

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Please keep in mind any information provided in this bulletin is subject to change and is accurate at the time of distribution.

## Letter to Families



### THE EDUCATION CENTRE - AURORA

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Dear Families,

Each year the York Region District School Board staff work collaboratively to balance student enrolment and accommodation needs in an effort to ensure that students living in a school attendance area can attend their local secondary school. Further, those accepted on transfer into courses and/or programs outside their home school attendance area need to be accommodated without displacing or limiting opportunity for students who live locally. This letter is to inform you of secondary schools open and closed to student transfer requests for the 2023-24 school year in order to assist students in the transfer process and their course selection and pathway choices.

**A. The following schools will not be accepting new student transfer requests for the 2023-2024 school year:**

**CEC Central:** Aurora High School (for French Immersion), Bayview Secondary School, Richmond Hill High School

**CEC East:** Markville Secondary School, Pierre Elliott Trudeau High School, Unionville High School

**CEC North:** Newmarket High School

**CEC West:** Hodan Nalayah Secondary School (for French Immersion), Stephen Lewis Secondary School

**B. The following schools will be open to new student transfer requests for the 2023-2024 school year:**

**CEC Central:** Alexander Mackenzie High School, Aurora High School (only for Regular Track), Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School, King City Secondary School, Langstaff Secondary School, Richmond Green Secondary School

**CEC East:** Bill Hogarth Secondary School, Bur Oak Secondary School, Markham District High School, Middlefield Collegiate Institute, Milliken Mills High School

**CEC North:** Dr. John M. Denison Secondary School, Huron Heights Secondary School, Keswick High School, Sir William Mulock Secondary School, Stouffville District Secondary School, Sutton District High School

**CEC West:** Emily Carr Secondary School, Hodan Nalayeh Secondary School (only for Regular Track), Maple High School, Thornhill Secondary School, Thornlea Secondary School, Tommy Douglas Secondary School, Westmount Collegiate Institute, Woodbridge College

**Transfer Process:**

**Note:**

- “Home school” refers to the YRDSB school you are designated to attend based on your home address.
- Where your signature is required, either an electronic signature or full name entered in the signature field will be accepted as a signature.

**By February 3, 2023**, Families interested in a student transfer must request an electronic Transfer Request form and submit it as indicated below:

- **YRDSB Grade 8 students** request the [Transfer Request form](#) from their current elementary school. Complete the form and email to your current elementary school. If “other” is selected as the reason for request, your Principal will contact you to discuss the request.
- **YRDSB Secondary school students** request and email the completed form to their current secondary school. If “other” is selected as the reason for request, your Principal will contact you to discuss the request.
- **Students new to YRDSB for Secondary School** request and email the completed form to their YRDSB designated secondary home school (as indicated in [school locator](#)) along with a [registration form](#). If “other” is selected as the reason for request, the Principal of your YRDSB designated secondary home school will contact you to discuss the request.

**By February 13, 2023**, students will be notified of the decision of their transfer request.

**On February 16, 2023**, YRDSB Grade 8 students will be mapped to their transfer school (if approved) and can begin submitting their courses in *My Pathway Planner*.

**By February 24, 2023 by 4 pm** course selections are due as indicated below:

- **YRDSB Grade 8 students** will complete course selection in *My Pathway Planner*.
- **YRDSB secondary school students and secondary school students new to YRDSB** will complete course selection as indicated by the secondary school.

For more information on attendance areas and student transfers, families are encouraged to review the process outlined in [Board Policy #108 Student Accommodation – Attendance Areas and Student Transfers](#). If you have questions about the Transfer process please contact your home school.

Thank you,

**Tod Dungey**

Associate Director of Education  
Leadership and Schools

## NBE Trip Spotlight

### Markville's NBE 3U1 Overnight Trip Spotlight



Markville's Grade 11 students in the Contemporary First Nations, Métis, and Inuit voices course went on an overnight trip to YMCA Cedar Glen this month. This was an opportunity for students to connect, challenge themselves, and learn more about FNMI perspectives. Students participated in team building activities, climbed high and low ropes, and the highlight of the trip was a bonfire under the stars listening to FNMI consultant Andrew McConnell share Anishinaabe star and winter stories with us. It was

an unforgettable experience that students have reflected deeply on. We at Markville are thankful to the Outdoor Education team for their support, and Andrew McConnell for spending his time with us to learn and grow together as a community.



# TAC & Student Success Spotlight

## Message from Peer Tutoring and Student Success

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

Peer Tutoring will start **Monday, December 19**. Sessions will be offered during **lunch**. 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 1-on-1 **weekly** tutor, submit an application at [bit.ly/msspeertutor2022](https://bit.ly/msspeertutor2022). Here is a [video](#) with more information.

Look for the Peer Tutoring posters around school and follow [msspeertutoring](#) on IG for updates!



## Message From Guidance

### POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Reminder that **Applications to OUAC are due January 12th** for equal consideration, and **Applications to OCAS are due February 1st**.

GRADE 12 students are encouraged to apply prior to Break, or over the Break, to avoid any issues as January 12th/February 1st approach. OUAC and OCAS will be on Holidays in December/January - please factor that into your timing, again, in case you run into issues.

Guidance presented to **Gr 12 students on December 13th @** about **Supplementary** support, and can be accessed on the [Guidance Website](#).

### COURSE SELECTION

**Course Selection** will be open for submission on **February 16, closing on February 24, 2023**.

Students can enter courses at any point now, but **MUST** be locked in by February 24th. There is no advantage to submitting early, so please make your selection carefully, as elective changes (unless pathway changes) can be incredibly challenging.

**IMPORTANT:** Students in **Grade 10 and 11** should be exploring Post-Secondary interests to review program requirements, so as to be able to choose potentially required Grade 11&12 pre-requisite courses for next year's **Course Selection** in February. It is recommended to take time, where possible, to do this over the Break, if students have not done so already. Course selection options/information can be found [here](#) on the Guidance website, as well as reviewing post-secondary information and links [here](#). Families are reminded of the opportunity to review the College/University/Apprenticeships pathways information on the [Family Night page](#), where you will also find the [Agenda](#) with the Meeting links to our upcoming January and February Family Night Presentations on **Specialty Programs** and **Course Selection**, to aid you in supporting your child with decision-making as they select their courses for next year.

We will post again in January. Have a fabulous Break with your loved ones!!  
Your Guidance Team

## School Notices

### **Attention Markville Families!**

The "Yearbook" is now available for purchase through "School Cash online". Make sure you are selecting the 2022-23 edition. With sports and clubs in full swing, this will be a jam packed book & we don't want anyone to miss out! Books will only be available for a limited time, so be sure to get yours today!

### Upcoming Dates

Dec 23	Winter Marketplace SAC Event
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Dec 26- Jan 6	Winter Break (School Closed)
Jan 9	First Day Back at School after Winter Break

**Social Media of the Week**



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Please check museum sites' winter holiday schedule when planning your @TOHistory visit:  
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