

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



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 and Community Members,

Welcome to the second semester. It has been a busy week with Caring and Safe Schools presentations taking place for all students in the school. These mandatory Board-wide presentations highlight important information about school and community resources, Board rules and code of conduct, and possible consequences.

Looking back at the month of January, the musical theatre production of We Will Rock You took place at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts on January 12 and 13. Congratulations to all the students and staff involved in the production which was a huge success! Grade 9 EQAO Math assessments took place on January 18 and 19. Our first hybrid School Council Meeting took place on January 23. Our next School Council meeting will be taking place on March 19. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting either in-person or virtually. More information will be sent to all families in March. The month ended with final exams and culminating activities as students wrapped up their first semester classes.

February is Black History Month during which time our school will be celebrating the accomplishments of Black Canadians through our daily morning announcements and other events.

Looking ahead at this month, please make special note of the following important dates:

February 9 and 10 - DECA Provincials

February 12 - York Region Public Health Vaccine Clinic

February 13 - Photo Day (including Graduation Photos)

February 13-15 - Semester one report cards electronic distribution

February 15 - MSS Lunar New Year Celebration Talent Show
February 19 - Family Day (No classes)
February 21 - Waterloo Canadian Computing Competition
February 23 - Kiwanis Music Festival at Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto
February 28 - Pink Shirt Day, Pascal/Cayley/Fermat Math Contests, Kiwanis Music Festival, Senior String Ensemble

As we begin the second semester, I want to wish all students and staff a successful semester ahead.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal
Markville Secondary School

Message from Guidance

FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES

To the families that were unable to get into the **Course Selection** information session, we genuinely apologize. Guidance was shocked and dismayed at the new change to a cap in Google Meets. We will be altering our platform for presentations moving forward. A reminder that the slide deck for the presentation is accessible on the [Markville Guidance](#) website's [Family Night Page](#) with full notes of the anecdotal comments on each slide. The next, and final, webinar of the school year on **Funding Post-Secondary Education** will take place on **March 6th @ 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 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 next week. 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 Fri-yay!

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>

TRANSLATE A DOCUMENT USING GOOGLE TRANSLATE - [How-To Video](#)

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

February 10	Lunar New Year
February 13	Photo day (including grad photos) for students who did not have their photo taken in Semester 1
February 13-15	Semester 1 Report e-distribution
February 19	Family Day Holiday (School Closed)
February 28	Pink Shirt Day

[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.

The screenshot shows the Markville Secondary School website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Markville S.S., School Information, News & Events, Departments, Specialty Programs, Parents, Students, Guidance, Library, and School Council. Below the menu is a calendar for November 3rd and 6th, listing events like SR Boys Volleyball Tour and Varsity Hockey Game. To the right, there is contact information for the school, including the address, phone, fax, email, and bell times. Below the contact information are icons for School News, Trustee Message, Community, and Opportunities. A yellow arrow points from the 'Community Opportunities' icon to a callout box at the bottom of the page.

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.

*****UPDATED WEEKLY*****

YRDSB Communications

Community Living - Be My Valentine in person Workshop

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Community Living Calendar of Events for Youth/Adults

Date: February 16

YSSN - CRA Information Webinars about Child Tax Credit and Canada Dental Benefits

Dates: February 5, 7, 21, 22

YSSN-OAP Transition Planning Days

Dates: December 20, 2023; January 23, 2024; February 21, 2024 & March 19, 2024

Time: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Community Events

Author Talk with Jackie Khalilieh | Events | Markham Public Library

Author Talk with Jackie Khalilieh

Feb 10 | 1 - 2 PM
Unionville Library

The Author



15% OFF WITH CODE YRDSB

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Lunar NIGHTS
Year of the Dragon Festival

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>

This Month in February



English poster featuring a colourful background made up of vibrant blue, orange, and red colours with floral detailing and two prominent faces at the forefront

English text:

Canadian Heritage / Patrimoine canadien

"Canada" wordmark

Black Excellence: A Heritage to Celebrate; A Future to build

Black History Month 2024

Canada.ca/Black-History-Month

#BHM2024