

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.

Solar Eclipse

As you are aware, **Monday, April 8th** is a modified school day due to the Solar Eclipse, which means that the school day will end at 12:00 pm.

The schedule for **Monday, April 8th** will not change for Period 1 and 2, but will be shortened for Period 3. Please see the schedule for the day below:

Period 1	8:20 am – 9:40 am
Period 2	9:45 am – 11:00 am
Period 3	11:05 am – 12:00 pm

All students are required to leave the building when they are dismissed at 12:00 pm.

Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Message from Guidance

COURSE SELECTION & SUMMER SCHOOL

The **2024-25 Course Verification / Summer School Application Form** was distributed via email to families last week. Students and families are asked to review the courses in place for next year very carefully, as these courses will be used to create student timetables for next year. This is the final opportunity to make changes until the start of school in August, at which time, changes will be incredibly limited.

The **form** provided has been streamlined to address Course Selection changes AND/OR Summer School Registration Approval.

If the courses provided in the Verification email are exactly as they need to be AND your student is *not* taking Summer School for any courses, **no further action is required**.

Completion of the Google **form is only for students who would like to do one or two of the following:**

1. Change a course that is listed in the Verification email, and/or
2. a. Register for Summer School approval for a course that IS listed in the Verification email and change their course selection, **or**
b. Register for Summer School approval for a course NOT listed in the Verification email

The **form** will **open on April 9th and close on April 15th @ 3pm**, and will RE-open on April 16th for continuous Summer School. There is no urgency to complete the form when it opens - all courses submitted prior to closure on April 15th will be input into the system. Please choose carefully and reach out with questions. Guidance is available to students via appointments or drop-ins to seek any support necessary with decision-making, or to attain help with the form, when it opens. As always, families are also invited to book via the [Parent Portal](#), or to arrange a discussion via [email](#). Students are expected to accurately input Guardian emails into the form. When the form is completed, a copy of the form will go to Parent/Guardian emails. **Parents/Guardians who do NOT approve of the requested course selection change(s) must contact the MSS Guidance Department no later than **Wednesday, April 17****. Parents/Guardians who do not approve of summer school should also contact Guidance as they receive the response forms on an ongoing basis.

Summer School registration will open **April 9th**. **Students completing the Summer School portion of the **form** MUST also register for Summer School via [myBlueprint](#) - summer**

registration is a 2-step application (form & MBP). Courses are located under the Continuing Education tab. Courses for Summer 2024 are viewable in myBlueprint now, as well as the [YRDSB website](#). Specific registration instructions (ie, Reinforcement / Acceleration / Strengthening, etc.) are listed below...*brace yourself for lots of info!* **IMPORTANT: More information on Credit Recovery options will likely become available in the near future, as needs are established.**

In-Person Learning – Listed in MBP as: Sec - Summer In-Person (name of school)

- Traditional summer school is being offered at eight locations: Maple SS, Newmarket SS, Stephen Lewis SS, Richmond Green SS, Sutton SS, **Bill Hogarth SS, Milliken Mills HS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS - these last 3 schools are closest to MSS.**

Summer School courses are not taken at Markville

- Students are required to attend daily from **8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m.** with scheduled breaks (15 min) and a lunch break (40 min).

- *In-Person* program offerings:

- **Acceleration courses**

- § Full credit course, 18 days: **Wednesday July 3 to Friday July 26**

- § Compulsory and Electives (ex. ENG4U1, BAF3M1)

- § English as a Second Language (ex. ESLEO1)**do this with caution - see Guidance for pros and cons

- **Reinforcement courses**

- § 9 days **S1 - July 3 to July 15, S2 – July 16 to July 26**

- § **ONLY for students who were previously unsuccessful *and recommended for reinforcement*** (ex. S1 - MTH1W**5**, S2 - MTH1W**6**)

- **Credit Strengthening courses**

- § 9 days **S1 - July 3 to July 15, S2 – July 16 to July 26**

- § For students who were successful in the credit (ex. S1 - MTH1W**3**, S2 - SNC1W**4**)

- § [Credit Upgrading FAQs](#)

****IMPORTANT: S1** (courses ending in **5**) = Session 1, **S2** (courses ending in **6**) = Session 2. These Sessions **ONLY** apply to 9 day courses - **Credit Recovery, Credit Strengthening, CIVCAR**. If a student is choosing two 2-week courses, they must ensure that one is Session 1 and the other is Session 2~ Please note: Depending on the 2-week courses selected, students may need to complete the 2 courses at different schools.

Online Learning - Listed in MBP as: Sec - Online Learning (Asynchronous)

- Courses are specifically designed to be taught in a fully online format.
- Classes occur online using an asynchronous model. Students are able to access course content at any time. In addition, daily synchronous real time check-in opportunities with the teacher are provided.
- Online Learning program offerings include:
 - **Acceleration courses**
 - § Full credit course, 18 days: **Wednesday July 3 - July 26**
 - **Reinforcement courses**
 - § 9 days **S1 - July 3 to July 15, S2 – July 16 to July 26**
 - § CIVCAR (Civics and Careers)

Remote Learning – International Languages only at this time

- Remote learning classes will occur in a virtual environment, using a *synchronous* model. Students are required to attend daily at prescribed times. More info on additional courses may become available.
- Remote Learning will run from 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m., with scheduled breaks and a lunch break.

Listed in MBP as: Sec - Summer Reach Ahead Remote Learning (Synchronous)

- Remote learning offerings:
 - **Acceleration courses**
 - § Full credit course, 18 days: Wednesday July 6 to Friday July 29
 - § Languages offered: Spanish, Simplified Mandarin, Farsi (ex., Spanish LWSBD¹)

International Students can access four-week programs in all models at a reduced rate of \$500 and two-week programs at a rate of \$250. Fee paying students will be contacted in July for payment.

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**. The next upload to OCAS

and OUAC will occur on April 25th. At this time, Semester 2 Midterm marks will be visible to Post-Secondary institutions. Full Disclosure is May 7th.

WELLNESS!

This year *Children's Mental Health Awareness Week* will be held the week of May 6-10, 2024. 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 [calendar for families](#) that is full of strategies and resources that are ready to use. Daily announcements and activities are planned for this week, but it is our hope that together we continue to support student mental health and wellbeing yearound.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/2024-03/2024%20CMHAW%20-%20Toolkit%20Calendar%20%28family%29.pdf>

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your Guidance Team~



MSS Mental Health Resource

This is a mental health resource that will appear in the E-Bulletin weekly that was created by past and present Markville students.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zxvp0ngpV22ikM7Fow2FNIMxX2wErCF5/view?usp=sharing>

Markville Guidance Website Wellness Page:

<https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/markvilleguidance/wellness>

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

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

April 8	Solar Eclipse (students dismissed at 12:00 pm)
April 10	International Day of Pink

April 17	Canadian National Film Day
April 22	Earth Day

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. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Markville S.S., School Information, News & Events, Departments, Specialty Programs, Parents, Students, Guidance, Library, and School Council. Below the navigation, there is a calendar of events for November. The calendar lists events for 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), and Wednesday, 8 November (OSSLT Days (Library), Sem 1 Term 1 Ends, 8:00am JR Boys Volleyball Tour). To the right of the calendar, there is a 'Grade 8 Information Sessions' image and a 'Contact Information' section with phone, fax, and email details. Below the calendar, there is a 'Parents/Guardians' subscription form. At the bottom right, there is a 'Community Opportunities' icon with a callout box.

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:

Are you stressed about tests and assignments? Are you looking for extra help with your courses? Maybe you need help with your homework, or studying before a test? Don't worry, Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is back and ready to support YOU!

Peer Tutoring Sessions will be offered during **lunch** and **after school**. Students can drop-in as needed and/or request a weekly 1-on-1 peer tutor. **No application form is needed for drop-in.** To request a **weekly 1-on-1 tutor**, submit an application at

bit.ly/msspeertutee2024. Look for the Peer Tutoring posters around school and follow [msspeertutoring](#) on IG for updates!

YRDSB Communications

Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter April 2024

☰ Markville-April Newsletter 2024



📄 Sikh Heritage Month 2024 Memo - Punjabi.pdf

Parent/caregiver series supporting students of Chinese Heritage.

The YRDSB Community Care Social Work series will provide a number of parent/caregiver virtual events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The first session in the series is offered for any parent/guardian of students of Chinese Heritage. Parents, caregivers are invited to join this workshop and engage meaningful conversations that help students thrive at school. Tips on ways that help strengthen family relationships and emotional wellbeing will be shared. This will be a free virtual event.

Keep the Door Open (Repeated Session): Understand Your Child's Inner World

April 23, 2024 at 6:00pm-7:00pm Mandarin Session [Registration for Mandarin Session](#)

April 23, 2024 at 7:00pm-8:00pm Cantonese Session [Registration for Cantonese Session](#)

Please email charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca if you have any questions or difficulties in accessing the registration link. Thank you

📄 _Flyer - Keep the Door Open_ Understand Your Child's Inner World (3).pdf

NEKS Korean Family Engagement Night

[\(Flyer\)](#)

Thursday, April 11, 2024

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Thornhill Secondary School

167 Dudley Avenue, Thornhill, ON

Registrants will have an opportunity to attend two of the following workshops:

- Opportunities and Pathways after High School: Learn about different pathway opportunities after high school. What career opportunities are there? How do we prepare our students for life after high school?
- Transitioning into High School: Learn about different programs at YRDSB schools. What are some tips for being successful in high school?
- Special Education: Learn about special education and Individualized Education Plans. How can students who are struggling in school be supported?

Registration Information

Register online using this Google [form](#).

Registration deadline is Monday, April 8, 2024.

For more information, please contact: Jasmin (Jae Yeon) Kwak, NEKS Chair,
jaeyeon.kwak@yrdsb.ca

Supports for Students with Autism and their Families

This session will support parents, guardians and families with:

- Understanding Autism
- Process for diagnosis
- YRDSB referral process
- School supports

- Community resources

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: **Unionville High School, 201 Town Centre Blvd, Markham, ON L3R 8G5**

Please **register** by Apr. 28, 2024.

This free information session is organized by Inclusive School and Community Services in partnership with Student Services of York Region District School Board.

For more information, please email shani.blake@yrdsb.ca or pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca

Please note that Childcare will not be provided.



The digital library
is **always open**.



Read on Sora
The student reading app.

Community Events



CALLING ALL SUPERSTARS!

Rising Star

2023 Rising Star Youth Grand Champion,
Thea Asedillo

**Calling all Superstars
ages 6 to 21 years:**

Singers • Dancers • Instrumentalists
Actors • Magicians • Comedians & more!
Performing Solo or as a Group

**CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
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This Month in April



Earth Day

Make Every Day Earth Day

