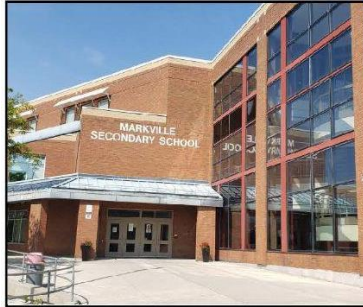


# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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**February 3rd, 2023**

Please keep in mind any information provided in this bulletin is subject to change and is accurate at the time of distribution.

## 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](mailto: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, 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, Grade 11 Medical Clinic Co-op Student***



## Gazette Spotlight

Dear Markville,

We've made it! While time surrounds us, and in the face of time constraints, it's easy to be whisked away by academics; we've made it. We have all had our fair share of frantic evenings spent hunched over our desks as semester one comes to a close.

However, as the new semester is on the horizon, let us take advantage of the downtime. Truly relax, spend time with your friends and family, and give your mind the attention it deserves.

The Markville Gazette's Semester one publication will be "fresh off the press" next week, and we hope will provide insight into the ideas and passions that define our peers. There is so much to be learned about Markville's beautiful, flourishing community, and we look forward to sharing the incredible articles, photographs, stories, book recommendations, and much more with you all.

Finally, we would like to extend a special thank you to the Gazette's hardworking executive team and contributors without whom this beautiful publication would not be possible.

Best of luck in Semester 2, and happy reading!

Khushi Chauhan (Editor in Chief of the Markville Gazette) and Ms. Babiolakis and Ms. Millington (Teacher Advisors)

The Gazette will be coming soon.

## Message from Guidance

### SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLES

Please note that **Semester 2 Timetables** for students are now available to view on their **Teach Assist account**. We have had a very challenging time ensuring that students have complete timetables but we are happy to report that all of our current students have been timetabled to the best of our ability. Students will have a final opportunity to request a change but very few requests will be able to be fulfilled due to space issues. Students needing an urgent request for a change must fill out the **Google Form that is posted on the Guidance Google Classroom**. We will only be contacting students if we can make a change. All

students must follow their timetable that is posted on their Teach Assist account and assume that their timetable will remain the same unless they are contacted or they see a change on Teach Assist.

### **COURSE SELECTION IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Our next **Family Night Webinar**, **“Course Selection”** has been changed in format to meet the needs of as many parents/guardians as possible. We have recorded this presentation and it will be posted on the Markville Guidance website in the “Family Night Webinar” section on **Friday, February 10th** [Family Night Webinar](#) . You can review this presentation at your convenience. Friday, February 10th is the same day in which Guidance will be conducting grade assemblies to review the Course Selection process live at school with all students. **These assemblies will occur during period 1 for Grade 10 and period 2 for Grades 9 and 11 students.** The Assembly and the recorded presentation will also include new information about the **ONLINE learning requirement** from the Ministry of Education.

All Students must complete their **Course Selections** in **My Pathway Planner** ([MyBlueprint](#)) between **Thursday, February 16th at 9 am until Friday, February 24th at 4:00 pm.** Course selection will be locked after this time. Students who are **not returning to Markville next year because they are moving to another board or are graduating must click on the “NOT RETURNING” feature on My Pathway Planner.** There is no benefit to being first to submit, so please choose carefully, and where needed, speak to teachers, as well as Guidance.

Your Guidance Team~

## School Notices

### **February 6 Modified Schedule:**

<b>Morning - Semester 1 (30 min)</b>		<b>Afternoon - Semester 2 (40 min)</b>	
Period 1 and Announcements	8:20 - 8:55	Period 1	11:20 - 12:00
Period 2	9:00 - 9:30	Period 2	12:05 - 12:45
Period 3	9:35 - 10:05	Period 3	12:50 - 1:30
Period 4	10:10 - 10:40	Period 4	1:35 - 2:15
Period 5	10:45 - 11:15	Period 5	2:20 - 3:00



Social Media of the Week

**OURS  
TO TELL**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CANADA.CA/BLACK-HISTORY-MONTH

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支持有特殊需求孩子的中文讲座系列之一: 了解自闭症

欢迎家长,监护人或照顾者参加这个中文讲座来了解什么是:

- 自闭症谱系障碍
- 诊断过程
- 普遍特征
- 在家干预技能
- 社区帮助资源

讲座嘉宾: **Winnie Ho**, 约克区南部社区生活机构社区支持协调员

中文线下讲座

时间: 2月17号周五上午9:30-11点

地点: Aldergrove Public School

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# Family Cookout with Chef Maxine Knight

*presented by*

**THE CENTRE FOR  
BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

**Friday, February 24, 2023**

**5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Open to all students and families

Light refreshments will be served.

[Register here](#) for the in-person  
experience, happening at Thornlea



Secondary School.

Further details will be provided upon registration.



## PARENTING SESSIONS

Let's talk about it!



Kids don't come with an instruction manual! Many familiar parenting problems have very simple solutions that can be applied with some effort and focus. Triple P's easy-to understand and practical strategies have been shown to help families in all types of situations.

**We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these virtual sessions!**

**February 1, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The Power of Positive Parenting** For parents of children 0-12. This session will focus on ensuring a safe engagement environment for children. Strategies for creating a positive learning environment, using assertive discipline, having realistic expectations, taking care of yourself as a parent and available community resources and supports will be discussed. [REGISTER NOW](#)

**February 7, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Raising Confident Competent Children** For parents of children 0-12. This session will focus on strategies to; encourage respect and cooperation, learning to be independent, developing healthy self-esteem and how to be a good problem solver. [REGISTER NOW](#)

**February 14, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Raising Resilient Children** For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will focus on how to ensure a safe and engaging environment for children with strategies to: recognize and accept feelings, express their feeling appropriately, build positive feelings, deal with negative feelings and deal with upsetting or stressful events. [REGISTER NOW](#)

**February 21, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Nurturing Healthy Self-**

**Esteem** For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on how to create a supportive and engaging environment that helps your child develop and maintain confidence and healthy self-esteem. [REGISTER NOW](#)

**Facilitator:** Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



These free virtual parent presentations are brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

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## Inclusive School and Community Services

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel and York**

#### **Regions Free Virtual Programming for Female**

##### **Identified Youth**

- Facilitated by trained female volunteer mentors aged 18+
- Opportunity to engage in fun and interactive discussions and activities from the comfort of your home
- The program promotes physical activity, balanced eating, self-confidence and stress management
- It is delivered once a week during the evening for six to seven weeks.
- Registration on a first come, first serve basis

Dates and times of the two sessions in February/March:  
(Two different age groups)

***Virtual Go Girls! (girls aged 10-14) on Fridays 6:00-7:00 pm:***

**First Session:** Friday February 3 6:00-7:00 pm

***Virtual Little Go Girls! (girls aged 7-9) on Mondays 6:00-7:00 pm:***

**First Session:** Monday February 6 6:00-7:00 pm

**[Register Here](#)**

**If you have any additional questions please contact:**

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(905) 895-5155 ext.5124

**Go-Girls - Free Virtual Evening Programs for female identified**

**youth** The Big Brothers Big Sisters of York Region Sessions in

February and March

- Facilitated by trained female volunteer mentors aged 18+.
- Fun and interactive discussions and activities from the comfort of your home
- The program promotes physical activity, balanced eating, self-confidence and stress management.
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**[Register Here](#)**

# In Conversation with Dion Walcott and Dr. D'Wayne Edwards

*presented by*

**THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE**

**Thursday, February 23, 2023  
at York University, Keele Campus**

Self-Identifying Black students in Gr. 7 -12 are invited to join the In Conversation with Dr. D'Wayne Edwards President of Pensole Lewis College and Dion Walcott, Director of partnerships for Pensole Lewis College in Detroit MI. This event will be hosted at York University Keele Campus and will include an interactive conversation with Dr. D'Wayne and Dion who will share their inspirational journeys in merging their identities, passion and creativity to develop and lead established careers in the sneakers, art and education industry. Additionally, students will have the chance to explore York University, and the many educational opportunities offered there.



[Register here.](#)



# **SEX TRAFFICKING**

**Instances of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation  
are a growing concern in York Region.**

**Youth as young as 12 are being recruited!**

**Would you know it if you saw it?  
What could you do?**

**February 22, 2023**

**Session A: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**Session B: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers, educators, staff  
and community!**

**[Register](#) today!**

York Region District School Board in a collaborative  
partnership with Women's Support Network is hosting a  
virtual information session about sex trafficking and sexual

exploitation.

This session will provide awareness and information about:

- What is sex trafficking
- How to identify signs of someone who may be in the process of being recruited or is already being trafficked
- Who is at risk
- Available resources and supports in the school and community



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