

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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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.

Student Activity Council Spotlight

This week MSAC set out to host a fun-filled week-long spirit week event. From March 28th to April 1st, students had a chance to express their creativity and showcase their spirit. From Markville Merch Monday, Tuesday In The Tropics to Mix & Match Thursday, Markville students were able to bring smiles to each other's faces and make memories. During lunch time, students were able to play mini games such as bean bag toss, and a card matching game. Students even got to paint the vegetable they brought for 'Bring A Vegetable To School' day! Spirit Points and snacks were awarded to students who dressed up and took part in the games. Student donations also went towards helping Ukraine. All in all, it was a fun, and eventful week at Markville.

Debate Club Spotlight



On March 5, Markville's Debate Club competed in the University of Toronto's virtual Ethics Bowl Competition. Seventy teams from all across Canada came together to debate ethical and philosophical conundrums. Three teams represented our school: "Based," "Indecision & Sleepwalking," and "The Ethical Pancakes."

Fearless and enthusiastically, our teams competed, showing to all other schools what Markville Spirit is all about! A shout-out must go to team "Based," who came within a hair's breadth to qualifying for the quarter finals.

Ms. Ruffo, Ms. Achong, and Mrs. Kim are so proud of our teams!

A Message from TAC and Student Success



Over the past two weeks, our Grade 9 students have been learning about and working hard on their STUDY SKILLS! Last week, Grade 9 students received in-class presentations about the importance of effective study skills.

This week, all Grade 9 students had the opportunity to attend hands-on, after school workshops hosted by our TAC mentors to learn more about study skills and practice them with the help of our mentors.



The Study Skills workshops were, once again, a HUGE hit - we had full classrooms of Grade 9s every day!

Grade 9 students learned about time management, organization, general study skills for tests and exams, as well as subject-specific study skills. Together with their mentors, students practiced developing realistic and balanced study schedules, chunked

their work, organized their notes/Google drives, and learned active study strategies like taking jot notes and making flashcards! Fantastic job, Grade 9s! We hope you will implement these important study skills in all of your courses - setting yourself up for SUCCESS! Good luck and happy studying!



All students are invited and encouraged to check out the workshop presentations linked below.

Presentations from the workshops have been updated on our [school website](#), under the [Students](#) tab, on the [Study Skills](#) page.

The presentations can also be accessed by clicking on the following links here:



1. [Organization Workshop](#)
2. [Time Management Workshop](#)
3. [General Study Skills Workshop](#)
4. [Subject-Specific Study Skills Workshop](#)

Don't hesitate to connect with Ms. J. Li (Rm 229) or a TAC mentor if you have questions

**Your positive action
combined with positive
thinking results in success.**

A million thanks to our amazing TAC Mentors, Ms. Scagnetti, Ms. Liu, Grade 9 teachers, Administration, and all parents/guardians for your support of this year's Grade 9 Study Skills Initiative.

Message from Guidance

SVS, COURSE SELECTION & SUMMER SCHOOL

Families will have received email communication from YRDSB regarding the option of **Secondary Virtual School (SVS) for the 2022/2023 school year**. Information and FAQs regarding SVS can be found [here](#). As well, course selection options for SVS can be viewed [here](#). Families will have until **April 7th** to express their desire via Google Transfer Form (located in the YRDSB email) to leave Markville Secondary School to attend SVS. Course selection for students choosing SVS will be provided upon registering for SVS.

For students remaining at MSS, the **2022/23 Course Change Form** will be sent out to student GAPPs emails on **April 8th**, allowing families a final opportunity to make changes to next year's selection. The form will **close on April 11th @ 8pm**. This form is only to be used if a change is necessary - if a student is happy with the selection they see in myBlueprint, no action is necessary. Students interested in discussing potential changes are encouraged to book an appointment next week with Guidance.

Summer school registration will open **April 19th** - Guidance will be certain to provide registration steps as we get closer to date.

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

The **Grade 11/12 Snack 'n Learn Presentation** on **Funding Your Education** will take place at **3pm on April 11th**. Students will join the Guidance Gr 11/12 Google Classroom and will be reminded prior.


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 will occur on April 22nd, and to OUAC on April 28th. At this time, Semester 2 Midterm marks will be visible to Post-Secondary institutions.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your Guidance Team~

School Notices



Don't miss out! 

GRAD PHOTOS

Book your portrait session **ONLINE TODAY!**

(888) 416-3343 | edgeimaging.ca | [@edgeimaging](https://www.instagram.com/edgeimaging)   

Sign up at bookmygrad.ca Enter your school code **WMS**

GRAD PORTRAIT DATES **BEGIN MONDAY, APRIL 11**

Upcoming Dates

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| Apr. 11 | Grad Photos Begin |
| Apr. 12 | Last Day of Term 3 |
| Apr. 13 | First Day of Term 4 (Civics/Careers begins) |
| Apr. 15 | Good Friday (Holiday) |
| Apr. 18 | Easter Monday (Holiday) |
| May 30 | School Council Meeting NEW NEW NEW |
| June 16-17 | Grade 9 EQAO Math |

OSSLT Grade 10 Upcoming Dates

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| April 5 | Session 4: Writing Skills Part 2 Grade 10 classes - Period 4/Block 4 |
| April 13 | Putting All The Pieces Together - Mock #1 Booklet 1 Practice Grade 10 classes - Period 1/Block 1 |
| April 20 | Putting All The Pieces Together - Mock #2 Book 2 Practice Grade 10 classes - Period 2/Block 3 |
| End of April to May | Test Dates and Format - TBD |

Peer Tutoring

Do you need extra help with your courses? Are you looking for a dedicated peer to help you stay focused and motivated with course work? Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is back and ready to support YOU!

Students can **drop-in** when help is needed or request for a **weekly 1-to-1 peer tutor**. Peer tutoring sessions will be **virtual, after school Monday-Thursday from 3:30-4:30 pm**.

To request a **1-to-1 peer tutor**, students must submit this application form: bit.ly/1to1peertutor. Students will receive an email confirmation of their peer tutor match once the request is processed.

No application is needed for **drop-in** peer tutoring—just join via Zoom when you need help! **See schedule and Zoom links below.**


All Peer Tutoring information including sign up form, schedule, and Zoom links can be found at bit.ly/msspeertutorinfo.



PEER TUTORING

1-on-1 OR Drop in
BOTH ARE OFFERED!

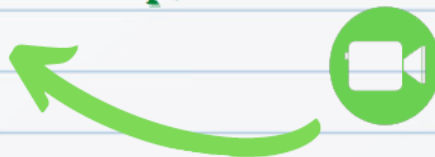
**MONDAY-
THURSDAY**
3:30-4:30PM
via Zoom



To request a 1-on-1
tutor, visit:
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Supports for Community Members

Supports for Community Members with Family and Loved Ones Impacted by Events in Ukraine

In solidarity with all of those in our community with family and loved ones impacted by the conflict in Ukraine.

The following are some services currently available to families:

- [LifeWorks 24/7 Free Support Crisis Line for Those Impacted by the events in Ukraine](#): 1-844-751-2133

[Ukrainian Enquiries Phone Line for Clients in Canada and Abroad](#): 613-321-4243

(Collect calls accepted) More [information about Canadian immigration measures](#) for people affected by events in Ukraine are available online by [Canadian Immigration and Citizenship](#).

- [Jewish Immigrant Aid Services \(JIAS\) | ukraine@jiastoronto.org](#)
 - Services for newcomers of all faiths and cultural affiliations.
 - Currently supporting with family sponsorships.
- [Emergency Hotline for the Ukrainian Jewish Community](#)
Info, Guidance & Assistance (Hebrew, Ukrainian and Russian)
Provided by The Jewish Agency & The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews
 - From Ukraine: 0-800-504-504603 (Toll Free)
 - From Israel: 1-800-228055 x4 (Toll Free)
 - [Assistance Request Form](#)

150,000 - 300,000 Jewish people live in Ukraine. Ukraine is home to the 5th-largest Jewish community in Europe and one of the poorest Jewish communities in Europe. It is also home to the largest Chabad Centre and Jewish complex in the world.

- In-School Settlement Worker, Olga Joukova
Supporting Newcomer Families in York Region (Ukrainian, Russian & Hebrew)
ojoukova@ccsyrr.org | 416-616-6789
Provided by [Settlement Education Partnership in York Region \(SEPYR\)](#),
[Catholic Community Services of York Region \(CCSYR\)](#)
*Services for newcomers of all faith affiliations.

To assist Canadians concerned about their loved ones in Ukraine, effective immediately, the following phone providers will be waiving all Home Phone and consumer Mobility Postpaid Long Distance charges for calls from Canada to Ukraine until Mar. 31, 2022:

- Bell Canada
- Fido - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Freedom Mobile - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Rogers - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Telus - waiving all additional charges for long-distance calls and texts to Ukraine until March 12th
- Virgin Plus

These changes will be applied automatically during the month of March. No action is required by customers.

Tweet of the Week



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April 2nd is World Autism Day and in [@YRDSB_SS](#) we are celebrating World Autism Acceptance Month! All month we will be spreading acceptance of ASD by highlighting commonalities we share and the beauty of diversity. Follow along and [#CelebrateTheSpectrum](#) celebratethespectrum.com



10:34 AM · Mar 31, 2022 · Twitter Web App

3 Retweets 12 Likes





Virtual Tour (Grades 7+)

World Holocaust Remembrance Center



April 27th, 2022 (Holocaust Memorial Day)

Main Presentation: 10:00am - 11:00am

Optional Q&A: 11:00am - 11:30am

Registration Form: bit.ly/3lb0NHj

Contact: leonora.buskin@yrdsb.ca

In partnership with the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, the York Region District School Board invites classes in grades 7 to 12, parents/guardians, and greater community to attend a virtual live tour of Yad Vashem, also known as the World Holocaust Memorial Center. Yad Vashem's Holocaust History Museum tells the chronological story of the Holocaust through the personal stories of the victims using diaries, art and artifacts belonging to the victims, or created by the victims themselves.

*Parents/guardians and community members are asked to be mindful that the language and content of the program is geared primarily towards grade 7 and 8 audiences.

*Educators who register will be provided with complimentary educational materials to utilize for prior and post learning with students.

Ontario's [Holocaust Memorial Day Act](#) recognizes Yom HaShoah v'HaGevurah as a day to commemorate the victims of the Holocaust of 1933-1945. Such a day provides an opportunity to reflect on and educate about the enduring lessons of the Holocaust.



Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust Session for Students: Grade 7 to 12



"The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising" [Left], "The Last March" [Right]
Sculptor: Nathan Rapoport, Installed January 1976, Yad Vashem, Jerusalem

April 28th, 2022 (Holocaust Memorial Day)

Main Presentation: 10:00am - 11:00am

Optional Q&A : 11:00am - 11:30am

Registration Form: bit.ly/3q5fNjT

Contact: leonora.buskin@yrdsb.ca

Jewish resistance under Nazi rule took various forms of organized underground activities conducted against German occupation regimes in Europe by Jews during World War II. This presentation will break the illusion that Jews were passive during the Holocaust by examining the different ways in which they resisted the Nazis.

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