Zone Safety Guide - Survey](#)

Markham School Zone Safety Guide – The City wants to hear from you!

Your opinion matters in making school zones and routes safer! Share your thoughts on the challenges of travelling to and from school, and how the City can improve safety in the neighbourhood.

Please take a moment to complete the [survey](#) ([External link](#)). Together, we can create a safer environment for school communities!

[Health Care Plans](#)

If your student has a medical condition that you would like the school to be aware of, please complete the required forms on our website and return to the main office as soon as possible.

Link to Forms: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markhamdistrict.hs/NewsEvents/Pages/Newsletters.aspx>

Thank you to all the parents that have already done so.



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Exploring Family, Community & Love: YRDSB Family Day at Toronto Holocaust Museum (Grades 4+)



Right photo by Shay Markowitz for the Toronto Holocaust Museum

TORONTO HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Date: Sunday, November 17th

Time: 1:30pm - 4:00pm

Contact: education@thethm.org

Registration Form: bit.ly/YRDSBFamilyDayTHM

Address: 4588 Bathurst St., Sherman Campus, North York, ON M2R 1W6

This program is open to YRDSB families with children in grades 4-12. Please be aware that this is not a drop-off program and all students participating are to be attended with a parent or guardian.

Join Toronto Holocaust Museum (THM) and York Region District School Board (YRDSB) for a Family Sunday at the Museum. This afternoon at the museum will focus on meaningful learning about the history of the Holocaust and explore themes related to Family and Love. Age-appropriate activities will be featured for families with children in fourth grade and older throughout the Museum and Learning Lab. Activities include, reflective artmaking projects such as creating custom buttons reflecting on love and journal making that explore the themes of family history. Additionally, families can look forward to a special museum tour, with family members of Holocaust survivors who have contributed artifacts featured in the exhibition who will share the importance of these objects to their families. There will also be an opportunity to hear the age-appropriate story of Holocaust survivors' survival and immigration to Canada, with an opportunity to ask questions.



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Post-Secondary Transition Information Night



November 26, 2024
6:00-7:00pm



Virtual Presentation

The Regional Assessment and Resource Centre (RARC) promotes equity and access for students with neurodevelopmental disorders in post-secondary education, by providing evidence-based services and supports to students, practitioners, and educators across Ontario. Our vision is to enable students with neurodevelopmental disabilities to thrive in post-secondary education.

In this presentation, we will discuss programming, accommodations, and supports that equip secondary students with disabilities with the necessary knowledge and skills to access post-secondary education. Presenters will highlight the important role of transition planning to help students feel more confident and prepared to meet educational challenges. The role of assessment and appropriate determination and implementation of accommodations will also be central to the discussion. This training is appropriate for grade 11 and 12 students with learning disabilities, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and/or Mental Health Disorders, parents/guardians, and resource teachers. There is no fee or registration required for this event.



Objectives:

- 1 Identify the skills required to successfully transition to post-secondary education and the resources available to teach your students these skills.
- 2 Appreciate the differences between rights and responsibilities of a student at the various levels of education.
- 3 Recognize how assessment can be used as part of transition planning and the determination of appropriate accommodations.



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JEWISH FAMILY AND CHILD
SERVICE OF GREATER TORONTO

Roots, Ruach and Resilience: Strengthening the Spirit and Well Being of the Jewish Community in the Face of Antisemitism

Connecting youth, their families and community to help build togetherness and well being.

Join us for a group workshop for Jewish high school students to build community, resilience and well being. This program will touch on mental health, wellness and cultural identity coupled with fun programming such as:

- Paint night
- Challah bake
- A visit to the Holocaust museum
- ...and so much more!



This group is for students in Grade 9-11 that do not attend a Jewish day school. Dinner will be served.

4 week workshop | Tuesdays from 5:30-7pm

Start Date: November 26, 2024

4600 Bathurst Street | Lipa Green Centre, 1st floor

Prosserman Jewish Community Campus

Spaces are limited.

**For more information or to register, please contact Stephanie LeBlanc
at 416-638-7800, ext. 6327 or sleblanc@jfandcs.com**



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**Black Foundation of
Community Networks (BFCN)**



**York Region District School Board
(YRDSB)**



Scholarship Application Workshop

The Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free online workshop to guide Black students and their families on how to prepare, search, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in Grade 8 or high school, this workshop is especially for YOU!

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)**

Learn more and register at:
bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopNovember26

To participate, Black students and their families must be from YRDSB. For questions contact Cheryl Yarde at info@bfcn.ca.



Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca.



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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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Understanding and Navigating the Education System



presented by

**THE CENTRE FOR
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

Families of YRDSB Black Students Monthly Information Session

**Monday, November 25, 2024
7:30 - 8:30 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:

- Highlights from our Graduation Coaches
- Presentation by YRDSB administrators and families on school engagement opportunities
- Upcoming school programs and events
- Question and answer session



Please register no later than November 20, 2024.

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 now.](#)

If you require further information, please contact
BlackStudentExcellence@yrdsb.ca



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SEAS Social Evening

Networking Event

Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) welcomes you to join us at our first Networking Event of 2024-2025 at Bill Crothers Secondary School. Bring your favourite Asian snack to share (*optional*) as we connect about our experiences as educators supporting East Asian students. We look forward to seeing you all.

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

Bill Crothers Secondary School

44 Main Street Unionville

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Please [REGISTER HERE](#) by Tuesday, November 19th, 2024.

For additional inquiries: joanne.tang@yrdsb.ca or wentao.wu@yrdsb.ca

SEAS is a group of educators and supporters who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students, families, educators, community members and partners is also a focus of our work.