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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Grade 12 student, Rubaina Singla, is currently serving as Chair for the Change the World Markham Youth Executive which operates under [Volunteer Markham](#). Rubaina has taken her experience with volunteering throughout high school and applied it in this new and exciting position. Check out her new blog post on the [Volunteer Markham website](#).

### IMPORTANT RESOURCES

#### STUDENT SUICIDE INTERVENTION PROTOCOL

York Region District School Board is committed to student well-being and mental health. YRDSB has developed a Student Suicide Intervention Protocol to help keep students safe in the event of suicidal thoughts or actions. The Student Suicide Intervention Protocol will be implemented starting fall 2019. Youth suicide is a complex, emotionally-charged and sadly real problem in Canada. It is the second leading cause of death amongst young people. It's important to recognize that those who struggle with mental health have personal strength and resilience and the potential to overcome difficulties to ultimately thrive.

The YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol is designed to address the six steps involved when responding to current and present thoughts of suicide, as well as actions related to suicide. In addition, the Protocol is governed by a set of guiding principles which are underpinned by a culturally responsive and reflective practice.

Suicide is not culturally neutral. Our cultural and ethnic backgrounds will inform how each of us understands suicide. To see all the guiding principles, refer to the print version of the [YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol](#) on the on the board website.

Given the urgent need to help keep students safe from suicide, each school has access to Board staff trained in suicide intervention. In the urgent situation of suicide intervention, staff trained in suicide intervention do not require parental / guardian consent to intervene. However, we do make every effort to contact parents/ guardians to apprise you of your child's situation and the assistance provided. Parents/guardians are an integral part of keeping their children safe. In the event that the intervention protocol is used, a record of the intervention will be shared with you and a copy will be created and stored in a private and confidential on-line records management system. In accordance with privacy and health records legislation, a copy will be retained until the student turns 31 years of age. As per the protocol parental/guardian (student if 18 or over) consent will be sought to share the intervention plan with those members identified in the record. If you have any questions about the Student Suicide Intervention Protocol please contact your school principal.

## MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

In an effort to support our students and families in Mental Wellness, please [click here](#) to access an informational document outlining various signs, strategies, and community Mental Health resources. Of course, please always feel free to connect with a Caring Adult at MSS for support, as wellness in ourselves and our loved ones 'takes a village.' This document is also available on our school website under [News & Events](#).

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

### ONTARIO UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE FAIR – OCTOBER 16<sup>th</sup>

Do you or your child have specific questions for Ontario University or College representatives? Application dates for university and college are not too far in the future.

Markville S.S., Unionville H.S., and Bill Crothers S.S. share a University and College Fair each year. This year the fair is being held at Bill Crothers S.S. on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – 8:30pm. All are encouraged to attend and gain valuable information to help make decisions.



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### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS – NEW DATE

Parent-Teacher interviews have been rescheduled to **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Families will need to create an [Edsby](#) account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parent-Teacher Interview Night. An invitation to [Edsby](#) was sent through email on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, to parent/guardians without an [Edsby](#) account. Instructions on how to create an account were included. Please check your junk mail folder if you do not receive an invitation.

#### IMPORTANT TIMELINES

- **October 15** – Parent-Teacher Interview Night schedule is opened for booking appointments at 9:00am. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your EDSBY account inbox
- **October 23** – Parent-Teacher Interview Night (6:30pm – 8:30pm)

### CAREER GUIDANCE WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENTS

Hosted by YRDSB's Inclusive School and Community Services and the Association of Sri Lankan Graduates of Canada on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 from 9:30am – 1:30pm. Students and Parents will have the opportunity to attend separate sessions including young professionals, school administrators, guidance counselors, and other educators. Located at Middlefield Collegiate Institute, 525 Highglen Avenue, Markham. Admission is free. Sessions will be conducted in [English](#) and [Tamil](#).

## TWEET OF THE WEEK



[@Markville\\_YRDSB](https://twitter.com/Markville_YRDSB)

Hallway classes?! Nah. Just a dedicated teacher spending their lunch with students to provide a little extra help. Thanks Mr. Sidhu! #physics #teacherlife



Planning to attend post-secondary? Don't miss Markham Public Library's 6th annual University and College Fair! Prepare for a successful future by meeting many of the nation's finest institutions. [@YorkRegion](https://twitter.com/YorkRegion) [@YRDSB](https://twitter.com/YRDSB) [@Markville\\_YRDSB](https://twitter.com/Markville_YRDSB) [@UHSupdates](https://twitter.com/UHSupdates)



Not to be missed! Host branch is ANGUS GLEN Public Library 3990 Major Mackenzie Drive East Markham, ON L6C 1P8. Saturday October 19th, 12pm - 3pm. See you there neighbors! [@MarkhamDistrict](https://twitter.com/MarkhamDistrict) [@BOSSannounce](https://twitter.com/BOSSannounce) [@BillHogarthSS](https://twitter.com/BillHogarthSS) [@MillikenMHS](https://twitter.com/MillikenMHS) Thank you [@markhamlibrary](https://twitter.com/markhamlibrary) [@cityofmarkham](https://twitter.com/cityofmarkham)

## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### PRIDE MARKVILLE

Pride Markville is Markville's Gay Straight Alliance. We are members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and allies who gather on Wednesdays after school in room 311. Our mission is to work with students, staff, and the community to create a safe and welcoming community for everyone, especially 2SLGBTQ+ students. This year we are attending a conference and planning a gathering for Markham area GSAs. We will also be hosting guest speakers and organizing activities at MSS to raise awareness about 2SLGBTQ+ issues.





### Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, OCT. 14 <sup>th</sup>	• THANKSGIVING – SCHOOL CLOSED				
TUESDAY, OCT. 15 <sup>th</sup>	• <a href="#">EDSBY</a> opens for Parents to book Parent-Teacher Interviews (9:00am)				
	• Kensington Market				
	• Junior Girls Basketball (3:30pm – 4:45pm)				
	• Varsity Boys Soccer (3:30pm – 5:00pm)				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Girls Basketball (4:45pm – 6:00pm)</li> </ul>
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross Country (8:30am – 2:20pm)</li> <li>• Grade 10 Literacy Task #2 (11:00am – 12:20pm)</li> <li>• Senior Boys Volleyball (2:45pm – 5:30pm)</li> <li>• Post-Secondary Fair @ Bill Crothers Secondary School</li> </ul>
THURSDAY, OCT. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swim Team Tournament (7:30am – 3:00pm)</li> <li>• Tennis Tournament (8:00am – 4:00pm)</li> <li>• St. Lawrence Market (8:30am – 3:00pm)</li> <li>• Girls Field Hockey (1:00pm – 4:00pm)</li> <li>• Junior Girls Basketball (3:30pm – 5:00pm)</li> <li>• Senior Girls Basketball (4:00pm – 5:15pm)</li> <li>• <a href="#">International Day for the Eradication of Poverty</a></li> </ul>
FRIDAY, OCT. 18 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Pierre Elliott Trudeau's birthday</a> (1919 – 2000)</li> </ul>

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? Come visit the Guidance Office, or check out these helpful links:

	<a href="#">Student Volunteer Opportunities</a>		<a href="#">Volunteer Opportunities</a>
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Lunch Time Tutoring – Library Learning Commons, Mondays and Wednesdays – Periods 3 and 4  
 After School Tutoring – Room 345, Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00pm – 4:00 pm

If you have any questions, please email your child's vice-principal: [michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca](mailto:michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca) for students with surnames A – LIM, or [kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca](mailto:kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca) for students with surnames LIN– Z

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