

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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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.

Principal's Message

Dear families,

We are kindly requesting your assistance with a couple of items:

- Update Screening Tool – York Region Public Health has updated the COVID-19 screening tool for students, staff and visitors to Markville. Please starting Tuesday, have your children use this link to determine if they can attend school: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
- Please only drop off and pick up your children at the front of the school. Refrain from waiting for your children in the west parking lot close to the Daycare, in the back of the building or along Carlton; may I suggest that, instead, you wait in another close location, or, if possible, have your children walk home. We are trying to keep everyone safe.
- Community Partnership – We have received complaints from our community partners about incidents occurring during lunch. Our Markville students have always been respectful ambassadors of Markville, and we are very proud of this. Please speak to your children about the importance of community relationships and safety.
- Lost and Found – Our Lost and Found bin is placed outside the caretaking office, and at this time, it is full. We have made announcements for students to look in the bin for lost items. Any unclaimed items by March Break will be donated to charity.

Your support and assistance with these items is highly appreciated. Please enjoy a lovely and restful Family Day weekend!

Patricia Obadia

Student Activity Council Spotlight

Hey Mavericks,

This week started off with some cheer and fun with MSAC's Cupid's Herald Valentine event on Monday February 14th. These were valentine messages that were written by students to each other, and delivered via video messages, courtesy of MSAC! Thanks cupid once again for putting some cheer into our week!

Message from Guidance

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FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES

A reminder that the slide deck for the **Course Selection** presentation is accessible on the [Markville Guidance](#) website's [Family Night Page](#). The next, and final, webinar on **Funding Post-Secondary Education** will take place on **March 9th @ 6:30pm**. **The link to the March 9th presentation** will be found on [Family Night Agenda](#), on that same page.

COURSE SELECTION

[myBluePrint/myPathwayPlanner](#) is open to submit courses! It will remain open until **February 25th**. There is no benefit to being first to submit, so please choose carefully, and where needed, speak to teachers, as well as Guidance. Students attempting to make a change to their timetable this year can tell you how tight it is - it is assumed to be similar next year, therefore, it is important to think this through and do the necessary pathway research prior to selecting. Review Semester 1 Report Cards and Credit Tallies to ensure on track, and aid in this decision-making. Students received a Course Selection Assembly, which is accessible to them to view on the [Gr 9, 10, 11 page](#) of the Guidance site.

Please note that courses taken in Summer School **are not included in the Course Selection** - please do review the presentation notes for considerations where summer school is concerned for information, procedures and cautions to consider.

Guidance is bookable to Families via TeachAssist [Parent Portal](#) – appointments can be in person or virtual (please select virtual, if preferred so that we know to send a link). Instructions on how to book an appointment can be located at the bottom of the [Markville Guidance website](#). Courses must be locked in by February 25th.

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Semester 1 course marks have uploaded to OUAC/OCAS. Students will want to confirm that their courses are in and accurate.

For Gr 12 students - Please ensure that any **Private School or alternative Board report cards** are submitted to Markville Guidance. Private schools must upload to

OUAC/OCAS, but the course does not count towards a student Transcript, unless MSS uploads the report card. Private schools can email counsellors directly; TDSB, etc would need to be provided to Guidance via the student.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your Guidance Team~

School Notices

MARKVILLE PRESENTS



Dear Parents/Guardians,

A Community Outreach Worker from York Hills Centre for Children Youth and Families will be delivering a virtual webinar in your child's Grade 9 classroom. The Managing Mental Health webinar was designed to give students an understanding of the importance of mental health. Through discussion of mental illness, the impact of COVID-19, and strategies to promote good mental health, students will:

- explore the importance of mental health
- understand the difference between mental health and mental illness
- learn how to support good mental health
- know where to go for help if/when it is needed
- develop a self-care plan

The webinar will be held on -----February 23, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in all Grade 9 Classes.

The conversation starts with us and continues with you.

Please contact the main office should you have any questions about this webinar.

Upcoming Dates

Feb. 14-22	Student Trustee Elections
Feb. 16-24	Course Selection
Feb. 21	Family Day (School Closed)
Feb. 23	Pink Shirt Day
Feb. 21-25	Freedom to Read Week
Mar. 14-18	March Break

Markville's celebration of Black History Month – Week 2



*You will need to be logged into your child's GAPPS account to access presentation.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1SM5q4JCBKPi11NrOZ_IHz8dgXoT2nAdrWfNCDyWs3M8/edit?usp=sharing

Peer Tutoring

Do you need extra help with your courses? Are you looking for a dedicated peer to help you stay focused and motivated with course work? Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is back and ready to support YOU!

Students can **drop-in** when help is needed or request for a **weekly 1-to-1 peer tutor**. Peer tutoring sessions will be **virtual, after school Monday-Thursday from 3:30-4:30 pm**.

- To request a **1-to-1 peer tutor**, students must submit this application form: bit.ly/1to1peertutor. Students will receive an email confirmation of their peer tutor match once the request is processed.
- No application is needed for **drop-in** peer tutoring—just join via Zoom when you need help! **See schedule and Zoom links below.**

All Peer Tutoring information including sign up form, schedule, and Zoom links can be found at bit.ly/msspeertutorinfo.



PEER TUTORING
1-on-1 *OR* Drop in
BOTH ARE OFFERED!

MONDAY-THURSDAY
3:30-4:30PM
via Zoom

To request a 1-on-1 tutor, visit:
bit.ly/1to1peertutor

For drops ins, just join via Zoom when you need help!

The graphic features a QR code for drop-ins and a Zoom icon with an arrow pointing to the QR code. Decorative elements include pencils, a calculator, and pushpins.

Tweet of the Week



Learning Commons
@msscommons



Lots going on at lunch today. Happy Tuesday everyone



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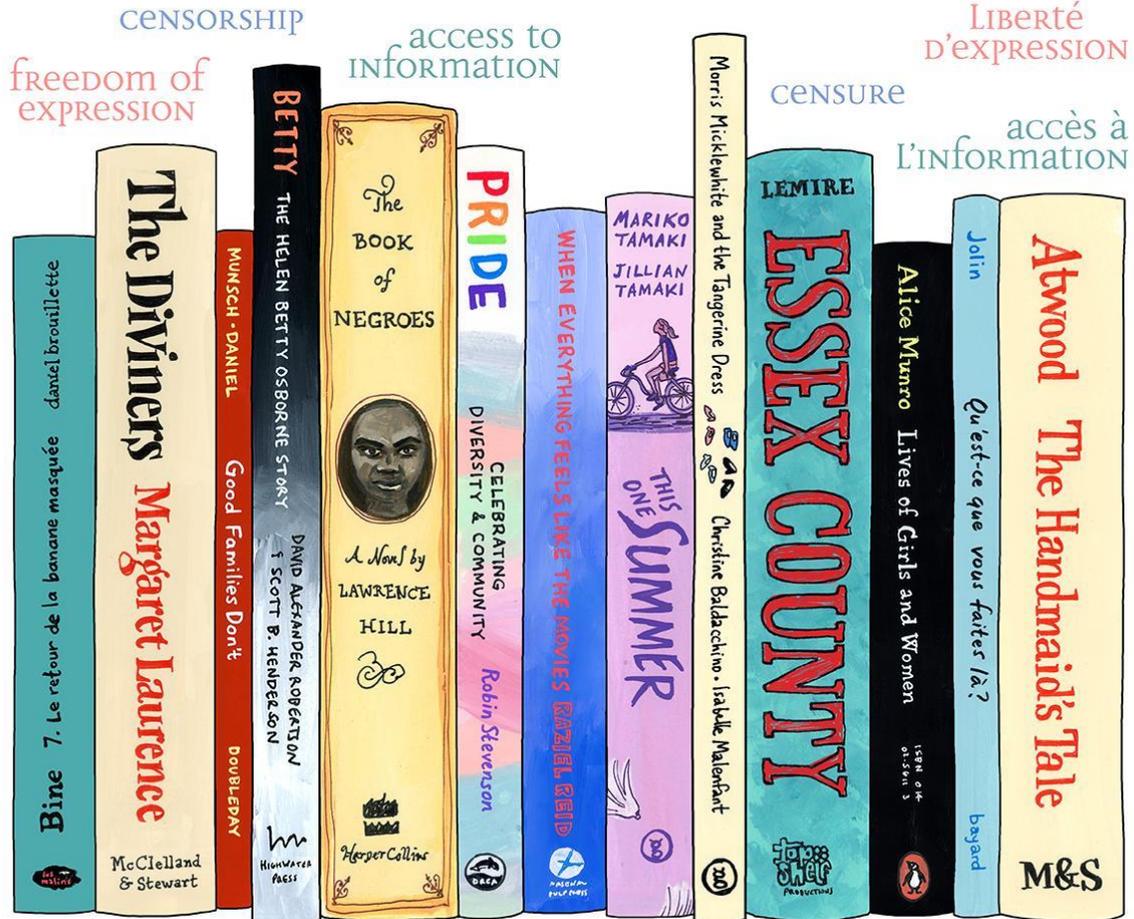


Community Events

freedom
to read week

February 20–26 février 2022

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Jane Mount



**CKNW KIDS' FUND
PINK SHIRT DAY**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



Wednesday, February 23, 2022

#PINKSHIRTDAY

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

BLACK INSPIRATIONS

Making History

FEBRUARY 23 | 5:30PM | ZOOM

[REGISTER NOW](#)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black Inspiration: Making History

Wednesday, February 23, 2022  [Add to Calendar](#)

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Online event

Description

This year for Black History Month, the City of Markham is honouring and listening to the voices of the youth in Markham through this event in collaboration with MPL, the Mayor's Black Youth Liaison Committee and MACCA.

This free virtual event will feature:

- Guest speakers from Black York Region (BYR) Youth,
- Presentation of the Community Appreciation Awards,
- Keynote speaker: Tiyahna Ridley-Padmore, including a live reading of her book, *Trailblazers: The Black Pioneers who Have Shaped Canada*, and a
- Special musical performance from Aria Zenua

This event is facilitated through Zoom. Registrants will receive an email with the Zoom link 1 day prior to the event.

If you do not receive the Zoom link the day before the program.

Please note:

The email will be from Markham Public Library

It may be in your junk/spam folder.

If you still cannot find the email, please contact us prior to the program start time so we can send you the link again.

<https://markham.bibliocommons.com/events/620344ee7209b52f00321ff1>



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YRDSB Communications



SEX TRAFFICKING

Instances of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation are a growing concern in York Region.

February 23, 2022 | Session A: 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

| Session B: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers, educators, staff and community!

[Register](#) today!

York Region District School Board in a collaborative partnership with Women's Support Network is hosting a virtual information session about sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

This session will provide awareness and information about:

- What is sex trafficking
- How to identify signs of someone who may be in the process of being recruited or is already being trafficked
- Who is at risk
- Available resources and supports in the community



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Student Trustee Elections

February 14-February 22, 2022, 8:00 p.m.

www.yrdsb.ca/studenttrustees

Voting is now open for the 2022-2023 student trustees. Each year, students in Grades 5-11 have the opportunity to vote for the two student trustees who will represent their voice across York Region District School Board.

Voting closes February 22, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

Information about how to vote has been sent to student GAPPS email accounts, and is also available on the [Student Trustees website](#). On the website, students can also find information about the four student trustee candidates and a recording of the all-candidates debate.