

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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**August 30th, 2024**

Please keep in mind any information provided in this bulletin is subject to change and is accurate at the time of distribution.

## Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I hope everyone had a restful summer. A special welcome to grade nine students and new staff to Markville Secondary School.

During the past few years, our school has experienced continuous enrollment growth. To address the shortage of available classroom spaces, the Board installed six portables in July in what was formerly the South-West field of the school. This is in addition to the four portables installed last summer in what was formerly the North-West parking lot. There has also been construction since the beginning of July with the creation of new family studies and community class classrooms. Unfortunately the family studies rooms are not complete. They are scheduled to be ready for student and staff use on September 3, 2024. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Staff and TAC (Transition Activities Council) mentors welcomed grade 9 students and their families on August 26 during the annual Grade 9 Transition Day which is a day dedicated to supporting them in their transition to high school. The morning included a presentation by SAC, MAC, and TAC student leaders, Ms. Scagnetti, Mr. Ebrahim, Mr. Pardatscher, and the administrative team to parents/guardians of grade 9 students. For students, the day included the opportunity to meet their teachers, take a tour of the school, learn about social media, and the chance to make new friendships with other students. For those who were unable to attend the session on August 26, the administrative team also presented to Grade 9 students and their families during the evening of August 29.

On August 29 and August 30, during periods one and five, vice-principal Ms. Morrison, vice-principal Ms. Rodrigo, and I led the Caring and Safe Schools assemblies for grades 9 and 10 students. This presentation is mandatory for all

elementary and secondary schools, and will take place at the beginning of each semester. The presentation highlights important information about available supports and resources for students, expectations of behaviour, possible consequences of not following the Board and School Code of Conduct, as well as school-specific information. These presentations will continue for grades 11 and 12 classes on September 3 and 4. Grade 12 students with a spare during period five are required to attend the presentation during their spare on September 6 in the cafeteria.

Please make special note of the following important dates. Photo Day will take place on September 5. The first School Council meeting of the school year will be a hybrid meeting and will take place on September 17 at 7:00 pm in-person in the library or virtually. All parents/guardians and community members are welcome to attend. More information about the meeting will be sent to families in September. The first PA Day of the school year will take place on September 27.

Please also make special note of the letters below that I received from the City of Markham and the Regional Municipality of York which I have shared with you as they contain very important information.

I know that as we begin the semester and the school year, students, families, and staff are eager to begin the valuable partnership of working together to support student achievement and well-being. Parents/guardians are welcome to contact their child's teacher anytime during the semester with questions about their child's progress in any of their classes. You are also welcome to contact the school if you have any questions, comments, or concerns and we will do our best to assist you.

On behalf of the administrative team, I would like to wish all students, families, and staff a successful school year!

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal  
Markville Secondary School

## Grade 9 Day 2024



## Letter from York Region



Anthony Hu  
Principal  
Markville Secondary School

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Dear Anthony Hu,

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program expansion adjacent to Markville Secondary School.

ASE is an automated system that uses a camera and speed measurement device to enforce speed limits in identified areas. If a vehicle exceeds the posted speed limit in ASE-enforced area, the system captures an image which is reviewed by a provincial offences officer. An image of the offence, license plate and ASE ticket with an associated fine will be mailed within the next 30 days.

The Regional Municipality of York has been authorized by the Province of Ontario to implement and operate ASE in community safety zones and school zones. The designated zones on McCowan Road, north of Carlton Road, directly affects traffic in the area around the school.

Our goal is to increase speed compliance, alter driver behavior and increase public awareness about the need to slow down. ASE cameras will help reduce speeding in school zones and increase the safety of all road users around the school. This program is designed to make the area safer for your students while encouraging more walking and cycling to school.

When an ASE camera is in the area, vehicle operating speeds are reduced by approximately 10 kilometres per hour and speed limit compliance increases by approximately 25%.

Currently, three ASE mobile cameras are rotated in prioritized locations, including 14 school areas, every three months. This program's expansion includes installing 20 additional fixed cameras by the end of 2024 and 40 more by 2026 as approved by Regional Council.

To inform the public of future ASE-enforced areas, we have installed warning signs on street and information about the ASE program is available online at [york.ca](https://www.york.ca)

Please feel free to include this information in communications to your school community.


If you have any additional questions, please contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

Nelson Costa, Manager, Traffic Safety and Signal Operations  
Public Works

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## Letter from City of Markham

 City of Markham- School Parking Awareness.pdf

## Message from Guidance

Welcome Families!

Please note some important details from Guidance:

New students that have begun attending classes, yet still require access to YRDSB's online platforms, can access instructions on how to log into GAPPs, myBlueprint and TeachAssist [here](#). Your student's subject teacher can provide them with their confidential and unique password, or please reach out to Guidance. Students should also ensure that they have been added to the [Grade 9/10](#) or [Grade 11/12](#) **Guidance Google Classrooms**, as important information is sent out here regularly.

Students received a **Course Change Request** form for **Semester 1** changes that opened on August 26th, and closed on August 30th. Course space is extremely limited, but Guidance will do all that is possible to provide students with desired/required courses, in a priority sequence. We will be continuing to work through the form responses for all of the coming week. We try requests several times, in case changes with other students impacts an earlier request. We also continually check the waitlist. It is a thorough process. If a student does not receive a change by the end of next week, it is because it was not possible. All students

should follow their current timetable unless a change was made in TeachAssist or they were contacted by a counsellor.

**Guidance appointments** will open to students and families to address **Semester 2** changes as soon as Semester 1 has been finalized. Students will be notified as soon as appointments have opened – to view details on how students and families can book an appointment, please visit the [TeachAssist page](#) of the Guidance site. Note that the Parent Portal is a system for Guardians to book appointments and view student information. Guardians can book via TeachAssist and email us to request a virtual appointment, however student appointments are conducted in person.

**Gr 11 & 12 Semester 1 Night School** has opened in myBlueprint for student registration. Information has been sent to students via the Guidance Google Classrooms on how to register. Students are expected to complete a [Google Form](#) that confirms Guardian consent, in addition to registering on myBlueprint. Students have also been notified of Continuing Education's criteria for who can be approved for a ConEd course. Please connect with your student to view this information on their Google Classroom, as it is lengthy.

Please bookmark the [Guidance website](#) for your reference, as it hosts numerous resources to help support students and families in navigating high school, as well as contact information to reach Guidance.

Guidance hosts several **Family Night Webinar Information Sessions** for Guardians each year. For your convenience, these sessions are virtual, and allow for families to enable Closed Captioning in a preferred language. The **Topic Agenda** and instructions on setting up the Closed Caption feature, can be found [here](#). Please take a moment to review the Topics that we present about, so that you can make note of the webinars that will be important to you. Guidance will post the link to the Webinar on the Agenda just before each presentation. For families who miss the event, the presentation slide deck is posted afterwards to our [Family Night Webinar page](#) of our Guidance website. The first Webinar is for Gr 9 families, and families new to Markville. This webinar will be held on September 11th @ 6:30pm and will

provide key resources to help families connect with MSS, support their student, and ask questions.

We are looking forward to the year ahead!

~Your Guidance Team



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>

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## School Notices

### Upcoming Dates

Sept 5th	Photo Day
Sept 17th	School Council Meeting 7pm (Library)
Sept 27th	PA Day
Oct 14th	Thanksgiving 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.***



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# Markville Secondary School

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## Markville S.S.

### 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

Google Calendar



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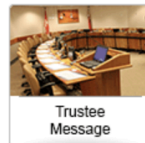
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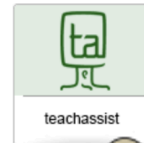
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Parents/Guardians: Enter your e-mail address to **subscribe** to electronic communications of a commercial nature.

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You may also choose to [unsubscribe](#) at anytime.

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.

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