

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

It seems like it was just yesterday when we were beginning the October Break, yet after a very busy and productive eight weeks, the Winter Break has finally arrived.

November 6 was Take Our Kids to Work Day. Grade 9 students had the opportunity to spend the day at the workplace of a family member while the rest of the school had the opportunity to welcome grade 8 students and their teachers from our elementary partner schools. TAC student leaders, under the leadership of staff advisors Ms. J. Li, Mr. McKillop, and Ms. Ma, led the grade 8 students on a tour of the school where the students experienced what classes are like in high school and met many of our staff and students.

Between November 7-16, 47 students and 6 staff members travelled to England, France, and the Netherlands. The first destination of the trip was London where we experienced a walking tour of London that included the banks of the River Thames, Trafalgar Square, Covent Garden, Leicester Square, and viewing the ceremonial Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace. As this was a history themed trip, our time in London included visits to the Imperial War Museum, as well as the Cabinet Rooms and Churchill Museum. We wrapped up our time in London with a visit to the Harry Potter Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ at King's Cross Station and an evening theatre performance of Back To The Future. We then proceeded to Paris with a visit to the Château of Versailles and its gardens, as well as a tour around Paris including: the Cathedral of Notre-Dame, the Latin Quarter, the Gardens of Luxembourg, the Eiffel Tower, and an afternoon in the Louvre Museum. We completed our time in Paris with an evening in Montmartre before heading to the Normandy region. The time in the North of France included visits to Arromanches, Musée du Débarquement, Caen Memorial Peace Museum, Juno Beach Centre, Beny Sur Mer Canadian Cemetery,

Batterie de Merville, and the Vimy Ridge Historic Site. We then proceeded to Amsterdam for the final part of the trip that included visits to the Anne Frank House, as well as Volendam and Zaanse Schans.

On November 19, we had our second School Council meeting of the school year during which time we held an election for the vacant position of secretary. Congratulations to Ms. Jessie Li who was elected to the position. We also had student representatives from SAC, MAC, and TAC who provided updates about recent and future events. The meeting concluded with a discussion about the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant. As a follow-up, School Council sent all families a form to share feedback on one topic that the school community feels will be most impactful for the school community. Thank you to everyone who completed the form. The next School Council Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. Everyone is welcome to attend either in-person or virtually. More information about the meeting, including the virtual meeting link and the agenda from the November 19 School Council Meeting will be shared with everyone in January.

On November 21, approximately 400 students and 20 staff chaperones attended the semi-formal event hosted by SAC which took place at Grand Cinnamon Banquet Hall. The evening began with appetizers, followed by a buffet dinner. Students spent the rest of the evening dancing and taking pictures at the photo booth. A special thank you to the members of SAC under the leadership and guidance of Ms. Delairi, Mr. Lee, Ms. Ye, and Mr. Smith for planning such a wonderful evening for everyone. And thank you to all the staff chaperones who helped to make the event possible.

During the evening of November 27, 325 student leaders and 50 staff members welcomed grade 8 students and their families to our school. It was a wonderful evening that showcased the very best that our school has to offer and included a formal presentation about the specialized programs available at our school, school tours, and interactive displays. Thank you to all the students and staff who made this evening such a success!

On December 9, the annual Festive Sounds Concert took place at Markham Theatre. Students in our prestigious musical program performed for attendees under the leadership of Mr. Hu-A-Kam, Mr. Langdale, and Ms. Bharucha.

I would like to share with you the following important upcoming dates:

December 23, 2024 - January 3, 2025 - Winter Break

January 13-15 - Musical Theatre "Hedestown" at Flato Markham Theatre

January 21 - School Council Meeting

January 22 - Period 1 exams

January 23 - Period 2 exams

January 24 - Period 5 exams

January 27 - Period 4 exams

January 28 - Period 3 exams

January 29 - Instructional day

January 30 - Exam Review Day
January 31 - PA Day
February 3 - Semester 2 Begins

On behalf of the administrative team of Markville Secondary School, I would like to wish all students, families, staff, and community members a Happy Holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, January 6, 2025.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal
Markville Secondary School

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>

TRANSLATE A DOCUMENT USING GOOGLE TRANSLATE - [How-To Video](#)

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

December 21st to January 5th	Winter Break (School Closed)
January 6th	Back to School
January 15th and 16th	Math EQAO

January 22nd to 28th	Exams
January 29th	Lunar New Year/Regular Instruction Day
January 30th	Exam Review Day
January 31st	PA Day (School Closed to Students)

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.

The screenshot displays the Markville Secondary School website. At the top, there is a header with the York Region District School Board logo and the school's name. Below the header is a navigation menu with links to various school sections. A sidebar on the left contains a calendar of events for November. The main content area features a large photo of students, contact information, and a section for community opportunities. A pop-up box at the bottom provides instructions on how to access the community opportunities site.

Secondary Markville Secondary School

Staff: --Select an Application--
Students: --Select an Application--

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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](#)

Grade 8 Information Sessions

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Bell Times: 8:20 AM - 3:00 PM

School News

Trustee Message

Community Opportunities

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

[Submit](#)

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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:

"Hey Mavs! Feeling stressed about tests and assignments? Need some help with your courses? Want a fun and engaging place to learn? Look no further—Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is back and ready to support YOU! Tutoring sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Periods 3 and 4 in room 305, and on Wednesdays after school in the library.

Whether you're looking for quick help or ongoing support, we've got you covered! You can drop in whenever you need help, or sign up for weekly 1-on-1 tutoring by filling out the tutee form at bit.ly/peertutor2025

Look out for Peer Tutoring Club posters around the school, and follow @msspeertutoring on Instagram for updates! See you there!"

YRDSB Communications

 **Mindfulness-Workshop-Invite.pdf**

Community Events

Saturday, December 21

Winter wildlife wonders

Join Michael on a hike to discover the fascinating winter survival strategies of animals in this unique urban wilderness.

- Leaders: Michael T., Carolyn
- Time: 1 pm
- Location: Reesor Way/Tanglewood Trail
- Transit accessible: No
- Meeting point: 7277 14th Avenue, Markham – oTENTik (A-frame cabin)
- Distance: 1 km – 5 km
- Difficulty: Moderate, possible hills and/or stairs
- Pace: Moderate
- Duration: 2 hours
- Age range: Families
- Service dogs only

Sunday, December 22

Wintering like settlers

Discover how early settlers prepared for winter's challenges and what timeless lessons we can apply today.

- Leaders: Anne, Stephen
- Time: 10 am
- Location: Harvest Trail
- Transit accessible: No
- Meeting point: 7445 Elgin Mills Road East, Markham – parking lot
- Additional parking: 7535 Elgin Mills Road East, Markham; 10725 Reesor Road, Markham
- Distance: 1 km – 5 km
- Difficulty: Easy, flat/paved or gently uneven
- Pace: Moderate
- Duration: 2 hours
- Age range: Adults
- Dog friendly

Saturday, December 28

Solstice reflections

Plants and animals adapt to short days and long nights at this time of year. Learn about nature's response to darkness and celebrations of winter solstice as we look for the light on our path.

- Leaders: Katharina, Linda H.
- Time: 10 am
- Location: Northeast Trail
- Transit accessible: No
- Meeting point: 10725 Reesor Road, Markham – oTENTik (A-frame cabin)
- Additional parking: 7445 Elgin Mills Road East, Markham; 7535 Elgin Mills Road East, Markham
- Distance: 1 km – 5 km
- Difficulty: Easy, flat/paved or gently uneven
- Pace: Moderate
- Duration: 2 hours
- Age range: Adults
- Dog friendly

Sunday, December 29

Christmas Bird Count in the Rouge

Did you know we have birds in the Rouge over the winter? Join walk leader Gary, Geri and Judy for the Christmas Bird Count and see how many unique species you can spot or hear in the park! Binoculars, paper and pen or a bird ID app are recommended for this hike.

- Leaders: Gary, Geri, Judy
- Time: 9:30 am
- Location: Tallgrass Trek
- Transit accessible: No
- Meeting point: 7277 14th Avenue, Markham – oTENTik (A-frame cabin)

- Distance: 1 km – 5 km
- Difficulty: Easy, flat/paved or gently uneven
- Pace: Easy
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<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/on/rouge/activ/guide/2024-12>