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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

#### OSSLT – ONTARIO SECONDARY SCHOOL LITERACY TEST

**This year's Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will take place on April 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Most Grade 10 students and students who are in Grades 11 and 12 who were eligible and have been deferred in the past, or have been unsuccessful, will be writing the OSSLT. In order to better prepare these students for the OSSLT, we will be offering the After School Literacy Program. The program will run Mondays and Wednesdays from February 26<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin at 3:15pm and finish at 4:45pm in room 338. Please contact Ms. Ye ([cally.ye@yrdsb.ca](mailto:cally.ye@yrdsb.ca)), if your child is interested in participating.

#### EDSBY LAUNCH

On Monday, students will be receiving their interim report cards and a letter about Parent-Teacher interviews. We are pleased to announce that we will be using [Edsby](#), an on-line platform, to schedule interviews this semester. Parents will need to set up an [Edsby](#) account in order to access this function.



In order to access [Edsby](#), a valid email address is required. All families should have received an email invitation to activate an [Edsby](#) account. If you have not received one, or if you have any questions or concerns please contact the main office: [markville.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:markville.ss@yrdsb.ca)

Edsby

We are excited about this new opportunity to connect with Markville families. Please visit the [Edsby](#) website for more information: <https://www.edsby.com/help/parents/>

#### Multi-Year Strategic Planning for YRDSB – Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

York Region District School Board is re-visioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

| TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES                    | LOCATIONS   |
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| Monday, April 16, 2018<br>7:00pm – 9:00pm    | Keswick High School<br>100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick      |
| Wednesday, April 18, 2018<br>6:00pm – 8:00pm | Markville Secondary School<br>1000 Carlton Rd., Markham |

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| Sunday, April 22, 2018<br>2:00pm – 4:00pm     | Sir William Mulock Secondary School<br>705 Columbus Way, Newmarket |
| Wednesday, April 25, 2018<br>6:00pm – 8:00pm  | Maple High School<br>50 Springside Rd., Maple                      |
| Saturday, April 28, 2018<br>10:00am – 12:00pm | Bayview Secondary School<br>10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill      |

### ECO THEME FOR MARCH – TURN YOUR COMPUTERS AND MONITORS OFF

To save energy, turn your computers and monitors off when you are finished using them. While it is convenient to have them ready all the time, this can actually slow your computer down in the long run. When computers shut down and restart, updates can be installed which increases the efficiency of your computer. All computers in the Library Learning Commons at Markville are on timers that shut them down at night and turn them back on in the morning, saving energy every day.

### TWEET OF THE WEEK

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| <br><a href="#">@Markville_YRDSB</a> | <p>Engineering is about the power to do. It's about turning ideas into realities. <a href="#">#LearnMore</a> <a href="https://exploreengineering.ca">https://exploreengineering.ca</a></p>   |
|   | <p><a href="#">Markville_SS</a> Retweeted<br/> <b>Pink Shirt Day</b> @pinkshirtday Feb 27<br/>         This year <a href="#">#PinkShirtDay</a> is focusing on <a href="#">#cyberbullying</a>. Here's a strategy for staying safe online. Learn more: <a href="https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/resources/">https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/resources/</a></p>  |

### DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

#### LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS



York Region District School Board has introduced an eBook and audioBook collection that is available through Overdrive. Students are now able to search for books specifically for Secondary students. There are both Fiction and Non-Fiction titles. On the main page, scroll down to Secondary Fiction or Secondary Non-Fiction and click on view more.

Students must enter a 0 (zero) before their 9 digit student number in order to access the collection. The books can be borrowed for two weeks at a time and are returned automatically – no late fines! Students can access the collection from anywhere at any time with an internet connection.

Please [click here](#) to get started; contact Library staff with any questions. Happy Reading!

## STUDENT SUCCESS – PEER TUTORING

Starting **Monday, March 5th**, the **Peer Tutoring** program is back up and running for students seeking extra help from a tutor!

Tutoring sessions (drop-in and 1-on-1) are offered **in-school** during the following time slots:

- **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** during **Period 3** and **4** in the **Library**
- **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays After School** in **Rm 348**.

The goal of the Peer Tutoring Program is to provide support for students who are experiencing difficulty in one or more of their courses. Students may participate in 1-on-1 scheduled peer tutoring, small group tutoring, or drop-in tutoring during any of the above times. All designated lunch and after school sessions are supervised by a teacher advisor.

Students seeking **1-on-1** support must [submit a Tutor Request Form](#), and will be matched with a hand-picked peer tutor. Peer tutors have volunteered their time to tutor students across all grades and subject areas. The expectation is that your child will attend **weekly** peer tutoring sessions during the chosen time slot. Students who cannot commit to weekly peer tutoring sessions, but are still interested in receiving extra-help, are encouraged to attend **drop-in** tutoring sessions. For **drop-in sessions**, students do not need to submit an application, and can simply show up to the time/location above of their choice.

Please note that for 1-on-1 support, **students** must personally agree and submit their *own* application via their GAPPs email account. In order for this program to be successful, parents should **not** be submitting applications on a student's behalf. We ask that you encourage your child to take advantage of this opportunity for extra-help, but reiterate that for attendance and optimal results, students need to recognize the benefits of working with a peer and feel self-motivated to support their learning through the program.

Tutors and tutees will be using their **YRDSB GAPPs email** to safely communicate with each other and with teacher advisors. Therefore, it is imperative that students are checking their GAPPs email **regularly** for match confirmations and other communication.

**Interested students may submit an application for 1-on-1 tutoring here:** <http://bit.ly/MSSPeerTutor>

A teacher advisor will review the application and connect a student with a specific Tutor, available at their preferred time, and for the required subject area(s).

Thank you for being partners in your child's learning!

-Peer Tutoring Program Advisors


(G. Smeianu, N. Kaczor, H. Wager, J. Li, K. Scagnetti, C. Ye)

### Upcoming Events

| DATE                             | School News  | Student Life | Arts | Sports & Clubs | Academics |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------|------|----------------|-----------|
| MONDAY, MARCH 5 <sup>th</sup>    | • Interim Report Card Distribution                         |              |      |                |           |
|                                  | • After School Literacy Program (3:15pm – 4:45pm) Room 338 |              |      |                |           |
| TUESDAY, MARCH 6 <sup>th</sup>   | • Literacy Blitz #1 (9:45am – 11:00am)                     |              |      |                |           |
| WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7 <sup>th</sup> | • Volleyball Tournament (8:30am – 4:00pm)                  |              |      |                |           |

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|                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After School Literacy Program (3:15pm – 4:45pm) Room 338</li> </ul>   |
| THURSDAY, MARCH 8 <sup>th</sup> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ski Trip (8:00am – 2:00pm)</li> <li>• SNAP Floor Hockey (9:15am – 1:30pm)</li> </ul> <p>Guest Speaker – Seneca College (9:45am – 12:20pm)</p> <p>Guest Speaker – Cancer Research (9:45am – 3:00pm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Junk Food &amp; Jazz</li> </ul> |
| FRIDAY, MARCH 9 <sup>th</sup>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MAC (Markville Athletic Council) Dodgeball Buy-In</li> <li>• SAC (Student Activity Council) Rep Your Grade Event</li> <li>• Community Class Trip – Canada Blooms (8:30am – 2:30pm)</li> </ul>   |

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

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|  | <a href="#">Student Volunteer Opportunities</a> |  | <a href="#">Volunteer Opportunities</a> |
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Lunch Time Tutoring – Library, Monday and Wednesday – Periods 3 and 4  
 After school Tutoring – Rm. 345, Tuesday and Thursday 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 [vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca](mailto:vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca) for students with surnames LIN– Z

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