

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Message from Our Trustee

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your loved ones are healthy and well. 2020 has been a challenging year in so many ways, and the global pandemic has affected individuals and families in different ways.

I want to reassure you that we continue to work closely with York Region Public Health and to prioritize the health and well-being of our students, staff members and families. It continues to be important that we adhere to the health and safety measures in place to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. You can learn more about what schools are doing at www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening.

While we have seen cases in some of our schools, we continue to work with public health to respond quickly, identify cohorts that need to self-isolate as a precautionary measure and take all appropriate measures. I want to thank all of our students, families and staff members for their diligence in adhering to the public health recommendations and health and safety measures in place in our schools.

One of our priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to foster well-being and mental health. As a result of the pandemic, many of us are facing changes and new challenges that can take a toll on our mental health. It is more important than ever that we check in on one another and practice self-care. There are [mental health resources for students and families](#) on our Board website that address the unique nature of our current situation. You can also find information about our [Mental Health and Addiction Strategy](#) and the [work we are doing in schools](#) to promote positive mental health and provide support for students.

While there are challenges, we also continue to have so many reasons to feel positive. Our students continue to impress us with their kindness, creativity, innovation,

resilience, courage and perseverance. Visit us on [YouTube at YRDSBMedia](#) to see just some of these stories.

In the coming weeks and months, many of our students and families will be celebrating days of significance and holidays, and I wish you all the very best for the season. While we may be celebrating a little differently this year, I hope everyone has a safe and happy winter break and we look forward to welcoming students back into our in-person and virtual schools in January.



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YRDSB Memos

2020-2021 Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Mathematics



For the 2020-21 school year, the EQAO is field testing a new online assessment for Grade 9 Academic and Applied mathematics courses. This assessment is intended to be administered to students taking a Grade 9 Mathematics course using an in-school instructional model near the end of the instructional period which would be the end of semester 1 (January 2021) for YRDSB secondary schools.

The York Region District School Board has decided that students in YRDSB secondary schools will not be participating in the Grade 9 Mathematics Assessment Field Test in January 2021.

The decision to not participate in the field test was made foremost in an effort to prioritize the well-being of students and support the continuity of learning in response to Covid19. Our current Adaptive rotation model of alternating in-class opportunities, near the end of the course, does not align with EQAO's Field Testing recommendations. Lastly, the current model of student attendance limits the flexibility of extending the instruction period to allow for extra time.

School Notices



Literacy Task #3 will take place on **Tuesday, December 8th during Block 1 (period 2) in all grade 10 classes.**

EQAO plans to administer the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) online in spring 2021. For more information about the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test please visit [EQAO's](#) website.

Schedule Change

Rotation 6 started **Friday November 27th.**

A few reminders about safe and best practices for student learning and safety:

- 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 2 Sept. 28-Oct. 9 Rotation 6 Nov. 27-Dec. 14
8:20-10:50 a.m. Face-to-Face	Period 2
10:50-11:05 a.m.	Exit
11:05-12:20 p.m.	Travel & Lunch
12:20-1:10 p.m. Online	Period 1
1:10-2:00 p.m. Online	Period 4
2:00-2:50 p.m. Online	Period 5

Club Spotlight



Markville HOSA is back!

Is your son or daughter interested in the health sciences? Are they looking for an opportunity to learn from industry-approved resources? Do they want to challenge themselves by competing in a health event against other passionate youth? If so, HOSA is the club for them!

Markville HOSA runs weekly lessons for our most popular events while providing materials and guidance for other events as well. We also plan to host many unique events like speaker panels from students in health science programs and Q&A sessions with medical professionals! Although the deadline for the Fall Leadership Conference has passed, students can still register to join the Markville HOSA chapter and participate in the Spring Leadership Conference, SLC. SLC is HOSA Canada's national competition in which students write a formal assessment in their chosen health event to receive awards, medals, and a chance to compete at the International Leadership Conference.

To register, visit bit.ly/HOSAregistration2020 and follow the provided instructions carefully. For more information, visit Markville HOSA's website, msshosa.weebly.com or follow us on instagram @markville_hosa.



Are you an ELL/Newcomer student at MSS?

TAC is hosting a Virtual Hangout (Drop-In) for students on Wednesday, December 9 from 3:00-4:00 pm!

Our first session will include icebreaker activities, general MSS information, and two fun games that will give students an opportunity to practice oral speaking.

All ELL (current or former) and newcomer students are welcome!

Please join us on Wed. Dec 9 at 3pm here: <https://meet.google.com/zir-nujm-fmn>

REP YOUR GRADE Activity Brought to you by YAC!

Hey Markville!

The Young Activists Club (YAC) is holding our annual Festive Food Drive again this year to support local community members in need. This will be a grade competition so bring in your non-perishable food items and place them in your **grade box** in the Atrium starting next week.



WHAT? Food drive to support Markham Food Bank

WHEN? Dec.7-16th, 2020

WHERE? Drop your donations in your grade box in the Atrium

WHY? There is always a need for food donations however this

year, more than ever, the demand is great.

PRIZE - The grade that brings in the most food will earn 100 grade points, second place wins 50! Let's do this Mavs!

Community Notice

Saturday, December 5, 2020
10 AM to 3 PM

The logo for 'Evolve 2020' features the word 'EVOLVE' in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A large, blue butterfly with black markings on its wings is positioned behind the letters. A green checkmark is placed over the letter 'V'. The entire graphic is set against a light green background with faint, stylized leaf patterns.

EVOLVE is an event designed to prepare rising high-school students for success through exciting workshops and engaging speakers. By teaching youth in grades 7-9 more about the realities of high school, mental health, and volunteerism, we hope to arm them with the knowledge and skills they need to tackle the next 4 years of their lives.

This year, we have a variety of speakers:
- Kelly Hu, Class of 2024 UC Berkeley student
- Christine Lin, 2020-2021 YRPC Student Trustee
- Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of Markham

At MMYC, we hope to positively impact the lives of our local youth, and inspire them to become leaders in their community.

Register at:
bit.ly/mmycevolve

MARKHAM MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL MARKHAM

The Markham Mayor's Youth Council is holding a virtual high school preparation conference, **Evolve 2020**, for the purpose of helping students from Grade 7-9 succeed during one of their most important years of youth! With speeches from the Mayor of the City of Markham, the YRPC Student Trustee, and a student from UC Berkeley complemented with multiple enriching workshops and dozens of other ambitious students, the **Evolve** conference will be sure to have the tools and knowledge to help students thrive in high school and increase their chances of **post-secondary** success! Evolve will take place on **Saturday December 5, 2020 at 10 AM to 3 PM** via Zoom Video Communications. Spots are limited so sign up at bit.ly/mmycevolve !

Tech Tip from YRDSB



Online resources for parents to cope with stress

Being a parent is one of the hardest jobs in the world. It is both daunting and rewarding. According to a recent survey from The Psychology Foundation of Canada, 60% of parents stated their biggest challenge was finding time for self-care. It is important that you take care of yourself so you can take care of others. Here are some resources, which are taken from our various evidence-informed and proven parenting and stress management programs, that will help you to manage your stress and to navigate the daily struggles in your life. If you are interested to learn more about these programs that are delivered through educators, social services and health professionals, click [here](#).

Here are some great resources:

[Stressstrategies.ca](https://www.stressstrategies.ca)

[Variety of Important Articles on Parenting Topics](#)

[Various Articles on Workplace Mental Health](#)

[Various Booklets on Managing Family and Workplace Mental Health](#)

[Six Part Video Series on Parenting](#)

[24/7: The Working Parent](#)

[24/7: The Working Parent Podcast](#)

Tweets of the Week



Markville SS @Markville_YRDSB · Nov 27

Do you want to know what Markville is all about? Grade 8 Open House and Registration info is now posted on the Markville website under News & Events



Community Notice via YRDSB



Parents for Children's
Mental Health
SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, December 14th, 2020 6:30 pm - 8 pm

PARENTS' Support Group-All are welcome!

VIRTUAL MEETING Topic: ADHD Presentation and Q&A **Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult? Join us...**

Aurora York PCMH Chapter Meeting Mon, Dec 14, 2020 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/358202845>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Canada: [+1 \(647\) 497-9391](tel:+16474979391)

Access Code: 358-202-845

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/358202845>

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING SERIES

Are you a high school student who wants to enhance and learn
new skills to become a future leader?

November 13th: Self-Esteem & Self Confidence

November 30th: Public Speaking

December 4th: Media 101

December 11th: Civics 101

SIGN UP RIGHT NOW!

[HTTPS://STUDENTTRAINING.EVENTBRITE.CA](https://studenttraining.eventbrite.ca)



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Community Notice

2020-2021

WINTER MAINTENANCE NEWSLETTER






WHAT WE DO

1. Watch weather forecast - 24/7
2. Patrol and monitor the streets - 24/7
3. Anti-ice - Salt brine sprayed on primary roads and bridges (weather dependent)
4. Salt trucks - dispatched first to primary and secondary roads
5. Plow & salt the roads - Review table below for snow clearing times
6. Clear the sidewalks - City crews start when sidewalks are 5cm of snow deep
7. Continue to clear snow - Can take up to 16 hours after the snow stops falling to clear all of Markham's streets
8. Respond to service requests - Wait at least 16 hours after the snow stops falling to call the Markham Contact Centre 905.477.5530



WHEN WE CLEAR SNOW

Road Type	When does the City start salting?	When does the City plow?	How much snow is that?	How many hours after the snow stops falling does it take to clear an average storm?
Use Markham's Winter Maintenance App on markham.ca/winter to find out what type of road you live on.	Salt is only effective for temperature -12°C and above.			
Primary	When snowfall begins	3cm	Paper clip 	2 hours
Secondary	When snowfall begins	5cm	House key 	3 to 12 hours
Local	When road condition is deemed slippery	7.5cm at the end of snowfall	Bank card 	12 to 16 hours



Markham is proud to be environmentally friendly in salt usage.

WHAT IT TAKES TO CLEAR SNOW AND ICE



DRIVEWAY OPENINGS: "WINDROWS"



A windrow is the row of snow at the end of a driveway after snow clearing on your street.

Only residents under the Snow Windrow Removal Assistance Program will have one car width of windrow removed within 8 hours after local plow. The Snow Windrow Removal Assistance Program is designed to help persons with disabilities and elderly residents maintain road access from their driveways during the winter season.

Learn more at markham.ca/winter

DID YOU KNOW?

- Markham has a Salt Management Plan that regulates our salt usage, storage and salt transportation.
- Snow is plowed to the right and if you live on an inside corner, you will receive larger amounts of snow. Do not push snow back on the road. It is unsafe and illegal.
- Get the latest City news and emergency alerts delivered to your inbox. Sign up at markham.ca/eNews



Parking on both sides of all City streets is prohibited during snow clearing operations.

Existing parking permits and overnight exemptions held by residents are not valid during snow clearing operations.

Snow clearing begins at the start of any snowfall and continues for up to 24 hours.

Check the status of road & sidewalk plowing in your neighbourhood! DOWNLOAD THE ACCESS MARKHAM MOBILE APP

Features:

- COVID-19 Virtual Assistant
- Recycling and garbage collection schedule with personalized notifications
- 'What Goes Where' search tool to help you dispose of items correctly
- Bikeways, parks and paths
- Signature and community events calendar
- Report a problem
- Your Voice Markham online engagement platform



Winter Maintenance app also available at markham.ca/winter



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