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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope this bulletin finds you all well, and that you are keeping safe. Today completes week 2 of our new learning from home strategy. As with every new experience, it does not come without its own challenges, as well as successes. The Administration team has been involved in the deployment of technology to the families who indicated a need. We are now at the point where every Markville student has the ability to connect with all their teachers. This is an amazing success! We are also working through some challenges, which, I am sure, are also experienced at home. Students and teachers are having to learn how to organize, plan and monitor their day in order to meet the requirements for the teaching and learning process. That is not a simple task; it is an adjustment to past practices when we had an 8:20am to 3:00pm day with class work and homework. Now we must be flexible with our schedules in order to accommodate others at home with the use of technology and time. In spite of the challenges, I am confident that the professionalism, dedication and hard work of our staff, together with the diligence and responsibility of our students with the support of their families, we will, together, move forward and experience the success all our students deserve. Thank you for your continued partnership.

~ Patricia Obadia



HELPFUL RESOURCES

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Get support right now through our texting service

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Phone

Call us for support through our phone service

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Resources Around Me

Find a youth program near you

[GO NOW →](#)

COVID 19 GOVERNMENT OF CANADA RESOURCES

REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. WASH YOUR HANDS.



1

Wet hands with warm water



2

Apply soap



3

For at least 20 seconds, make sure to wash:



4

Rinse well



5

Dry hands well with paper towel



6

Turn off tap using paper towel



palm and back of each hand



between fingers



under nails



thumbs

[1-833-784-4397](tel:1-833-784-4397)

[@canada.ca/coronavirus](https://canada.ca/coronavirus)

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES GRANT

The Ministry of Education recently announced a credit of \$250 for each student with a Special need. This includes students who have learning disabilities, mild intellectual disabilities, autism, developmental disabilities, behavioural diagnosis, language impairments, deaf & hard of hearing, and blind or low vision. If your child is supported with an IEP and IPRC at Markville, you can apply for the credit.

<https://www.iaccess.gov.on.ca/FamilyAppWeb/public/index.xhtml>

CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT

What is the Canada Emergency Response Benefit?

If you have stopped working because of COVID-19, the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) may provide you with temporary income support. The CERB provides \$500 a week for up to 16 weeks.

Who is eligible

The Benefit is available to workers:

- Residing in Canada, who are at least 15 years old;
- Who have stopped working because of reasons related to COVID-19 or are eligible for Employment Insurance regular or sickness benefits or have exhausted their Employment Insurance regular benefits between December 29, 2019 and October 3, 2020;
- Who had employment and/or self-employment income of at least \$5,000 in 2019 or in the 12 months prior to the date of their application; and,
- Who have not quit their job voluntarily.

When submitting your first claim, you cannot have earned more than \$1,000 in employment and/or self-employment income for 14 or more consecutive days within the four-week benefit period of your claim.

When submitting subsequent claims, you cannot have earned more than \$1,000 in employment and/or self-employment income for the entire four-week benefit period of your new claim.

How to apply:

To deliver payments to Canadians in a fast and easy way, the CERB is being jointly delivered by Service Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency.

Please read these [questions and answers](#) for more details. If you applied for the CERB during the first week of April and you are still not working, it is now time to submit your claim for the second round of funding.

ARTICLE: [ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT CORONAVIRUS AND THE FOOD YOU EAT: FOOD SAFETY EXPERTS ADDRESS 12 TOP CONCERNS](#) BY SALLY WADYKA

In addition to worrying about having an ample supply of food in the house and feeling anxious over shopping in crowded supermarkets, people are also concerned about whether they can get COVID-19—the disease caused by the new coronavirus—from the groceries and takeout they're buying.

Here's the good news: "The science around coronavirus continues to unfold, but there is currently no evidence that the disease is transmitted by food," says Donald Schaffner, Ph.D., a distinguished professor in the department of food science at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

That's because it's a respiratory virus, passed primarily from person to person in droplets when someone who is infected coughs or sneezes. Though it's possible to pick up the virus by touching a surface where the droplets have landed and then touching your eyes, nose, or mouth, that's not the primary way it is thought to spread, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC, the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Agriculture, and the World Health Organization say that food is not known to be a route of transmission of the virus. And the information available from outbreaks of SARS and MERS, caused by coronaviruses similar to the one that causes COVID-19, is reassuring. According to the WHO, the evidence showed that those illnesses were not transmitted by food.

To read more, [click here](#) to access the full article.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN COVID-19 PANDEMIC



TOWNS & CITIES



- Housing Services
- Long-Term Care/ Seniors' Services
- Paramedic Services
- Police Services
- Public Health
- Regional Roads
- Transit
- Waste Management
- Water

ACCESS YORK

1-877-464-9675
accessyork@york.ca

HEALTH CONNECTION LINE

1-800-361-5653

YORK REGIONAL POLICE

1-866-876-5423
info@yrp.ca | yrp.ca

BUSINESS INFORMATION

york.ca/business

SERVICE DISRUPTIONS AND FACILITY CLOSURES

york.ca/closures



- Animal Services
- Building Permits
- Burial Permits
- Development Applications
- Fire Services
- Organic, Garbage and Recycling Collection
- Park and Amenity Closures
- Parking Enforcement
- Property Standards Enforcement
- Property Tax
- Local Roads

VISIT YOUR TOWN OR CITY'S WEBSITE FOR LOCAL COVID-19 UPDATES

aurora.ca
eastwillimbury.ca
georgina.ca
king.ca
markham.ca
newmarket.ca
richmondhill.ca
vaughan.ca
townofws.ca

- Business Support and Closures
- Colleges and Universities
- COVID-19 Testing
- Health Care
- Hospitals
- LCBO
- List of Non-essential Businesses
- Schools

TELEHEALTH ONTARIO

1-866-797-0000

BUSINESS INFORMATION

1-888-444-3659
ontario.ca/business

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

ola.org

DONATION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES

1-888-777-0554
ontario.ca/page/how-your-organization-can-help-fight-coronavirus

- Access to Credit
- Business Support
- Canada Child Benefit
- Canada Emergency Response Benefit
- Canada Student Loans
- Employee Support
- Employment Insurance (EI)
- Foreign Travel and Support for Canadians Abroad
- Income Tax

SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS

canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html

BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEE SUPPORT

canada.ca/business

SUPPORT FOR CANADIANS ABROAD

1-800-387-3124
travel.gc.ca

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE

parl.gc.ca

york.ca/COVID19

york.ca/municipalities

covid-19.ontario.ca

canada.ca/COVID19

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

CANCELLATION OF ALL END OF YEAR EVENTS

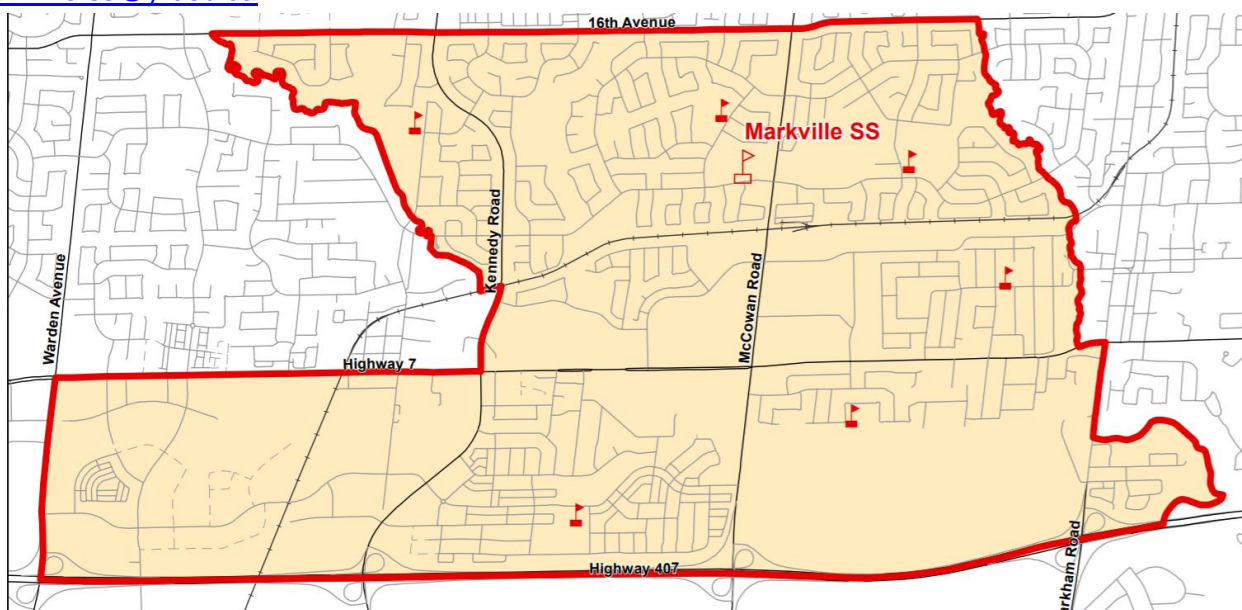
YRDSB made the incredibly difficult decision today to cancel all end of year events including Prom, the Athletic Banquet, and the Music Banquet in the interest of student and community safety. Graduation is on hold for now, and we hope to reschedule this in the fall dependent on the pandemic situation then. Markville staff look forward to these events as much as our students do and we understand how heartbroken our school community is by these announcements. Please take the time to check in with

your child(ren) and make sure they have the supports they need to maintain their mental and physical well-being.

NEW REGISTRATIONS

Any parents/guardians of students new to YRDSB looking to register at Markville SS for the 2020-2021 school year may email the school for further information. Markville SS is closed to transfers; therefore this applies only to students who live in the catchment area for Markville SS. Please email:

markville.ss@yrdsb.ca



YRDSB LEARNING AND CARING PLAN

The York Region District School Board has put together a plan to continue your child's learning online for the time being. Courses will be adapted and we ask for patience and understanding for your students and our staff as we all adjust to this new reality. YRDSB's website has many resources to help us all through this transition. YRDSB has posted an overview of the [Learning and Caring Plan](#) on the Board website at www.yrdsb.ca/covid19, along with a [FAQs section](#) that provides the most up-to-date answers that are frequently asked.

If your student has any technology needs that have not already been identified, please let us know as soon as possible. This may include reliable access to Wi-Fi, or access to a computer. You may fill out the YRDSB [technology survey](#), or contact us directly in the case of a temporary need at:

markville.ss@yrdsb.ca

Students in Grades 9-12 will have three hours of work per course per week for semestered students. This includes lesson delivery and any homework. We ask that students regularly check their Gmail accounts for communications.

ASSESSMENT, EVALUATION, AND REPORTING DURING COVID-19

Secondary: All secondary students will receive a final report card at the end of the 2019-20 school year. Teachers will continue to assign learning tasks, projects and culminating activities that will be assessed to inform students about progress and marked for the purposes of evaluation. Teachers will

communicate results of these marked assignments to students. Results will be used by teachers to inform students' final course marks.

Grade 12 Student Midterm Marks: This year, midterm marks are only required for graduating students. Teachers will use their professional judgement and interpretation of evidence of student learning when determining a midterm mark for potential graduates. Under the current circumstances, teachers are asked to use the full body of assessment evidence available to them based on work assigned up until March 13 to determine a midterm mark that reflects a student's learning and achievement to date. The midterm marks will be submitted to the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) and the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS) on April 23.

Graduation Requirements: The Government of Ontario has stated that no student will have their graduation compromised by COVID-19. The Ministry of Education continues to work with the Ministry of Colleges and Universities to ensure that there will be no barriers to accessing post-secondary education.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSES

All colleges and universities across Ontario have had to cancel any in person open houses or tours. Many already have virtual tours of their campuses and residences on their websites. Some universities have prepared virtual open houses with interactive elements for future students to participate in. Check the websites of the colleges and universities that your child(ren) have applied to in order to see what they have to offer. Here is a quick selection of some universities with planned virtual events:

- [Brock University](#) – Virtual Open House on Monday, April 27th
- [Ryerson University](#) – Webinars happening Tuesday, April 21st – Friday, April 24th
- [Trent University](#) – Virtual Open House on Saturday, April 18th
- [Wilfrid Laurier University](#)– Online Open House with webinars Monday, April 20th, Tuesday, April 21st, and Tuesday, April 28th

This is just a small sample of what the universities have available. Follow schools on Twitter or Instagram for updates and ways to connect with students and staff.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

GUIDANCE

This is an important message from Guidance at Markville. We have several items to share with you and ask that you discuss these items with your child(ren).

1. COMMUNICATING WITH STUDENTS

Many important Guidance messages are being sent to students through [My Pathway Planner \(MyBlueprint\)](#). However, many students are not checking these messages. Students access their My Pathway Planner through the main page of the [Markville website](#). After they log into their account, they click on the “envelope” icon located to the left of their name at the top right of the page. This will open all messages that have been posted from Guidance. **We ask that ALL students Grades 9-12 check for messages at least one time per day during this time.**

2. GUIDANCE APPOINTMENTS

Guidance appointments are now available for all students. They can book an appointment using their Teach Assist account. These 15-minute appointments are virtual and occur using Google Chats.

3. REPORTING COURSES TAKEN OUTSIDE OF YRDSB

An important message was sent to all Potential June Graduates through the Grade 12 teacher classroom platforms on Tuesday, April 14. It included a link to an important form that needs to be filled out by any graduate who is taking a course **outside of the York Region District School Board**. This includes any other publicly funded school board and private schools. Filling out this form allows us to be informed about each student's graduation status and to monitor posts of midterm grades to OUAC and OCAS. Here is the link to that form: <https://forms.gle/fDTYseQnc2B2EQue9>

REMINDER: Students must let private schools know that those schools are responsible for sending midterm and final grades to OUAC and OCAS as well as ensuring that a final report card is sent to Markville.

4. COURSE VERIFICATIONS FOR 2020-21

Verifications/course changes for next year will occur through a Google Form which will be posted in the Messages section on [My Pathway Planner](#) on **Monday, April 20th**. If any student wants to make a change to their course selection, they must fill out this form and submit it by **Friday, April 24th** at noon. The form should not be completed if you are NOT making any changes. Students can refer to My Pathway Planner to be reminded of their course selection. Again, continue to check Messages on My Pathway Planner for details.

Thank you so much. Please be safe and we are all looking forward to seeing our students again soon.

STRESS RELIEF

DIGITAL ESCAPE ROOMS

Markville's Library Learning Commons has shared our Breakout EDU kits with many classes over the past two years. With everyone now at home, different libraries have shared some digital escape rooms for families to enjoy together or on your own. This [link](#) includes a variety of digital escape rooms for you to try. Solve the puzzles and celebrate your escape! There are Family Fun, Teen Focused, Adult, and Library themed categories.

WHAT DID HUBBLE SEE ON YOUR BIRTHDAY?

The Hubble telescope is celebrating its 30th anniversary. A [new tool](#) from NASA allows you to enter the month and date of your birth and it will provide you with the scene that Hubble captured on that date. Is it your birthday today? See below for what Hubble captured on April 17th (2011):



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

Please visit our website at <http://markville.ss.yrdsb.ca>