

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

Inspire Learning!



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Principal's Message



Dear families,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of December. September seems so far away and yet it has come and gone so fast. The year like no other is coming to an end and we are ready to start a new, hopefully healthier and safer year. I read an article titled "This is how adversity can improve the way we think" where the author asks the question, "Do we really want everything to return to what it was before? Or do we want something better, both for ourselves and our community?" The reading led me to reflect upon the learnings I experienced during this pandemic: to better understand the importance of togetherness, of supporting each other for the betterment of the community, of taking care of ourselves so we can care for others, and, the power of resilience. This pandemic taught me that if we support each other, we can make it and defeat this virus.

I am confident that our students have had the same opportunities to engage in these learnings. Therefore, the question remains, don't we want our future to be better for all of us? Of course we do! As we start this holiday season, on behalf of Markville staff, I would like to wish you all health, happiness and well-being! We are looking forward to welcoming back our students as we get ready to end the first semester and begin semester two. Stay safe, take time to rest and rejuvenate during this holiday season! Happy Holidays!

Patricia Obadia



York Region Public Health

Two-layer masks



YRPH has recommended that students now wear a two-layer mask, as opposed to the previous recommendation of any kind of face covering. Parents/guardians will be expected to provide their child with a two-layer personal face covering to wear at school to reduce the spread of their own respiratory droplets to protect others. **A two-layer face mask is now recommended as per Provincial direction.**

School Notice



During the winter break, the main office will be closed. For any general inquiries, please email the school account at Markville.ss@yrdsb.ca as it will be monitored. For registration information please visit our website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markville.ss/Pages/default.aspx>.

Happy Holidays and stay safe!

YRDSB Memos

Financial support for parents/guardians

The government is providing financial support to help parents and guardians with additional costs during the 2020-2021 school year during the second wave of COVID-19.

Eligible parents or guardians will receive a one-time payment of:

- \$200 for each child up to age 12
- \$250 for each child or youth up to age 21 years with special needs

This is a new program, and all parents or guardians who are residents of Ontario with eligible children will need to submit a new application for each child.

As of today, eligible parents or guardians can go to [Ontario.ca/SupportforLearners](https://www.ontario.ca/SupportforLearners) for more information and to apply for the one-time financial support.

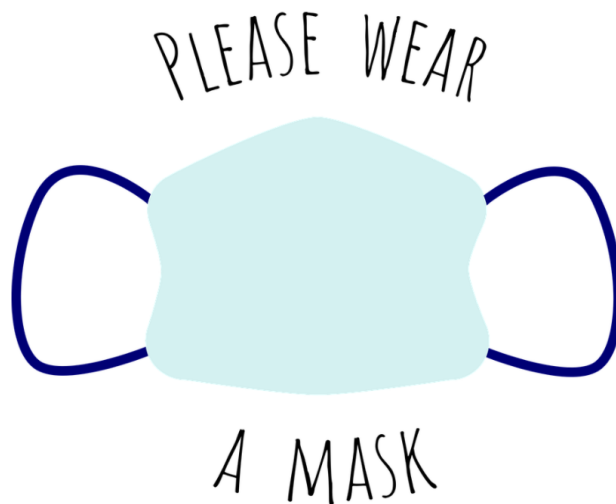
The deadline to apply is January 15, 2021.

Schedule Change

Rotation 7 started this week on **Tuesday December 15th**.

- If a student does attend school on the wrong cohort day, they will be sent home. Cohorts are created to keep everyone as safe as possible, so this is necessary.
- Afternoon online classes will consist of 40 minutes of synchronous learning with the remaining 10 minutes for independent work and / or time for students to stretch, get a drink, etc.
- Lastly, if a class or entire school needed to be closed due to COVID-19, the expectation is that all students are to connect in their virtual / online learning platforms (Google Classroom, Moodle, etc.) within 24 hours. The student would follow the same schedule in place at the time of the closure.

Time	Rotation 3 Oct. 13-26 Rotation 7 Dec. 15-Jan. 13
8:20-10:50 a.m. Face-to-Face	Period 4
10:50-11:05 a.m.	Exit
11:05-12:20 p.m.	Travel & Lunch
12:20-1:10 p.m. Online	Period 5
1:10-2:00 p.m. Online	Period 1
2:00-2:50 p.m. Online	Period 2



Department Spotlight

MARKVILLE MUSIC STUDENTS STAGE *ANNIE JR.* ONLINE JANUARY 8-9, 2021



Markville Secondary School will “stick up its chin and grin and sing ‘Tomorrow! Tomorrow!’” when Markville Music performs *Annie JR.* Based on the popular comic strip and adapted from the Tony Award-winning best musical by Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, *Annie JR.* tells the story of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents.

Markville Music Students have created this 60-minute musical theatre production virtually and remotely, and will be sharing their edited work with you at ShowTix4U.com on January 8-9, 2021 right from the comfort of home.

Show times are Friday, January 8 @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday, January 9 @ 2:00 p.m., and Saturday, January 9 @ 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$1.95 CAD, which will cover the cost of royalties and service fees from ShowTix4U and Music Theatre International.

For more information please contact the Markville Music Department at (905) 940-8840 x131, visit markvillemusic.com, or ShowTix4U.com to get your tickets. See you online!

Our direct link to the ShowTix4U page is
<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/43037>

Tech Tip



Brightful Meeting Games

Host game night with family and friends virtually during the holiday break. Students can connect using their GAPPs account. Games include conversational, fast paced, and social.

It's free and works with any video conferencing tool.

<https://www.brightful.me/play/>

Tweet of the Week



Markville SS
@Markville_YRDSB

#MarkvilleCares was more than a hashtag this week as staff & students donated food for local families in need. Thank you to staff organizers Ms. Wong & Ms. Percy.
#foodsecurity #foodbank



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Community Notice via YRDSB



THE YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD &
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OUR EXISTENCE IS OUR RESISTANCE

Tamil Heritage Month 2021



Traditional Tamil Cuisine with Sarmel Arudsothy

Mon. Jan. 11th, 2021

@ 6pm - 7pm

Spoken Word Workshop with Nirosha Balakumar

Tues. Jan. 12th, 2021

@ 6pm - 7:30pm



Register using bit.ly/THM2021

Markham Public Library

COVID-19 SERVICE UPDATE



Markham moves to Lockdown zone effective Dec.14 . This will have some impact on MPL services but will not change our commitment to serving you. Our virtual and in-branch services will continue to be offered as they are.

Starting on Dec. 29, we will be moving our in-branch services to the three stand-alone branches - Markham Village, Thornhill Village and Unionville Libraries, as the community centres will be closed.

[MORE INFO](#)



MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW HOURS

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MONDAY - FRIDAY | 10 AM - 6 PM
SATURDAY | 9 AM - 5 PM

Starting on December 14, 2020



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