

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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**December 23rd, 2022**

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## Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

It is difficult to believe, but the Winter Break has arrived. It seems like it was only yesterday when the school year began on August 29. The past few weeks have been particularly busy at Markville Secondary School as staff and students worked hard in their classes, as well as in the numerous extra-curricular clubs, athletics, and school events in preparation for the holidays.

Between November 28 and December 1, grade 10 students completed the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) which is a graduation requirement for all students working towards earning a Ontario Secondary School Diploma. During the evening of November 30, our school welcomed grade 8 students and their families to Markville Secondary School. The Grade 8 Open House included a student-led presentation about specialized programs and student life at our school, school tours, interactive displays, and the opportunity for incoming grade 8 students and their families to meet student leaders and staff at our school.

On December 1, Markville Athletic Council (MAC) hosted a live streaming of the World Cup Match between Team Canada and Team Morocco. Between December 5 and 15, Youth Activists Club (YAC) led our school in the collection of more than 500 food items for the Markham Food Bank. On December 6, students who earned the top mark in courses during the previous 2021/2022 school year, as well as award recipients from competitions/contests were recognized for their excellent achievement at the Awards Assembly. On December 12, the Markville SS Music Department hosted the annual Festive Sounds Concert at Markham Theatre which featured all of the major performing ensembles from the Markville Music Department, including concert bands, string orchestras, choir, as well as soloists and chamber groups. And although we received an unexpected winter storm today, we are thankful for the

opportunity to host one last school-wide event for 2022 yesterday afternoon as the Student Activities Council (SAC) hosted a Winter Movie Night with more than 100 students in attendance to watch the movie Home Alone.

**As 2022 comes to an end, please note the following upcoming dates and events:**

January 13-14, 2023 - Musical Theatre Production of "Big Fish" at the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre

January 18-19, 2023 - Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessments

January 26 - Period 1 Exam/Culminating Day

January 27 - Period 2 Exam/Culminating Day

January 30 - Period 3 Exam/Culminating Day

January 31 - Period 4 Exam/Culminating Day

February 1 - Period 5 Exam/Culminating Day

February 2 - Exam/Culminating Review Day

February 3 - PA Day

February 6 - Semester 2 Begins

As a special note, the next School Council Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday January 24, 2023 between 7:00-8:30 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Since this is the last message before the Winter Holidays, on behalf of the administrative team of Markville Secondary School, I would like to wish all students, families, and staff a safe, restful, and enjoyable Winter Break and Holidays. We will see everyone back at school on Monday January 9, 2023.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal

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## YAC Spotlight

### Markville's Youth Activists Club Spotlight

Markville's Youth Activists Club (YAC) has again had a very successful start to the school year. Our club is made up of students from all grades who are passionate about making positive change both in our local community and on a global scale. To that end, our annual Festive Food Drive to support the Markham Food Bank has just wrapped up. Markville students, staff and families donated more than 500 items to

help local community members in need! This was our most successful food drive ever. Thank you to everyone who made a donation and supported this amazing event. YAC members have many more great initiatives they are looking forward to planning and executing in the new year. New members are always welcome so if you would like to join a new club in 2023, come on out!





## TAC Spotlight



Our Grade 9 students have been learning about and working hard on their STUDY SKILLS! Last week, Grade 9 students received in-class presentations about the importance of effective study skills and work habits.

This week, all Grade 9 students had the opportunity to attend hands-on 'Lunch n Learn' workshops hosted by our TAC mentors. Students were able to practice these skills with the help of our mentors.

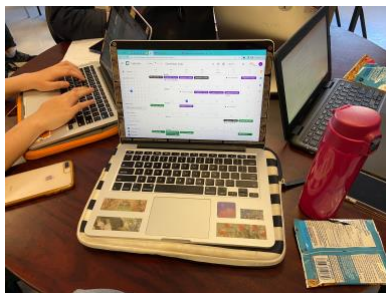




The Study Skills workshops were, once again, a HUGE hit - we had two full classrooms of Grade 9s each day!

Grade 9 students learned about organization, time management, and general study skills for tests and exams. Together with their mentors, students practiced developing realistic and balanced study schedules, chunked their

work, organized their notes/Google drives, and learned active study strategies like taking jot notes and making flashcards! Fantastic job, Grade 9s! We hope you will implement these important study skills in all of your courses - setting yourself up for SUCCESS! Good luck and happy studying!



All students are invited and encouraged to check out the workshop presentations linked below.

**Presentations from the workshops have been updated on our school website, under the [Students](#) tab, on the [Study Skills](#) page.**

**The presentations can also be accessed by clicking on the following links here:**



1. [Organization Workshop](#)
2. [Time Management Workshop](#)
3. [General Study Skills Workshop](#)

Don't hesitate to connect with Ms. J. Li (Rm 229) or a TAC mentor if you have questions!



**Your positive action  
combined with positive  
thinking results in success.**

**A million thanks to our amazing TAC Mentors, Ms. Scagnetti, Mr. McKillop, Grade 9 teachers, Administration, and all parents/guardians for your support of this year's Grade 9 Study Skills Initiative.**

**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!



## School Notices

**Exam Schedule**

Attached with the E-Bulletin you will find the Exam Schedule and Communication

**Upcoming Dates**

Dec 16- Jan 6	Winter Break (School Closed)
Jan 9	First Day Back at School
Jan 14	Musical Theatre Production of "Big Fish" at the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre
Jan 18-19	Grade 9 Math EQAO

## Social Media of the Week

## ECO club's CAT says...

the holiday season can have a negative impact on the environment

more than one million additional tons of additional waste is created each week between thanksgiving and new year's.

participate in MSS ECO CLUB'S 12 DAYS OF EARTHMAS to reduce your holiday impact

more info:

