

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Trustee's Message

Message From Our Trustee – December 2021

With case counts remaining relatively stable, I want to take this opportunity to thank our students, families and staff members for continuing to adhere to health and safety protocols. Your efforts are appreciated and important to protecting the health and safety of our school community members. As we have since the start of the pandemic, the school board continues to meet regularly with public health and follow their guidance. Families looking for more information or resources on COVID-19 and our schools, including health and safety guidelines, frequently asked questions and mental health resources, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening or York Region's www.york.ca/safeatschool.

In November, we held the **school council forums**. I appreciated the opportunity to participate in shared learning with school council representatives on priority topics including the ABCs of mental health and actioning anti-racism practices. Thank you to all of the participants and to all school council members for your partnership. There are so many valuable [ways families help to strengthen our schools and support student learning and achievement](#). We value the partnership that we have with families, and thank you for your ongoing support.

As partners, we want to support you in supporting your child's learning, achievement and well-being. The **Family Resources** page on the Board website provides quick access to online tools such as Google Classroom, School Cash Online, Edsby and more. It also provides links to information to support you in engaging in your child's learning - resources like translation tools, IT support for families and tips on protecting your child's privacy online. It also includes links to other information you may find helpful. Find it at www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources or from the link on the homepage.

Over the past few months, York Region District School Board has been conducting a review of its Trustee Areas. The boundaries of the areas that school board trustees represent change over time. The goal of the **Trustee Determination and**

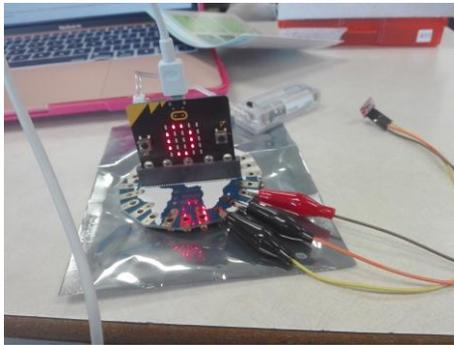
Distribution Study is to ensure fair and equitable representation of all public school supporters. Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation on the proposed options. The final report will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on February 8. You can find more [information about the study and the recommendations on the Board website](#).

The upcoming winter season is a time of celebration for many, and I want to wish you and your families a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. I hope that over the winter break, you find time to rest, relax and rejuvenate and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Ron Lynn

Trustee – Markham Wards 2, 3 and 6

Science Spotlight



With the start of another school year, Markville's Science department is excited to have the opportunity to teach both our in-person and remote learning students. Our department is always trying to squeeze in as many labs, demonstrations, and kinesthetic learning experiences as possible.

As usual, our students are focusing on curriculum expectations and learning skills. However, the Science program at Markville SS has always been

enhanced by extra-curricular opportunities and beyond-the-classroom activities. Despite the current environment, these extra-engaging activities continue. Our grade 11 Biology classes have learned from guest speakers about meat and plant-based food science technologies, and about our gut microbiome and how it influences our health and immunity, and they also completed a rat dissection. For the very first time, these students are also participating in the Zero to Genetic Engineering Hero collaborative inquiry in which our students are introduced to concepts of genetic engineering through the creation of Agar Art. Engineering students from the Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science at Ryerson University led some of our grade 9s through a virtual scenario where a community was experiencing a blackout. The students had to use their knowledge of electric circuits to troubleshoot the situation and restore power to the community. Looking



ahead, our grade 9 classes will be participating in the Climate-Hack-to-Action collaborative inquiry in which they use robotic solutions to solve real world environmental problems by developing computational thinking and coding skills through working with micro:bits. Our grade 10 students have heard from a transplant healthcare professional and recipient about organ transplants and donations, and the classes have also completed a frog dissection.

Teachers and students have organized extended-learning opportunities through HOSA and the Eco-club. Our HOSA students just recently competed in the HOSA Canada Fall Leadership Conference, and will be continuing their training for the Spring Leadership Conference. Our Eco-club achieved platinum EcoSchool certification last year and are aiming for that again this year by completing various initiatives including: Take Me Outside day; planting/weeding day; collecting milk bags for mat weaving; and battery, white board marker, and toner cartridge recycling. In addition, the Eco-club is running the aquaponics system inside one of our science classrooms and recently completed their GIS certification alongside the environmental SHSM students.



As the year progresses, Markville's Science department will continue to provide our students with updated information regarding the UBC's Michael Smith Challenge, the University of Toronto's National Biology Competition, the University of Waterloo's Chem 13 News and Avogadro Chemistry Contests, as well as the OAPT and SIN Physics contests. Our teachers also continue to support the SHSM sectors of Environment and Health and Wellness.



The Eco club is collecting 4 litre colourful milk bags to weave milk mats for those in need. If you have any, please drop them off in the box located in the atrium.

Thank you!

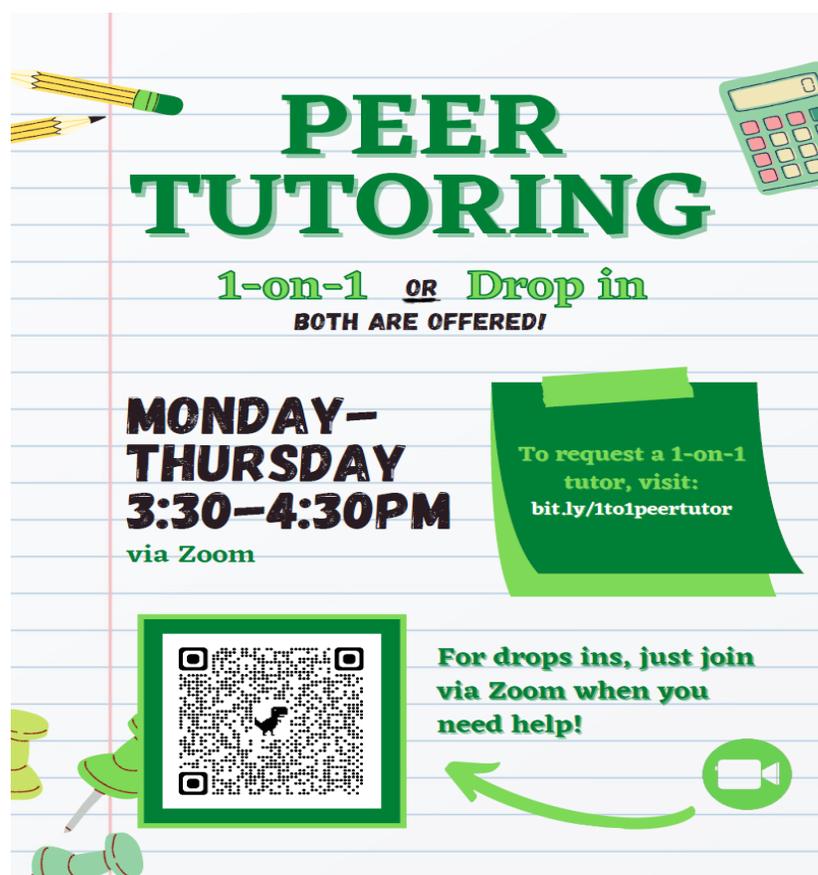
Peer Tutoring

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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School Notices



NEW SCHEDULE **COMING!**



8:20 - 9:40 - Period 1 → **IS YOUR Week 1 Period 1**

9:45 - 11:00 - Period 2 → **IS YOUR Week 2 Period 1**

11:00 - 11:50 LUNCH

11:50 - 1:00 Period 3 → **IS YOUR Week 1 Period 2**

1:10 - 2:25 - Period 4 → **IS YOUR Week 2 Period 2**

Upcoming Dates

Dec. 6-14	Festive Food Drive
	PERIOD Ontario Winter Drive
Dec. 13	Photo Day- Gr 9 am; Gr 10 pm
Dec. 14	Photo Day- Gr 11 am; Gr 12 pm
Dec. 16	Festive Sounds Virtual Concert (7:30pm - 9:00pm)
Dec. 20-31	Winter Break (School Closed)
Jan. 3	School Resumes

Tweet of the Week



Learning Commons

@msscommons



Read the movie! Psst....the book is usually better...

[#readamovie](#)



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**2021-22 SHSM
REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!**

SHSM Winter Conference
December 7th, 2021, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

- * Full day virtual experience
- * SPE (Math) with Enriched Academy
- * Customer Service Certification with Seneca Professor
- * Elective certification and experiential learning opportunities

Link to registration form for more information:

**Stay connected to your GAPPS,
your school SHSM Google Classroom,
and the SHSM Student Google Site!**

SCAN ME



Raising Confident Competent Children

Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to-understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children by;

- Encouraging respect and cooperating
- Learning to be independent
- Learning how to develop healthy self-esteem

REGISTRATION

**Parents, Grandparents and
Caregivers!**

**Join us to share, learn and build a school culture where mental
health and well-being is valued and promoted.**

Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 **Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Link will be provided

Facilitator: Uma Bhatt, R.S.W.

York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families

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Oksana Majaski

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This free Parent Presentation is brought to you in partnership with York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families and York Region District School Board



Community Events



Queen's University  **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

University Information Night

Join representatives from the University of Toronto and Queen's University to learn about programs, applications, admissions, supports, and community on campus for Black students at our universities!

Monday December 6th at 6pm

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/5n72y82s>