

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

April 17

Message from Guidance

Happy THURSDAY, Families – please see the following **FINAL Re-Post** regarding Summer School and Course Selection Change information. Guidance has been busy answering pathway questions, making changes to next year and approving summer school. **The Course Selection Change will close on Tuesday, April 22th.** *It will reopen for continued Summer School registration only.* Please reach out to Guidance with questions.

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 OPENED on April 15th and CLOSES 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, and must be completed via students' GAPPs accounts.

- 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.

INFORMATION FOR THOSE ENTERING GR 11

As students enter Gr 11, it is important to review Board policies on course requirements, identifying the number of courses students must be in, as well as the courses they must take in order to fulfill graduation requirements. The policy can be reviewed [here](#). In particular, this is important to note for students who are considering reaching ahead to a Gr 12 course. An email was sent out on April 14th to all students and families to clarify reach ahead pros and cons.

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:

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.

Private schools must upload marks directly to OUAC for midterm. Only the final report card must be emailed from Private directly to Guidance. 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.

Public Night School Midterm Mark process:

- Be certain that your course visible is IN OUAC as ‘C’ Current so schools know it is coming

YRDSB Night School – happens automatically; no action required

TDSB Night School – Students need to add “Toronto District Night School” to OUAC/OCAS in order for the mark to be uploaded.

TCDSB Night School – Your report card is in the mail. Students are to bring the physical report card into Guidance to be added. It will go in as soon as it is received, even after you attain it after August 24th. Schools will keep looking when they see it in OUAC/OCAS as ‘C’ Current.

YCDSB Night School – Marks were uploaded this week, **provided** students had added the institution to OUAC/OCAS. See Guidance if you had not done this prior to the upload.

Reminder for the process on adding an Institution (using TDSB example):

All non-TDSB OUAC applicants will need to add “TDSB Secondary Credit Night School” as an institution to their OUAC profile:

- After logging into OUAC, choose “Academic Background” on your OUAC profile homepage and click “Add Institution”
- Choose the province and country: ON, Canada
- Choose “TDSB Secondary Credit Night School” as the institution
- Complete the remaining options:
 - Highest Year Achieved: Grade 12
 - Sem 2 Start Date: 202502 End Date: 202506 or 202505
 - Diploma is “OSSD (Ontario Secondary School Diploma)”
- Remember to submit the page to complete adding the Continuing Education Institution to your OUAC Profile.

OCAS – Ontario College Application Service:

Follow [these steps](#) to add your Institution. For any OCAS-related inquiries, don't hesitate to get in touch with them directly at ask-us@ontariocolleges.ca or call 1-888-892-2228.

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 LONG 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



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☎ 647-694-4275

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



TRANSLATE A DOCUMENT USING GOOGLE TRANSLATE - [How-To Video](#)

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

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

Community Opportunities Site!

We would like to remind you of our [Community Opportunities Site](#) linked to our school home page where students, families and all community members can access up-to-date information about workshops, seminars, scholarships and more.

The screenshot shows the Markville Secondary School website. The header includes the YRDSB logo, the school name, and navigation menus for Staff and Students. A main navigation bar lists various school sections. A sidebar on the left displays a calendar for November 3rd, 6th, and 8th. The main content area features a photo of students, contact information, and links to School News, Trustee Message, and a Community Opportunities icon. A yellow callout box highlights the Community Opportunities icon, explaining its purpose and stating that the information is updated weekly.

Friday, 3 November
7:45am SR Boys Volleyball Tour
12:00pm Cross Country Team OF

Monday, 6 November
Guidance Event: Gr 12 Post Second
1:40pm Varsity Hockey Game @
2:20pm SR Boys Volleyball Play

Wednesday, 8 November
OSSLT Days (Library)
Sem 1 Term 1 Ends
8:00am JR Boys Volleyball Tour

Contact Information
1000 Carlton Rd., Markham L3P 7P5
Phone: (905) 940-8840, (647) 795-7652
Fax: (905) 940-8895
Email: markville.ss@yrdsb.ca
Bell Times: 8:20 AM - 3:00 PM

Grade 8 Information Sessions

Community Opportunities

Clicking on this **Community Opportunities** icon will bring families to a webpage with up-to-date links to YRDSB sponsored events and resources for students, families and community members.

*****UPDATED WEEKLY*****

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

 **East Asian Heritage Celebration Event May 22 2025.pdf**

 **HG Bernard Black Excellence Night.pdf**

 **AEBS 2025 Scholarships.pdf**

York Region District School Board, in partnership with York University, presents:

Y² LEGACY – A Black-Centred Approach to Leadership, Innovation, and Excellence

This is a transformative credit-bearing summer learning program that empowers students through a Black-centred lens, celebrating leadership, innovation, and academic excellence.

[Learn more and registration link](#). The admissions deadline to be considered for entry into the program is Friday, May 2, 2025. Students will be notified of their acceptance status by Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

For any questions, please contact the Centre for Black Student Excellence (CBSE) at blackstudentexcellence@yrdsb.ca.

Community Events

Saturday, April 19

The early settlers of the Rouge

Step back in time to explore the lives of the early settlers in the Rouge. Join Anne to learn how these hardy people prepared for survival and what we can learn from their resourceful ways today.

- Leaders: Anne, Richard
- Time: 1 pm
- Location: Reesor Way/Tanglewood Trail
- Transit accessible: No
- Meeting point: 7277 14th Avenue, Markham – oTENTik (A-frame cabin)
- Distance: 3 km – 5 km
- Difficulty: Moderate, possible hills and/or stairs
- Pace: Moderate
- Duration: 2 hours
- Age range: Families
- Dog friendly

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