

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.

As is the tradition at our school, on October 31 SAC planned a variety of fun activities for students and staff. To celebrate Halloween while providing students with an opportunity to meet staff, we were excited to have our 2nd annual Staff Halloween Costume BINGO. Students had the opportunity to pick up a BINGO card in the atrium of the school which included a list of staff who were wearing costumes. Students that participated went around the school on a search to have their bingo card stamped by those staff members. Successful students were rewarded with a bag filled with a variety of yummy treats!

November 1 was Take Our Kids to Work Day. As students in grade 9 visited the workplace of a family member, our school welcomed grade 8 students and their teachers from our elementary partner schools. They had the opportunity to visit classrooms during their school tour, experience typical high school lessons, and meet many of the student leaders and staff at our school.

As you may have heard, we are excited to be having an international trip to Italy and Spain during May 2024. 80 students and 10 staff will be attending the trip and visiting beautiful sites in Florence, Pisa, Parma, Bologna, Barcelona, Seville, and Granada to name a few places. For students who were unable to register for this trip, we are planning to have other international trips, as well as domestic and transborder trips to the USA in the near future.

On November 16, nearly 450 students and 25 staff chaperones attended the semi-formal dance hosted by SAC. Students began the evening with tasty appetizers and a large group game of musical chairs. This was followed by a delicious buffet dinner and dessert. The rest of the evening was spent dancing and taking pictures at the interactive photo booth. A special thank you to the members of SAC under the leadership and guidance of Ms. Delairi, Mr. Lee, and Ms. Ye for planning such a wonderful evening for everyone.

During the evening of November 22, student leaders and staff welcomed grade 8 students and their families to our school. The evening began with a presentation in the cafeteria that provided everyone with information about our school including specialized programs offered, as well as highlights of the academic and extracurricular accomplishments of our school.

On December 2, I had the honour of attending a ceremony with the five students who represented our school at the Envirothon Competition, their families, Trustee Ron Lynn, and teacher Ms. Liu at Queens Park hosted by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Edith Dumont. Our school's team achieved First Place at the provincial competition and achieved Third Place at the NCF-Envirothon International competition. I am also proud to share that the school was recognized at the YRDSB Public Board Meeting on December 12 at YRDSB Education Centre in Aurora. Congratulations to the students and to Ms. Liu for this outstanding accomplishment! Click on the following links for more information about the [provincial](#) and [international](#) competitions.

During the past couple of weeks, we've had graduation photos in the library, YAC Annual Festive Food Drive, and a Festive Sounds Concert at Markham Theatre on December 11. Under the leadership of Mr. Hu-A-Kam, Mr. Langdale, and Ms. Bharucha, approximately 400 students did a variety of instrumental and vocal performances to the delight of all those who attended the event.

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

January 12-13, 2024 - Musical Theatre Production of "We Will Rock You" at the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre

January 15 - Junior Awards Certificate Distribution (more information to come)

January 18-19 - Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessments

January 23 - School Council Meeting

January 25 - Period 1 Exam/Culminating Day

January 26 - Period 2 Exam/Culminating Day

January 29 - Period 3 Exam/Culminating Day

January 30 - Period 4 Exam/Culminating Day

January 31 - Period 5 Exam/Culminating Day

February 1 - Exam/Culminating Review Day

February 2 - PA Day

February 5 - Semester 2 Begins

As we look ahead to the month of January, we are excited to host our first hybrid School Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. Everyone is welcome to attend either in-person or virtually. More information about the meeting, including registration process for the virtual meeting link and the agenda from the November 21 School Council Meeting will be shared with everyone in January.

As this is the last e-bulletin newsletter before the Winter Break, on behalf of the administrative team of Markville Secondary School, I would like to wish all students, families, staff, and community members Happy Holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, January 8, 2024.

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>

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

Dec 25 to Jan 5	Winter Break (school closed)
Jan 8	First day back after Winter Break

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 shows the Markville Secondary School website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Markville S.S., School Information, News & Events, Departments, Specialty Programs, Parents, Students, Guidance, Library, and School Council. Below the menu, there is a calendar for November 3rd and 6th, listing events like SR Boys Volleyball Tour and Varsity Hockey Game. To the right, there is contact information for the school, including the address, phone, fax, email, and bell times. Below the contact information, there are icons for School News, Trustee Message, teachassist, and Community Opportunities. A yellow arrow points from the Community Opportunities icon to a callout box.

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!

