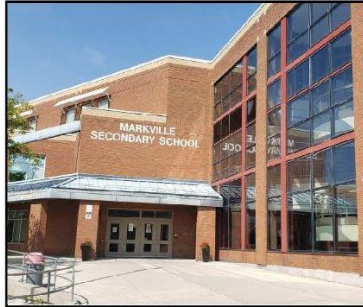


Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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February 10th, 2023

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,

With the start of the second semester on February 6, the school year is more than half complete. In my experience, the second half of the school year always seems to proceed more quickly than the first half. This is likely due to the combination of more school and statutory holidays, as well as warmer and sunnier weather as we approach the Spring and Summer months.

Although the semester only just began this week, it has been quite a busy week as students have been transitioning to a new schedule with new courses in new classrooms and with new teachers. During periods one and two on February 7 and February 8, I presented the Caring and Safe Schools Presentation to all students in the school. The presentation outlined resources available to support student success and well-being; a reminder of expectations of behaviour; and important information about safety procedures and school operations. Countless extra-curricular clubs, athletic teams, contests, and competitions have also begun again with many events coming up in the next few weeks.

February is Black History Month and as a school we will be recognizing and celebrating the contributions and achievements of Black Canadians through Google Slides presentations in classes that contain videos, relevant information, and additional resources. Each week will have a different focus:

February 7-10: History and Culture

February 13-17: Arts and Literature

February 20-23: STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)

February 24 - March 3: Business and Politics

A special thank you to Ms. Williams and Ms. Millington for creating the presentations and compiling the resources.

A reminder that the next School Council Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 between 7:00-8:30 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As we start this new semester, I would like to wish all students and staff a successful semester ahead.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal
Markville Secondary School

Black History Month

[SHINE Podcast](#)

SHINE is a YRDSB podcast that features voices from the Black community. It introduces conversations that inspire and challenge. Guests share their lived experiences, advice, industry expertise and more.

[YRDSB Centre for Black Student Excellence Programs](#)

The YRDSB offers a variety of programs for Black students designed to affirm identity and support student achievement and well-being.

[Celebrating Black Excellence](#)

Celebrating Black Excellence - Black Voices aims to centre and celebrate the Black members of our YRDSB community and share their voices. This Black History Month campaign asks students, staff and community members who identify as Black to consider submitting a short video of themselves.

(*direct link to watch the videos - [Black Excellence Video Series](#))

[Students - Black History Month Resources](#)

Black History/Heritage Month is recognized every February. The resource list below offers some resources and **events** that may be helpful in learning about Black History both here in Canada, and around the world.

[Anti-Black Racism Resources for Parents](#)

Parents are encouraged to review the linked resources to identify those that are best suited for their use.

NOMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARD



In recognition of BLACK HISTORY MONTH, the Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) is seeking nominees for Community Appreciation Awards. The nominees must be individuals of African/Caribbean heritage who have contributed to our community in his or her field of expertise. The contribution should have brought honour to the City of Markham and is recognizable beyond the community of Markham. Recipients of the Certificate of Appreciation will be recognized by the City of Markham during the Black History celebration event on February 24, 2023 at the Markham Museum.

Submission of nominations is via the [Google form](#).

The deadline for submission of nominations is: Thursday, February 16, 2023

Please email info@macca1987.com with **subject: 2023 BH Award**

Black History Award Committee

Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA)

505 Hood Road, Unit # 5,

Markham, Ontario, L3R 5V6

Phone: 905-946-9998

Email: info@macca1987.com

Additional Resources and Events

If you have more resources to share with the community, please forward the title, date, a short summary of the event and link(s) if applicable to nina.saini@yrdsb.ca

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

Feb 13	Grad Photo Retake Day
Feb 14	SAC Valentine's Market
Feb 20	Family Day (Holiday)
Feb 22	Pink Shirt Day
Feb 23	SAC Semi-Formal (The Estate & Banquet, Scarborough) (6:00 – 10:00 pm)

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PEER TUTORING

drop-in also offered!
*no sign-up required

for 1-on-1 tutoring

is back!

QR code for 1-on-1

request a tutor:
bit.ly/msspeertutor2022

rooms 308/311
mon & thur: p3/p4
tue & wed: p3

Social Media of the Week

Markham Museum Retweeted



City of Markham

@cityofmarkham

The City of Markham's outdoor ice rinks are open!

Go out for a skate or play some pick-up hockey.

For locations & hours of operation, visit [markham.ca/Skating](https://www.markham.ca/Skating).



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<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home/recreation/programs/skating-and-hockey>

Select Markham Outdoor Ice Rinks at Parks to see if open and locations

YRDSB Communications



Inclusive School and Community Services in Partnership With Community Living York South

Supporting your Children with Special Needs Information Series Part One: Understanding Autism

Spectrum Disorder This session will be delivered in English, to help parents, guardians and caregivers learn:

- What is Autism?
- Diagnosis process
- Common characteristics
- At-home strategies
- Resources available in the community

Presenter: Winny Ho, Community Support Coordinator at Community Living York South

When: Thursday, March 2, 2023, 6:30-8:00pm

Register this event now!

English Session Virtual

<https://bit.ly/3XI8CTo>



For more information, please contact Community and Partnership Developer
Shani Blake -shani.blake@yrdsb.ca



Parents of Jewish Learners - York Region
Invites public & private school students &
parents and community members to attend a:
TOWN HALL ON ANTISEMITISM



Let your voice be heard.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Schwartz Reisman Centre
9600 Bathurst St., Maple, ON



Registration
required.

Scan QR code or go to:
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