

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Co-op Spotlight



From the Cooperative Education Department!

In this edition of the newsletter, the Co-op department would like to answer some FAQ's about the program:

What is Co-op?

Co-op is a unique program for Grade 11 and 12 students to experience a career choice while earning either two or four elective credits. Students can be at a Co-op placement for either half of the day (2 credits) or for the full day (4 credits). A Co-op teacher will work with students to find a placement that suits the individual's interests and abilities. The teacher is there to support the student every step of the way!

What are the benefits of this program?

Explore a career interest now to make informed choices for post-secondary destinations. **In doing so, students add valuable career experience to their resume, make connections in their chosen profession/trade, and network within the industry.** Many post-secondary institutions require a certain amount of hours and experience before students can apply to their programs. Students also gain resume, interview and communication skills that will give them a competitive edge now and in the future.

What is OYAP?

OYAP is the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and is offered through the Co-op program. **Students who are interested in working in a skilled trade join the Co-op program first and can then apply for OYAP.** If a student qualifies for OYAP, all hours worked can count towards an apprenticeship upon graduation.

How do students sign up for the program?

Students can sign up for Co-op like any other course. **During course selection week in February, select Co-op on myPathwayPlanner.** Once students have signed up, they will be sent a package to complete and scheduled for an interview for April/May. Students are screened for aptitude, ability and suitability for the placement request.

During January and the beginning of February, the Co-op teachers gave presentations in all Grade 10 Careers and Civics classes about applying to the Co-op/OYAP program for Grade 11 or Grade 12. **If you would like more information about the program, please see our school website or contact Ms. Vrensen, Department Head of Community Based Education at kimberly.vrensen@yrdsb.ca.**

What do the students say?



Looking back over this past semester, I have a great amount of new knowledge. One of the most important things I know now is what the atmosphere in a pharmacy is like and how these establishments run. I think this is important because I can transfer this knowledge and newfound skills into any future healthcare work setting I find myself in. I am hoping to keep in touch with my supervisor to continue taking up the occasional shift! --*Diya Rangrej, former Grade 11 Pharmacy Co-op Student*

Although there is a saying that “all good things must come to an end,” I disagree as this Co-op experience is an advancement to secure my future: my full scope of understanding of this healthcare occupation, my trusted relationship with the staff, or the immense experience I have gained. All in all, my time at my Co-op placement has been extremely eye-opening, and I can only believe that this was the best way for me to truly gain this experience.

--Inniya Umaibalan, former Grade 11 Medical Clinic Co-op Student



Message from Guidance

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Long one, but it is all important:)

FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES

A reminder to ALL FAMILIES of the next **Family Night Webinar** on **February 7th @ 6:30** regarding **Course Selection** for next year. This will be for all families of students currently in Grade 9, 10, and 11. Students will receive Course Selection information during Grade assemblies on February 12th. The **LINK** to the virtual presentation can be found on the [Family Night Agenda](#).

TIMETABLE CHANGES

Students have had the last several months to make changes to Semester 2, noting that courses are incredibly tight. This coming week, Guidance will accept appointments for last minute Gr 11 or 12 pre-requisite needs, or all grade compulsory courses. **Students who were unsuccessful in a compulsory course in Semester 1 should walk into Guidance with no appointment on Monday and Tuesday.** If unsuccessful in Math, families are encouraged to view the resource below and book in with Guidance. Guidance will continue to work on waitlists, where possible. If change is possible, the student is contacted. Students are to follow their Semester 2 timetable, unless otherwise directed. Again, course changes are incredibly limited.

IMPORTANT: TeachAssist has opened to show Semester 2 Timetables to students. It is imperative that students are viewing 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 TeachAsisst through the [Parent Portal](#), using the email on file.

COURSE SELECTION

[myBluePrint/myPathwayPlanner](#) will be open to submit courses from **February 15-23rd**. 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 Tallys to ensure on track, and aid in this decision-making. **FOR MATH-BASED decisions, please use this [resource](#) to help you understand the options.** Guidance is bookable to Families via TeachAssist [Parent Portal](#) – appointments can be in person or virtual (please let us know if you need us 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 23rd.

IMPORTANT: Students currently in **Grade 10 and 11** should be exploring Post-Secondary interests to review program requirements, so as to be able to choose potentially required Grade 11&12 pre-requisite courses in February for next year's **Course Selection**. It is recommended for Gr 10s to also put in courses for Gr 12, so that they can ensure the correct pre-requisites in Gr 11 (only Gr 11 courses will be locked in the system). Course selection options/information can be found [here](#), as well as Department pathways on the [Guidance website](#). Post-secondary information and links can be reviewed [here](#).

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

The next upload to OUAC/OCAS will take place on February 10th & 11th. Students will want to confirm that their courses are in and accurate.

For Gr 12 students - as Semester 1 comes to a close, 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 via the student.

Guidance will present to Gr 12 students on **Accepting Your Offer** on **February 26th @ 3:30** virtually. We will post reminders in the Guidance Google Classroom.

Happy weekend! Looking forward to Semester 2!
Your Guidance Team~



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

☰ 2024 Celebrating Black History Month-Markville SS

Upcoming Dates

February 5	Semester 2 Begins
February 10	Lunar New Year

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.



Markville S.S.

Friday, 3 November

- 7:45am SR Boys Volleyball Tour
- 12:00pm Cross Country Team OF

Monday, 6 November

- Guidance Event: Gr 12 Post Second
- 1:40pm Varsity Hockey Game @
- 2:20pm SR Boys Volleyball Play

Wednesday, 8 November

- OSSLT Days (Library)
- Sem 1 Term 1 Ends
- 8:00am JR Boys Volleyball Tour



Grade 8 Information Sessions



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School News



Trustee Message



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Community

Opportunities

Parents/Guardians: Enter your e-mail address to **subscribe** to electronic communications of a commercial nature.

You may also choose to [unsubscribe](#) at anytime.

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.

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YRDSB Communications



Pathway Planning Educational Series (求学路径规划教育讲座系列)

Please join us to learn about:

- **Course Selection and OSSD, February 8th,**
高中选课&安省高中毕业要求指南
- **University Application, March 7th**
大学申请指南
- **Scholarship and O.S.A.P, April 11th**
安省大学奖学金助学金申请指南

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual

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[Ubuntu-Healing-Wellness-Circle.pdf](#)

a virtual healing circle for Black-identified students in Grades 7-12.

Skills Ontario Events

The purpose of this memo is to share the opportunities available through the annual [Skills Ontario Events](#) for YRDSB students and Guidance Educators. All of the following events will take place on Monday May 6 and Tuesday 7, 2024 at the Toronto Congress Centre, Toronto Ontario, and are intended for students in Grades 4-12 to gain exposure to careers and pathways in the skilled trades and to cheer on our YRDSB students participating in the competitions.

Please view this [video](#) that summarizes all of the events in which students can participate through YRDSB and Skills Ontario. [Skills Ontario Competition 2024 \(English\)](#). [Skills Ontario Competition 2024 Flyer \(French\)](#)

Secondary Skills Ontario Events

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

1. Career Exploration Showcase
2. Young Women's Conference
3. **First Nations, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) Conference**
4. [Young Women's Initiatives](#)
5. **Entrepreneurship Provincial Showcase**
6. **Skilled Trades Conference for Guidance Educators**

Please see [List of Skills Ontario Events 2024](#) for details about the event, registration and resources. Registration is required for all events except for the Career Exploration showcase.

Community Events

[Author Talk with Jackie Khalilieh | Events | Markham Public Library](#)

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Feb 10 | 1 - 2 PM
Unionville Library



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Code must be entered in all capital letters



FEB 8 - 25, 2024

Indoor & Outdoor 25-acre Festival

Lantern Light Festival | Interactive Activities
STANDING IN THE DOORWAY EXHIBITION
Food Vendors | Cultural Exhibitors | Baby Dragon Encounter
Games | Performances | Ice Skating | Snowshoeing

Markham Museum - 9350 Markham Rd.
Tickets at lunarnights.ca



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The Region



CF Markville Mall

Exclusive Event Celebrations

We invite you to join us on Saturday, February 10 at 2 PM in Centre Court to enjoy a festive Lunar New Year celebration hosted by A1 Radio's Happy Trio – Winnie, Anthony, and Tyrone.

The exclusive event will include a traditional lion and dragon dance, martial arts and singing performances, God of Fortune, and so much more. A Traditional Lion and Dragon Dance symbolizes good fortune and energy at the beginning of the new year. Meet the God of Fortune as he shares his wealth and luck with the community to kick off the new year.

The celebration continues! Explore our week-long celebration which includes lion dances, and special CF Music performances.

Sun Feb 11th | 3:00 - 3:20 pm | Dragon Dance
Fri Feb 16th | 4:00 - 6:00 pm | CF Music with Valerie Lo Duo
Sun Feb 18th | 12:00 - 12:20 pm | Lion Dance
Sun Feb 18th | 2:00 - 4:00 pm | CF Music with Valerie Lo Duo

Centre court is located on Level 1, near Uniqlo.

Happy Lunar New Year! We wish you a joyful and prosperous new year!

<https://shops.cadillacfairview.com/property/cf-markville/lunar-new-year>