

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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## Lunar New Year



## Teachassist Message

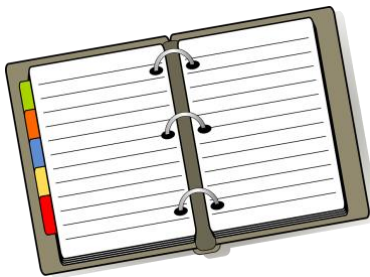


### Students and Parents/Guardians

It has come to our attention that many students are viewing their course marks through third-party TeachAssist applications, which can be downloaded from various mobile application stores. Please be aware that these mobile applications are **NOT affiliated with YRDSB**. Student marks and course updates may not be accurate when viewed through these third-party mobile platforms. **For accurate mark updates and YRDSB supported features (ex. booking guidance appointments), students and parents/guardians should login through the official YRDSB TeachAssist website:**

<https://ta.yrdsb.ca/yrdsb/>

## Course Selection for 2021-2022



Course Selection Time has again arrived. Students have had the opportunity to view a grade-specific Virtual Course Selection Assembly in classes this week. For students in Virtual School, the link to your grade presentation was sent to your GAPPs email account. Please watch this video for important information.

Students must Select and Submit their courses for next year on their My Pathway Planner account starting on Tuesday, February 16th until Wednesday, February 24th at 4 pm. After this date and time, students will no longer have access to their course planner. We encourage all students to choose carefully, discuss choices with parents and ensure they **SUBMIT** on time.

Here are some important resources for students/parents/guardians.

**Course Selection PowerPoint for students currently in Grades 9 - 11.**

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18c\\_T2EgOB3Nnt-](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18c_T2EgOB3Nnt-)

[vxTEcVChuLkPn2poe3zGI-7QQ5rwU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Hq2V2oDwzgyTc5hF8bmFFQ2bNsxhlxzyMgCDnjmQsGw/edit?usp=sharing)

### PowerPoint for Students in Grade 12

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Hq2V2oDwzgyTc5hF8bmFFQ2bNsxhlxzyMgCDnjmQsGw/edit?usp=sharing>

### Our Markville Guidance website:

<https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/markvilleguidance/home?authuser=0>

### Guidance hosted grade-specific Q and A for students.

The sessions will be 30 minutes offered on Friday during lunch 11:30 - 12:00 and Friday after school 3 - 3:30 (same link for both sessions).

**\*\*\*\*Students attempting to join without their GAPPS account will not be able to join the session\*\*\*\***

Grade (Counsellor)
9 (Wager)
10 (Bramer)
11 (Scagnetti)

### Link

<https://meet.google.com/nsz-ojmh-ydo>  
<https://meet.google.com/yuu-txzk-vmv>  
<https://meet.google.com/ays-okfz-osn>

## Schedule Change

### Semester Two Face to Face Schedule

	Time	T1-R1	T1-R2	T1-R3	T1-R4	T2-R1	T2-R2	T2-R3	T2-R4
Date		Feb 16 Feb 25	Mar 1 Mar 10	Mar 12 Mar 30	Apr 1 Apr 14	Apr 15 Apr 30	May 3 May 19	May 21 June 8	June 9 June 25
F2F Block 1	8:20 – 10:50	1	2	4	5	1	2	4	5
Exit	10:50 – 11:05	Exit	Exit	Exit	Exit	Exit	Exit	Exit	Exit
Travel & Lunch	11:05 – 12:20	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch
Block 2	12:20 – 1:10	2	1	5	4	2	1	5	4
Block 3	1:10 – 2:00	4	4	1	1	4	4	1	1
Block 4	2:00 – 2:50	5	5	2	2	5	5	2	2

### Face to Face Rotation 1 schedule that will start on Tuesday February 16th

	Time	T1-R1
Date		Feb 16 Feb 25
F2F Block 1	8:20 – 10:50	1
Exit	10:50 – 11:05	Exit
Travel & Lunch	11:05 – 12:20	Travel & Lunch
Block 2	12:20 – 1:10	2
Block 3	1:10 – 2:00	4
Block 4	2:00 – 2:50	5

- If a student does attend school on the wrong cohort day, they will be sent home. Cohorts are created to keep everyone as safe as possible, so this is necessary.
- Afternoon online classes will consist of 40 minutes of synchronous learning with the remaining 10 minutes for independent work and / or time for students to stretch, get a drink, etc.
- Lastly, if a class or entire school needed to be closed due to COVID-19, the expectation is that all students are to connect in their virtual / online learning platforms (Google Classroom, Moodle, etc.) within 24 hours. The student would follow the same schedule in place at the time of the closure.

15 Family Day	16 Period 1 AM A Period 2, 4, 5 online	17 Period 1 AM B Period 2, 4, 5 online	18 Period 1 AM A Period 2, 4, 5 online	19 Period 1 AM B Period 2, 4, 5 online
22 Period 1 AM A Period 2, 4, 5 online	23 Period 1 AM B Period 2, 4, 5 online	24 Period 1 AM A Period 2, 4, 5 online	25 Period 1 AM B Period 2, 4, 5 online	26 Feedback Day

## Black History Month



February is Black History Month and at Markville Secondary School we will be reflecting upon the contributions that Black Canadians, Caribbean, American, and Africans have made to Canadian society and the world at large. Each day we will showcase videos that explore Black History & Culture and their impact on Canada. The themes we will be highlighting for 2021 connect to the

following subject areas: History, Culture, English, Arts, Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Business & Politics. We aim to showcase how these individuals have contributed to the fabric of Canadian society.

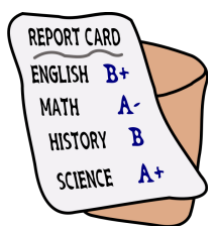
Week 1: History & Culture

Week 2: Arts & Literature

Week 3: STEM

Week 4: Business & Politics

## Report Cards



Semester 1 Report Cards will be **distributed online** between **Feb.11 - Feb.16**. For help on how to access electronic report cards via Student YRDSB Google Gmail accounts please use this link.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/alexandermackenzie.hs/NewsEvents/Documents/Family%20Tip%20Sheet%20-%20Accessing-YRDSB-Report-Card-Google-Account-Gmail.pdf>

## Tech Tip



### Code Switch Podcast Playlist

Code Switch is a podcast from NPR that interviews people about everyday issues. These episodes have been put together in a playlist by NPR, these episodes are safe for high school age listeners. These episodes will have your child think critically about issues discussed in various episodes.

<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2020/05/05/850777529/the-very-best-code-switch-episodes-for-kids>

## Tweet of the Week





# Community Notice via YRDSB

## COVID-19 UPDATE

# 211 - Services for Families

## 211 CENTRAL FACT SHEET

### What is 2-1-1?

211 is a free service that connects individuals and families with the complete range of government, health, community and social services in their communities.

### 211 Central Quick Facts:

- 211 can be accessed by:
  - Phone (Call 2-1-1 / Toll-Free Number: 1-877-330-3213 / TTY: 1-888-340-1001)
  - Online (Search [211Central.ca](https://211Central.ca) for Toronto, Peel and York Regions / [Durham.211Central.ca](https://Durham.211Central.ca) for Durham Region / [211Ontario.ca](https://211Ontario.ca) for province-wide / [211.ca](https://211.ca) for nation-wide)
  - Text (Send an SMS to 21166 / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
  - Live Chat ([211Ontario.ca/chat](https://211Ontario.ca/chat) / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
  - E-mail ([gethelp@211Ontario.ca](mailto:gethelp@211Ontario.ca) / Monday-Friday | 7am-9pm EST)
- 211 is free, confidential and available 24/7 (even on holidays) in 150+ languages
- When you dial 2-1-1, the line is answered by certified Service Navigators who will help you navigate the complexities of the human services system quickly and easily
- Contact 2-1-1 for information and referral to:
  - Health Services & Mental Health Supports
  - Income Support & Financial Assistance
  - Food Banks & Meal Programs
  - Housing Help
  - Seniors Support Services
  - [and more...](#)

Next time you are facing a non-emergency situation or are seeking community help and don't know where to turn, remember to contact 211! Help starts here.



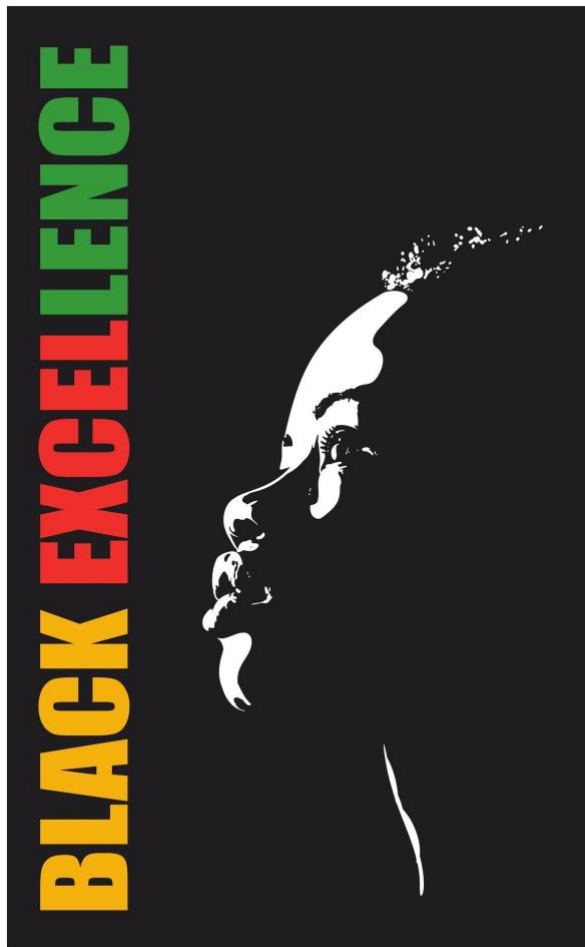
## PILLARS to Well-Being Muslim Student Conference



Conference Dates:

- Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Wednesday, March 3, 2021 4:00pm - 6:00pm
- Thursday, March 4, 2021 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Students are asked to register by Friday February 12: [register](#)

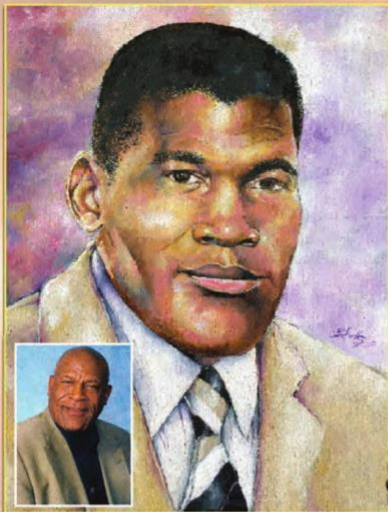


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Black History Month - February 2021  
#BlackExcellence

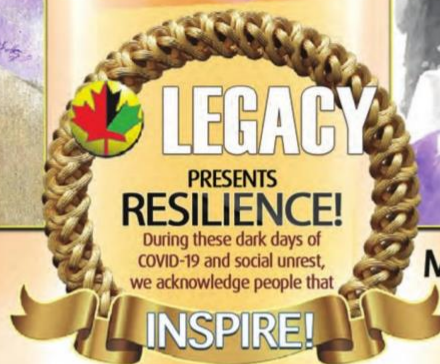






### DENHAM JOLLY

A successful businessman who is responsible for establishing Canada's first Black-owned radio station.



During these dark days of COVID-19 and social unrest, we acknowledge people that  
 CREATED BY  
 AFRICAN-CANADIAN  
 ARTIST ROBERT SMALL  
[www.thelegacycollection.com](http://www.thelegacycollection.com)



### MESERET HAILEYESUS

An economic justice advocate and the founder of the Canadian Center for Women's Empowerment.



### EKUA WALCOTT

A dedicated community worker who despite mobility issues, continually helped those around her.



### FRED UPSHAW

A legendary trade unionist and the first Black person to lead a major Canadian trade union.



### CLOTILDA YAKIMCHUK

The first black president of the Registered Nurses' Association of Nova Scotia, and the only one in 100 years.