

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Please keep in mind any information provided in this bulletin is subject to change and is accurate at the time of distribution.

Message from Guidance

Happy Friday, Families – please see the following **Re-Post** from last week with Summer School and Course Selection Change information. **The Course Selection Change will close on Tuesday, April 22th.** *It will reopen for continued Summer School registration on April 23th.* **Note that myBlueprint will NOT update once course changes have been made via the form.** Students will next see their timetable the week before school in August, and as always, a form to attempt changes will accompany the timetable, however changes will be challenging at that time.

RE-POST:

Brace for impact...lots of information for you this week!

COURSE VERIFICATION & SUMMER SCHOOL

Course Verification:

On April 7th, students and families received an email that contained the course selection for next year for their student. Please review the course selection and alternates carefully, as this data will be used to schedule each student's timetable next year. For students/families looking to make a change to next year's timetable, please use the [Google Form](#) that accompanied the email – the form will **OPEN** on April 15th and **CLOSE** on

April 22nd @ 9am. This form will also address Summer School, which also opens on April 15th. The form can only be completed one time.

Students/families must be logged into student GAPPs accounts to complete the form.

- This will be the FINAL OPPORTUNITY to make a change to your 2025/26 course selection, until the start of the new school year (with very limited flexibility for changes at that point). There will be no changes beyond April 22 @ 9am.

NO ACTION will be required if students and families are satisfied with the course selections for the 2025/26 school year, and are *not* taking Summer School.

As families review the selection, they are encouraged to take a moment to note their student's progress in core courses, as there are strategies to improve foundation to enhance next year's success. For example, students who may have struggled/are struggling in MTH1W and plan on taking MPM2D, may want to consider taking MFM2P (Sem 1) as well as MPM2D (Sem 2). Likewise, students who struggled/are struggling in MPM2D and intend on taking MCR3U, may want to consider MCF3M (Sem 1) as well as MCR3U (Sem 2) for foundation. For additional Math pathway support, please see the [Math Pathways document](#). Families/students are encouraged to [book with Guidance](#) for individual strategizing or questions, prior to the closure of the form.

Summer School:

All Summer Information can be obtained directly from the [YRDSB website](#).

In-Person Learning – Secondary Summer School

Offered at nine locations. Our closest schools are **Middlefield SS, Bill Hogarth SS, Bur Oak SS**. Locations do not all run the same courses, so students must look at each school specifically to see if the course they need/want is available. This can be seen in [myBlueprint](#) of the [YRDSB](#)

[courses](#) website. Some courses are not available at schools closest to us (ie. MBF3C is offered remotely). Students can google YRDSB Catholic, as well as TDSB/TDSB Catholic, to review additional options.

YRDSB students are required to attend daily from **8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m.** with scheduled breaks and a lunch period.

Acceleration Full-credit courses: Wednesday, July 2 to Friday, July 25

Note: S1 = Session 1, S2 = Session 2

Civics & Careers Acceleration half-credit courses: July 4 to July 14 (S1) & July 15 to July 25 (S2)

- Students interested in taking both Civics and Careers must select one course from each session (ie. CHV2O5 (S1) & GLC2O6 (S2) or GLC2O5 (S1) & CHV2O6 (S2))
- Sometimes is listed under Reinforcement

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Credit Upgrade and Reinforcement (Credit Recovery) course availability will be determined and sent to families in the coming weeks, however the dates and descriptions can be seen below:

Credit Upgrading courses: July 2 to July 14 (S1) & July 15 to July 25 (S2)

- For students who were successful in obtaining the credit and seeking additional support

Reinforcement (Credit Recovery) courses: July 2 to July 14 (S1) & July 15 to July 25 (S2)

- For students who were previously unsuccessful in obtaining the credit and have been recommended by staff for reinforcement

Remote (synchronous) Learning & International Languages

Remote learning classes will occur in a virtual environment, **synchronously**. Students are required to attend daily from **8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m.**, with scheduled breaks and a lunch period. Courses offered can be viewed [here](#).

Acceleration full-credit courses: Wednesday, July 2 to Friday, July 25

Online (asynchronous) Learning – Secondary Summer School

[Online Learning courses](#) are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format in an asynchronous model. Students are able to access course content at any time with daily check-in opportunities with their teacher.

Acceleration Full-credit courses, 18 days: Wednesday, July 4 to Friday, July 25

Civics & Careers Acceleration half-credit courses: July 2 to July 14 (S1) & July 15 to July 25 (S2)

- Students interested in taking both Civics and Careers must select one course from each session (ie. CHV205 (S1) & GLC206 (S2) or GLC205 (S1) & CHV206 (S2))

For more information on all Summer offerings:

- Please visit the YRDSB website: [Summer Learning Opportunities](#)

Please note: course offerings are not guaranteed as they are subject to sufficient enrolment and available staffing.

TO REGISTER for Summer School

***Students must sign up for summer school through [myBlueprint](#)** (Continuing Ed tab), which will open for registration on April 15th. (For Reinforcement/Credit Upgrade courses, please wait for future communication)

***Students MUST fill in the Google Form below** to ensure that Guidance has all information, as well as Guardian permission. Confirmation of permission via this form replaces submitting a sign-off sheet. **This form includes verification between April 15-22 - if you are not changing courses, you will only complete the summer school section.**

Google form to be completed in addition to myBlueprint:

<https://forms.gle/at9fa1mhTyaL2my89>

*Only one 4-week course OR a max of two 2-week courses can be taken during summer.

*If for some reason a student is unable to complete summer school and it is a compulsory course, it is the student's responsibility to connect with Guidance at the beginning of the new school year to *attempt* to have the course added back to their timetable - all efforts to do so will be made. Information on how to do that will be sent to students at that time.

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Reminder that students accepting an offer from **OCAS** (Ontario Colleges), must accept by **May 1st**. **OUAC** (Ontario Universities) must accept by **June 1st**.

IMPORTANT:

Midterm marks are due from teachers on April 15th. The upload to OCAS and OUAC of those marks will occur between April 22-24 - students will be asked to confirm that all courses are visible and accurate, and to speak to Private schools about uploading midterm marks, or ensure that Guidance has access to TDSB/Catholic midterm grades. It is especially important that students who are taking private school or ILC courses check their "will achieve OSSD" section, and notify Guidance if there is an issue. As of that time, Semester 2 Midterm marks will be visible to Post-Secondary

institutions. **Full Disclosure**, where a course remains on a transcript, is **May 6th**.

APRIL STUDENT WELLNESS *Spotlight*

This year *Children's Mental Health Awareness Week* will be held the week of May 5–9th, 2025. In an effort to educate and support families with learning more about how they can support their own student's mental health and wellbeing, YRDSB has created a [family toolkit](#) that is full of strategies, resources and free events for families. Daily announcements and wellness activities are planned for this week, but it is our hope that together we continue to support student mental health and wellbeing yearound. Finally, a parent/caregiver resource entitled [By Your Side](#) is available from School Mental Health Ontario. Here you will find amazing tips for how to discuss a variety of issues with your student related to mental health, addiction, technology use etc.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your Guidance Team~



	KIDS HELP PHONE 1-800-668-6868 686868 KIDSHELPPHONE.CA
	YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK 1-855-310-COPE (2673)
	Suicide Prevention Canada Call 988 Text 988
	Black Youth Helpline 1-833-294-8650
	youthline 25 YEARS OF YOUTH RESILIENCE 647-694-4275

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

April 16th	National Canadian Film Day
April 18th	Good Friday/Holy Friday (Holiday)
April 21st	Easter Monday (Holiday)
May 5th	PA Day
May 19th	Victoria Day (Holiday)

Message from Peer Tutoring:

"Hey Mavs! Feeling stressed about tests and assignments? Need some help with your courses? Want a fun and engaging place to learn? Look no further—Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is back and ready to support YOU! **Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Periods 3 and 4 in Room 314, and on Wednesdays after school in the Library.**

Whether you're looking for brief help (drop-in) or ongoing weekly support, we've got you covered! You can drop in whenever you need help, or sign up for weekly 1-on-1 tutoring by filling out the tutee form at bit.ly/peertutor2025. You can also check out our new website for all the details and FAQ here: <https://markvilletutoring.vercel.app/>

Look out for the NEW Peer Tutoring Club posters around the school, and follow @msspeertutoring on Instagram for updates! See you there!"

YRDSB Communications



Korean Family Engagement Night 2025



Register by April 24, 2025
Secure your spot using the Google form!
Kids are welcome!



Student Panel
Authentic story sharing from students about their journeys from secondary school to post-secondary pathways



Elementary Workshop
Student Leadership
Extracurricular activities
Self-identity & sense of belonging



Secondary Workshop
Post-secondary pathways & application processes
Mental health & well-being

Thursday, May 1st, 2025
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Thornhill Secondary School, 167 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill, ON
For more information, contact Jae Yeon (Jasmin) Kwak (jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca)



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Community Events

Saturday, April 12

Emerging from winter

How do plants and animals adapt to spring? How do they help each other emerge from winter? Calling all clever explorers to join us on a fun adventure and spot nature's transition into the new season!

- Leaders: Katharina, Susan
- Time: 10 am
- Location: Harvest Trail
- Transit accessible: No
- Meeting point: 7445 Elgin Mills Road East, Markham – parking lot
- Additional Parking: 7535 Elgin Mills Road East, Markham; 10725 Reesor Road, Markham
- Distance: 3 km – 5 km
- Difficulty: Easy, flat/paved or gently uneven
- Pace: Moderate
- Duration: 2 hours
- Age range: Families
- Dog friendly

<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/on/rouge/activ/guide/2025-04>

This Month in April

