

# 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,

It is hard to believe that Semester 2 is already under way! Markville is once again filled with student voices in the hallways and classrooms, many of them joined by their peers who are learning remotely.

With the start of Semester 2, Markville is excited to welcome a number of new students to our school. We are also welcoming new staff members to our committed team: Ms. Abou El Alla, Ms. Babirad, Mr. Barovier, Ms. Drenoski, Ms. Gowrikumaran, Ms. Kaynak, Mr. Luborsky, Mr. Si, Ms. Tam, and Ms. Thevakumar. We know it is going to be a great semester!

Semester 2 always seems to go at a faster pace than semester 1 as it is a very busy time of the year. February starts with a number of virtual Guidance presentations regarding course selection for the 2022-2023 school year. It is also time for College and University application submissions. Before we know it, March Break will be around the corner, and then, as the weather starts to turn, more activities will be possible with outdoor options.

With students' return to the building, we are glad to see that they are very diligently following the COVID-19 protocols by completing the screening tool daily, wearing masks properly, maintaining social distancing as much as possible and being even more aware of the importance of keeping safe.

As per the Ministry of Education directive, every Markville student will receive two Rapid Antigen Tests. They will be distributed next week, on Thursday, February 17 and on Friday, February 18 during period 2 (block 3). Please be aware that this is a one-time only distribution.

I just read a quote about the importance of our partnership and I would like to share it with you:

“Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers (and support staff), motivated students and enthusiastic parents (and families) with high expectations.”  
Bob Beauprez

My most sincere appreciation for the collaboration between Markville and your homes as we all invest in the education and well-being of your children, our students.

## Message from Library



Reminder to students that have received student cards to bring them to the Library when signing out library materials and daily laptop loaners.

## Message from Guidance

### 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.

### TIMETABLE CHANGES / TEACH ASSIST

Timetable changes for Semester 2 are complete. Guidance appointments are open to students for Course Selection conversations.

**IMPORTANT:** Reminder to view TeachAssist via the [TeachAssist website](#) and **not the App**. The App, although it shows some accurate courses and marks, is not affiliated with YRDSB – for many students, the courses and marks they are viewing are not accurate. Additionally, the App does not allow students to book Guidance Appts. Please always log into the site. If you are using the App, you are providing your confidential information to a non-approved third party. A reminder that Guardians can access TeachAssist through the [Parent Portal](#), using the email on file.

### COURSE SELECTION

[myBluePrint/myPathwayPlanner](#) will be open to submit courses from **February 16-25<sup>th</sup>**. 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 today. 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 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

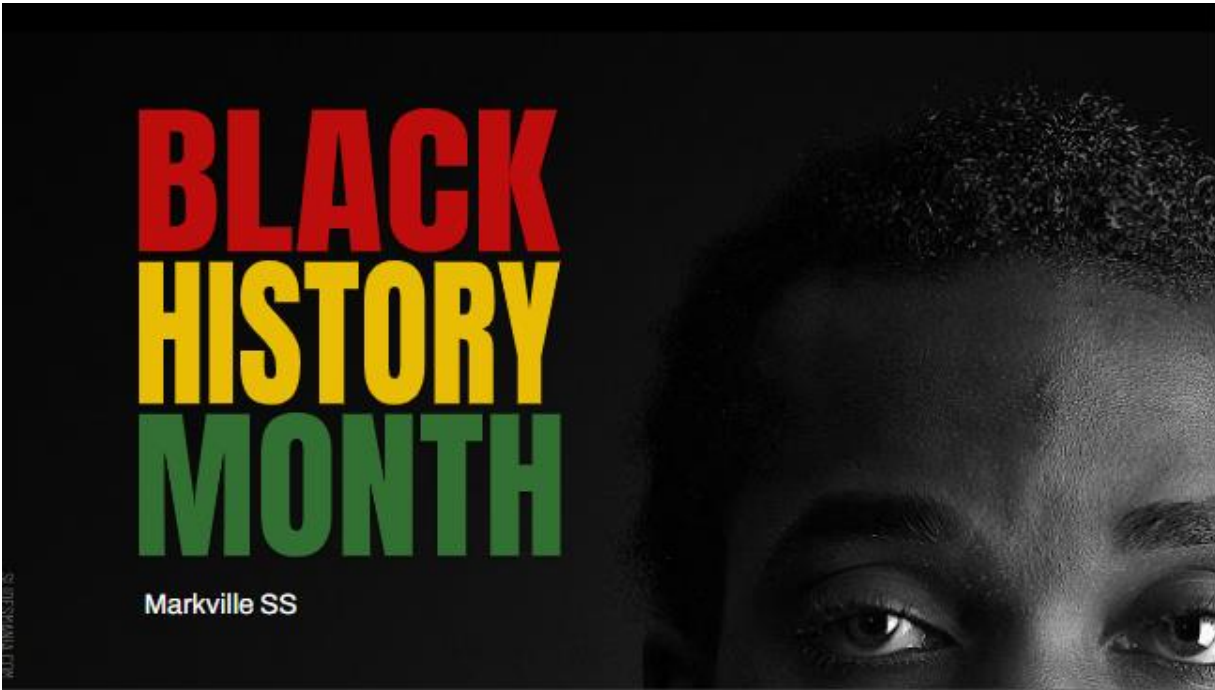
Happy Fri-yay!  
Your Guidance Team~

## School Notices

### **Upcoming Dates**

<b>Tuesday, February 15</b>	ELL Course Selection Presentation  Period 1 (Block 1) – ESLA/B/C Period 2 (Block 3) – ESLD/E
Feb. 16-24	Course Selection
Feb. 17-18	Rapid Antigen Tests distributed to all students in period 2
Feb. 21	Family Day (School Closed)
Feb. 21-25	Freedom to Read Week

## Markville's celebration of Black History Month – Week 1



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

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-mRg\\_-YZGmdkA3MgmtxVGkQH1vRBmX59BBtOIYcS0NE/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1-mRg_-YZGmdkA3MgmtxVGkQH1vRBmX59BBtOIYcS0NE/edit?usp=sharing)

### Entrepreneurship

Markham Small Business would like to remind you for 2 programs/competitions that are open to students:

**Summer Company Program** – This program provides high school and post-secondary students \$3,000, hands-on training, and mentoring from York University's startup incubator, YSpace, to start and run their own company over the summer (July

and August). Applications are now open for 2022.

# Your passion. Your company. Your way.



## Summer Company

Apply Now

Start your own summer business.  
Get hands-on training, mentoring,  
and awards up to \$3,000.

For young entrepreneurs aged 15 to 29.

Apply or learn more at: [markham.ca/msbc](https://markham.ca/msbc)



**Pitch Your Biz Markham** – High school students can compete either as an individual or up to a group of 3 by submitting a slide deck showcasing a potential business. The prize categories are broken up between a Gr. 9 and 10 category and a Gr. 11 and 12 category where the winners of each category will get \$500. There is also a single general video pitch prize category where, if an individual or team's slide deck is accompanied with a video pitch, there is a chance to win an additional \$200. Submissions will open soon and the deadline will be in late June 2022.

# PITCH YOUR BIZ MARKHAM

## Slide Deck and Video Pitch Competition

### Prize Categories

Gr. 9 & 10 | Gr. 11 & 12 | Post-secondary

As an individual or up to a group of 3, submit a slide deck showcasing a potential business idea and get the **chance to win \$500!**

Bonus \$200 prize for winning video pitch.

Submit your idea or learn more at: [markham.ca/msbc](https://www.markham.ca/msbc)



**Seneca HELIX**

**Website:** <https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home/business/msbc/youth-programs>

## Peer Tutoring

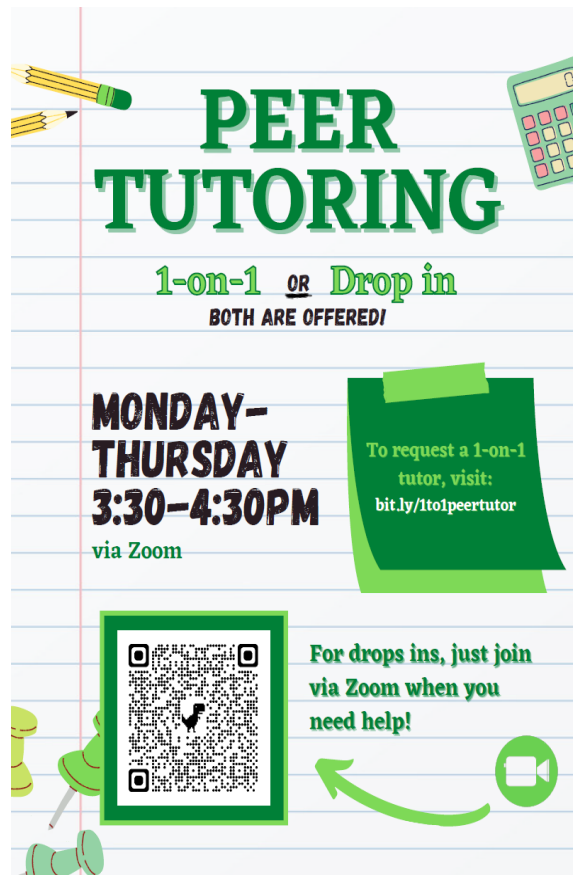
Do you need extra help with your courses? Are you looking for a dedicated peer to help you stay focused and motivated with course work? Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is back and ready to support YOU!

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](https://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](https://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](https://bit.ly/1to1peertutor)

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



## Tweet of the Week



City of Markham   
@cityofmarkham



Enjoy our outdoor ice rinks:

- Markham Civic Centre
- Huntington Park (lit at night)
- Markham Museum
- Milne Dam Park
- Victoria Square Park (lit at night)
- Milliken Mills Park (lit at night)

Hours & times for leisure skating & pick-up hockey:  
[markham.ca/skating](https://www.markham.ca/skating)



**SKATE & PLAY**  
Outdoor ice rinks hours:  
Milliken Mills Park  
Victoria Square Park  
Huntington Park

Extended hours and lights

PICK-UP HOCKEY	LEISURE SKATING
Sunrise - 10 AM	10 AM - 1 PM
1 PM - 3 PM	3 PM - 8 PM
8 PM - 10:30 PM	



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