

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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April 6th, 2023

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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

With nearly four weeks since March Break and with the arrival of the Easter long weekend, the semester and school year continues to progress quickly.

On March 23, Markville Athletic Council (MAC) led assemblies to provide information to students and staff about the upcoming Relay for Life which will be taking place on May 17, 2023 is a fundraising event in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Although Earth Hour took place on Saturday March 25, if possible students and staff were encouraged to turn off lights during period five on March 24 to save energy and to make a positive impact on the environment.

The fourth School Council Meeting of the school year took place on March 28 which included updates from student leaders from our school's Student Activities Council (SAC), Markville Athletics Council (MAC), and Transitions Activities Council (TAC). In addition, Ms. Wilson presented to families about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Education, while Mr. Bramer shared information to families on behalf of staff and the guidance department. The next and final School Council meeting of the school year will be taking place on May 16, 2023.

Please take note of the following upcoming dates:

- April 18 and 20 - Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)
- April 19 - York Region Public Health (YRPH) Immunization Clinic
- April 26 - Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS) during Period 1 classes
- May 1 & 2 - Markville Pops Concert at Markham Theatre
- May 2 - Grade 11 (morning) and Grade 10 (afternoon) bowling excursion
- May 3-5 - Mid-semester report cards distributed electronically
- May 5 - PA Day

For all students, families, and staff who will be celebrating a Significant Faith Day in the upcoming days, I would like to wish you a happy celebration.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal
Markville Secondary School

Sikh Heritage Month Spotlight

This month we recognize and celebrate Sikh Canadians who have lived in Ontario since the middle of the twentieth century.



Sikh Canadians represent a growing and dynamic population who have made and continue to make significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario.

April is an important month for the Sikh community. In this month, Sikh Canadians celebrate Vaisakhi, which marks the creation of the Khalsa and the Sikh articles of faith (image inset).

On April 14th each year, Sikh Canadians widely celebrate Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, across Ontario. Vaisakhi celebrates the creation of the Khalsa order. It promotes justice and equality and the creation of a more equal and just society.

By proclaiming the month of April as Sikh Heritage Month, the

Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Sikh Canadians have

made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Sikh Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.

Please follow the links below to register for the links below to participate in the Preserving Our Past Event. Students should register by April 6, 2023 to participate in this event put on by the Educators for Students of South Asian Heritage (ESSAH).

(ENGLISH) [Preserving Our Past - Sikh Heritage Month Event](#)
 (PUNJABI) [ਭਿਵਰਸੇ ਦੀ ਸੰਭਾਲ ਿਸੱਖ ਿਵਰਸਤੀ ਮਹੀਨਾ](#)

School Notices


Apply for your:
SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER(SIN)

Meet with a Service Canada representative and receive your SIN on the Spot. Service Canada will be in your school to help you apply for your **Social Insurance Number** on:

Wednesday April 12, 2023 from 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m
Location: Markville Secondary School (main foyer)

What To Bring	Primary Document	Primary Document	Benefits for Students
A primary identification document and a secondary document such as a passport or provincial identification. You would need to bring your original primary document, no photocopies accepted	Permanent Resident Card or a Confirmation of Permanent Residence or A Study Permit issued by IRCC which indicates the permit holder "may accept employment" or "may work" in Canada	or A Certificate of Birth or Birth Certificate issued by the vital statistics agency in the province or territory of birth	✓ Be job ready for summer employment by receiving your Social Insurance Number ✓ Learn about the Job Bank and Canada Summer Jobs program for Youth

For a comprehensive list of Service Canada programs and services, please visit: Canada.ca
 ☎ **1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232)**



Upcoming Dates

April 7	Good Friday (no classes)
April 10	Easter Monday (no classes)
April 12	SIN (Social Insurance Number) Clinic in the Atrium
April 12	International Day of Pink (Wear a pink shirt for day in support of 2SLGBTQIA+ community)
April 18 and 20	OSSLT Test
April 19	Canadian National Film Day

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>



Social Media of the Week

**Let's build an inclusive Canada
where autistic people can reach
their full potential.**



**world
autism
month**



**autism speaks
CANADA** 

Watch the Documentary

www.autismspeaks.ca/WAM

YRDSB Communications

Grades 7-12 Self-identifying South Asian & Tamil female and gender non-binary students are invited to experience a day of culturally relevant well-being at YRDSB's annual South Asian & Tamil Youth Conference. The conference takes place on Saturday, May 6th at Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School. This event also qualifies as a SHSM Experiential Learning opportunity. Please register at bit.ly/SATWC2023 . Additional details can be found in the attached flyer.



South Asian and Tamil Youth Conference Grades 7 to 12

To honour South Asian Heritage Month, the York Region District School Board in partnership with [The South Asian and Tamil Women's Collective](#) invites self-identifying South Asian and Tamil, female and gender non-binary, grades 7 to 12 students to attend our **2023 South Asian & Tamil Well-Being Conference**.

Students will participate in a day of culturally responsive, identity affirming mentorship and learning in support of their agency, health and well-being. **SHSM students should note that this conference fulfills the Experiential Learning required for your SHSM certification!**

When:

Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8:30am – 2:30 pm

Where:

[Pierre Elliott Trudeau Secondary School](#)
90 Bur Oak Ave, Markham, ON L6C 2E6

Registration:

Students are to register through this [Conference Google Form](#). Students should also bring the completed [consent](#) for filming form to submit at the conference.

Contact:

For more information, please contact:

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Courage

On April 12th, 2023, join us and wear **pink** to showcase the courage to be strong, stand up, be loud, proud, to be yourself and choose kindness.

Jesus Culture x **DAY OF PINK**

INTL. DAY OF APRIL PINK

Find this year's toolkit at **DAYOFPINK.ORG**

Follow us @intldayofpink for more ways to get involved!

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2023 South Asian Heritage Month

**Educators of Students of South Asian Heritage (ESSAH)
Invites you to engage in the celebration & professional learning
around Affirming South Asian Identities**



**Randall Public School
50 Randall Ave, Markham, ON L3S 1E2
May 4, 2023 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

[Register Online by April 30, 2023](#)

This event is an opportunity for **all** educators and parents to network, share and learn about ways to affirm and create positive spaces for students of South Asian Heritage.

Please join us for an evening of connecting through storytelling, music, information and resource sharing. This is an opportunity to amplify South Asian student, educator and parent voices.

Light refreshments will be served.

For additional information please contact ESSAH Co-Chairs:
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Follow us on [ESSAH \(@ESSAHyr\) / Twitter](#)

Who are South Asians?

According to the Canadian Encyclopedia, [South Asian Canadians](#) trace their origins to South Asia, which encompasses India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Most South Asian Canadians are immigrants or descendants of immigrants from these countries, but immigrants from South Asian communities established during British colonial times also include those from

East and South Africa, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, Fiji and Mauritius. [Some South Asian Canadians come from Britain, the US and Europe. In the 2016 census, 1,963,330 Canadians reported South Asian origins (1,603,000 single and 360,330 multiple responses)].

That said, the experiences of individual students and their families are so rich and diverse that they cannot be neatly packed into labelled boxes.