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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 November 25 - 29, 2024	
Monday Nov 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys Hockey Team to Centennial Arena, team dismissed at 1:15 pm, game vs Markville S.S at 2:30 pm-M. Gasteiger Girls Hockey Team hosts St. Maximilian CHS, team departing at 2:00 pm, game at Markham Village Arena at 3:00 pm-P. Howard Sr. Girls Volleyball Team to Middlefield C.I, team dismissed at 2:15 pm, games vs. MVSS at 3:30 pm and MCI at 4:30 pm-McLean & Ali Tunnicliff
Tuesday Nov 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Field Trip to Activate Scarborough, 9:45 am-2:45 pm-V. Ho & R. Patel Jr. Boys Basketball Team hosts MMHS in the gym, game at 3:30 pm-Butler Sr. Boys Basketball Team hosts MMHS in the gym, game at 4:45 pm-Butler
Wednesday Nov 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSSLT –Session #2 Period 1-Mr. Brar Solar Dance Club meeting 3:00 -4:30 pm-S. Chelvanathan SAA Meeting in the Library-S. Whittaker STEM club weekly meeting in room 115, 3:00-4:00pm-Mr. Avery Boys Hockey Team-Mount Joy Arena 4:00-5:00 pm-M. Gasteiger
Thursday Nov 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OSSLT –Session #2 Period 1-Mr. Brar Jr. Girls Volleyball Team to BCSS, dismissal at 2:15 pm game vs. Unionville at 3:30 pm and Bill Crothers S.S at 4:30 pm-A. Tunnicliff Sr. Boys Basketball Team to Bill Hogarth S.S, game time at 3:45 pm-A. Butler PRISM weekly meeting in room 107-G. Stetina
Friday Nov 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tamil Student Association Club meeting in the café-M. Avery

*******Check out the pages below for community events from pages 5*******



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Badminton Team Tryouts

Badminton team tryouts will begin next week. All students must join the Google Classroom, Download the forms and register for tryouts. The Google Classroom join code is: 6cgwm7y

- Jr Boys Tryout
Friday Nov 22
- Jr Girls Tryout
Thursday Nov 28
- Sr. Girls Tryout
Wednesday Nov 27
- Sr. Boys Tryout
Friday Nov 29

Good luck to all students who are trying out!-Mr. Kee, Ms. Tsang, Ms. Teng

**2024-2025
BADMINTON
TEAM
TRYOUTS**

FOR MORE INFO:
USE THE CLASSROOM
CODE: **6CGWM7Y**

OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO JOIN

**Follow us on Instagram
@mdhs.badminton**

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

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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
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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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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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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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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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**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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York Region Food for Learning Fundraiser for Student Nutrition Programs

This is the second year for Tim Horton's **Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign**. 50% of the proceeds of cookie sales go directly to a charitable organization in the local community and the remaining 50% is directed to the Tim Horton's Foundation Summer Camps.

This year, **York Region Food for Learning is the sole recipient of the Smile Cookie campaign** in 62 Tim Horton's stores in the Vaughan and Richmond Hill areas.

York Region Food for Learning provides access to inclusive nutrition programs that support learning and health in over 270 schools in York Region. Last year, over 10 million meals were provided to students and the demand for student nutrition programs continues to grow.

You can support **York Region Food For Learning** during the Smile Cookie Campaign that runs from **November 18 to November 24, 2024** in several ways.

1. Purchase the Holiday Smile Cookies and/or make bulk orders by visiting one of the 62 participating stores. You can also email Yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca to get your bulk order forms.
2. Follow York Region Food for Learning **@YRFood4Learning** and use the hashtag **#SmileCookie** with photos of your cookies or organization in action on social media.
3. Donate directly to York Region Food for Learning by visiting www.foodforlearning.com
4. Volunteer: please contact Veronica Jouaneh, veronica.jouaneh@snpce.ca

By participating in the Smile Cookie campaign, whether through purchasing cookies, sharing on social media, making a direct donation or volunteering, you actively contribute to enhancing the nutrition and success of students in York Region.



For more information, contact:

Yvonne Kelly, Community and Partnership Developer,
Inclusive School and Community Services
Yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca or 416-697-4208



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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

