

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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School Trustee's Message

Message from Our Trustee

December 2023

I hope everyone has had a good start to the school year and is looking forward to the winter break ahead.

As I have been visiting schools and attending events, I continue to be impressed by the professionalism and dedication of school staff, the commitment and support of families and the curiosity, creativity and enthusiasm of students. As a Board of Trustees, we continue our commitment to delivering a high-quality education, this also includes striving to create safe, caring, inclusive and respectful school environments where students feel valued and supported.

I want to thank everyone who attended the school council forum held in our area and helped to make the event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together school council members for an evening of shared learning and discussion. School councils play such an important role in our schools, and we are grateful for all that they do to support students, family engagement and schools.

While we are not yet at the midway point in the school year, many students and families are already looking to the school year ahead, visiting [secondary school open houses](#) and starting to think about course selections for next school year. All our secondary schools offer a variety of courses, programs and opportunities that let students gain skills and experience, explore their interests and begin preparing for the future. Those opportunities are now even easier to explore.

Over the past few years, some of our secondary schools have experienced significant enrollment growth, including Markville S.S. To ensure in-boundary YRDSB students can be accommodated at their home secondary school, we are introducing capped enrollment and new modified proof of residency requirements including this school. More information will be communicated to the Markville S.S. school community in early December.

Students can [search from 16 different sectors](#) that interest them, including STEM, Arts, business, manufacturing and many more to discover how they can earn credits, gain experience, skills and certifications in those areas. Visit www2.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb to learn more.

We also offer a variety of [programs for Black students](#) through the Board's Centre for Black Student Excellence. These summer and school-year programs are designed to affirm students' identities and support student achievement and well-being. You can learn more about the programs and how to sign up for the centre's mailing list [on the website](#).

Our Board, the City of Markham and community partners have collaborated and created a wonderful exhibit "[Standing in the Doorway: Lived Histories & Experiences of the Chinese Community](#)" at the Markham Museum. I invite everyone to explore and celebrate our Chinese residents, to engage and learn from each other as a wider community. The exhibit will continue till February 25, 2024.

One of our roles as a Board of Trustees is to regularly review Board policies to ensure they are relevant, reflect our mission and values as an organization, and meet the needs of our students. An important part of that process is collecting feedback from the community. [Learn more on the Board website](#) about how you can share your input and see what policies are currently being reviewed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank families for their patience while we work to restore services following [network outages](#) as a result of a cyber incident, and to acknowledge the work of our staff who continue to deliver high quality public education and to restore services.

As we head into December, I also want to wish you a safe and enjoyable winter break. There are many significant dates for different faiths and cultures during this time of year, and to all those celebrating, I wish you a happy and joyous celebration. I hope everyone has an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you back in January.

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Trustee, Markham Wards 3 and 4

Tamil Students Association Spotlight



The Tamil Students Association is a club organized to bring together Tamil students at Markville Secondary School, but all students are welcome to join and learn more about the Tamil culture! Meetings are on Fridays from 3 to 4. We're involved in a lot of cross-yrdsb events, and it's a great place to make new friends and meet new

people! Last year, Markville TSA hosted its very first movie night, which was a huge success. Students across the board came to our school, and it was a great networking opportunity that allowed students to create new friendships. This year, Markville TSA hopes to host more cultural events, socials and participate in dance competitions. Looking forward to a successful year ahead!

Markville Student Spotlight



Vinny Gu, a grade 11 student here at Markville has won a Youth Science Canada Award.

Congratulations, Vinny Gu.

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/thecurrent/innovation-science-fair-1.7041383>

[Teens' award-winning inventions show why STEM education is so important: advocate | CBC Radio](#)

Message from Guidance



MSS Mental
Health Resource

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>

School Notices

Markville 's Youth Activists Club (YAC) will be holding its annual Festive Food Drive again this year to support the Markham Food Bank. Grade boxes will be placed in the Atrium starting next week and students are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items until December 15th! Let's see which grade can collect the most!

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 29 to Dec 5	Necessities Drive Supporting Organizations Helping Women in Need
Dec 4 to 15	YAC Annual Festive Food Drive

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.



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



Grade 8 Information Sessions

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School News



Trustee Message



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Community

Opportunities

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.

*****UPDATED WEEKLY*****

Message from Peer Tutoring and Student Success

Are you stressed about tests and assignments? Are you looking for extra help with your courses? Maybe you need help with your homework, or studying before a test? Don't worry, Markville's **Peer Tutoring Club** is back and ready to support YOU!

Peer Tutoring will start **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6**. Sessions will be offered during **lunch** and **after school**. Students can drop-in as needed and/or request a weekly 1-on-1 peer tutor. **No application form is needed for drop-in students.**

To request a **weekly 1-on-1 tutor**, submit an application at bit.ly/msspeertutee2023. Look for the Peer Tutoring posters around school and follow [msspeertutoring](https://www.instagram.com/msspeertutoring) on IG for updates!



Community Events



Olde Tyme Christmas on Main

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

PARADE EXTRAVAGANZA

7:30 PM - 8:00 PM

LIGHTING CEREMONY AT THE BANDSTAND

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ENTERTAINMENT AND CAROLERS ON MAIN STREET

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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