

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

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Happy Friday, Families - please see the following Re-Post from last week with 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 Monday, April 15th.** It will reopen for continued Summer School registration on April 16th. **IMPORTANT:** We have been told that more Credit Recovery options will appear on myBlueprint after April 15th, as the needs are further assessed. Please reach out to Guidance with questions about anything at all.

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** is open from **April 9th and closes on April 15th @ 3pm**. 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.

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 17	Canadian National Film Day
April 22	Earth Day
May 6	PA Day (School Closed to Students)
May 20	Victoria Day Holiday (School Closed)

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 menu, there is a calendar of events for November 3rd, 6th, and 8th. To the right of the calendar, there is a 'Grade 8 Information Sessions' banner with a photo of students. Further right, there is a 'Contact Information' section with the school's address, phone, fax, and email. Below the contact information, there are icons for 'School News', 'Trustee Message', 'teachassist', and 'Community Opportunities'. A callout box points to the 'Community Opportunities' icon, explaining that clicking on it will bring families to a webpage with up-to-date links to YRDSB sponsored events and resources for students, families and community members. The callout box also states '***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

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Bell Times: 8:20 AM - 3:00 PM

Grade 8 Information Sessions

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*****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

Family Engagement Evening

Understanding the Ontario Education Systems - Part 2

Welcome to our second SEAS "Family Engagement Evening" event supporting families and caregivers to develop a deeper understanding of the Ontario Education System.

In this session, we are discussing report cards, assessment and evaluation, at both elementary and secondary levels.

Presentations will be available in English, Mandarin, Korean and Cantonese.

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024

Time: 6:30 - 8:00pm

Location: Markville Secondary School, 1000 Carlton Road, Markham, ON L3P 7P5

Please use this link to [register](#) by Monday, April 23, 2024

Please see the pdf version for this [flyer](#).

For additional inquiries, please contact: bronson.chu@yrdsb.ca or
pauline.guo@yrdsb.ca

This event is co-hosted by YRDSB Inclusive Schools & Community Services (ISCS), Community and Partnership Developers for East Asian Families and Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) in collaboration with Network of Educators for Korean Students (NEKS), Curriculum and Instructional Services of YRDSB and community partner CCSYR.

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**

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.

Community Events

May 12, 2024

Historic Unionville Walking Tour

Millennium Bandstand

Enjoy a FREE Guided Walking Tour along Unionville's picturesque Main Street with the author of Historic Unionville – a Village in the City. Reserve your spot today.

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

<https://unionville.ca/things-to-do/events/>



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This Month in April



Small Steps Can Make Big Change This Earth Month

It's Earth Month and there are steps we can all take to help reduce our environmental footprint.

Use active travel. Taking the school bus and walking, riding or biking to school helps reduce pollution and traffic congestion in our neighbourhoods. It's also great for your mental health, well-being and academic performance.

- If you drive, consider parking near the school and walking the rest of the way (obeying all neighbourhood parking rules). Even this small change can make a difference.
- The walk to school is also a great time to connect, look for signs of spring and appreciate the changing season.

Reduce your energy and water use. Turn off lights, TVs, computers, when you do not need them. Turn off the tap when you're not using the water.

Reduce your waste. Using a refillable water bottle for example, helps to reduce the use of plastic water bottles. Bring your own bags to the store. Reuse whatever items you can. Repair items that are broken instead of throwing them away. Recycle wherever possible instead of contributing to the landfill.

Plant a tree, native plant or vegetable garden. Learn about native species and plants that attract birds, bees and butterflies.

Explore the outdoors! There is no better way to celebrate Earth Week than going for a walk. Check out [York Regional Forest](#) to discover nature in your backyard. Want to take your Earth Day celebrations out of the classroom? Why not visit one of Ontario's 290 conservation areas? [Here's a map](#) to help you locate the one nearest to you. Don't forget to check [Whose Land](#) to acknowledge whose territory you are on.

For inspiration on using nature as a classroom, Resources for Rethinking offers a [Step Outside guide](#) that highlights what's happening in nature seasonally

To amplify the effects, turn Earth Day into Earth Week or Earth Month and select a variety of activities to support collective learning and action for a week or month.

Working together, we can all help to take steps to protect this beautiful planet we live on.