

# 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.

## Flash Print @MSS Spotlight

Flash Print @ MSS students have had a successful entrepreneurial journey this semester. Supported with the Exploring Opportunities Program offered through the Board and the Ministry of Education's Young Entrepreneurship Pilot Program, students were able to not only learn to run a creative design and print store, but they also launched ventures of their own choice and design.

Flash Print students learned to diagnose files and print posters. They learned how to laminate and trim posters, too. Students learned about delivering customer service in person, over the phone and through email. They completed orders like the postcards for the upcoming music theatre performance called HADESTOWN Teen Edition on January 14th and 15th. Students worked together to also prepare folders for our ASD classes.



The next part of the entrepreneurial journey for the students was to explore their interests and passions to determine a viable venture that could work with the parameters of the school and pilot program. Students began to prototype their goods to test feasibility and to help determine their costs and prices. Ventures exercised their social responsibility by pledging to donate 10% of their profits to Room for a Child, a non profit organization that supports families by creating bedrooms for their children that will help them thrive. The ventures called Toteify, Pawsitively Delicious and Merry Cards also made additional donations to Holiday Helpers, World Wildlife Fund, and the Markham Food Bank, respectively.

The next step in the journey to sales were pitches to our stakeholders. Stakeholders included Mr. Hu (principal), Ms. Rodrigo (vice principal), Ms. O'Meara (experiential learning consultant), Mr. Law (trustee), Ms. Kant (head of PAE). Stakeholders listened attentively to pitches then provided students with valuable feedback that they were able to incorporate into the launch of their ventures at the Winter Maker Market.

Student entrepreneurs participated in 10 days of sales at the Winter Maker Market in the atrium. The school's atrium transformed into a marketplace especially on Community Day where the families of FP@MSS students were invited. The director from Room for a Child met each student at this event and our stakeholders visited and saw how ventures progressed since the pitches. Some teachers in the pilot program from other YRDSB schools also joined us on Community Day. Student sales experiences were surveyed on the last day of sales. They reported feeling pride, excitement, happiness and nervousness while selling their products at the market. **Thank you to all those who made time to support, interact and participate with Flash Print's students on their entrepreneurial journey over the semester.**



**SWAG Spotlight**

Hey Gr. 9 Mavs!

Worried about exams? Not sure what to expect? Don't worry, SWAG is here. We have Exam Prep Wellness Workshops designed just for you to prepare you for the unknown of writing your first exams in high school. Come out during **period 3** in **Room 308** on **January 14, 15 or 16<sup>th</sup>** to learn about how to study, take care of yourself and ask questions from other students about exam week. See you then!

## Message from Guidance

### POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Reminder that **Applications to OUAC are due January 15th (NEXT WEEK!)** for equal consideration, and **Applications to OCAS are due February 1st.**

### COURSE SELECTION

**Course Selection** will be open for submission on **February 13, closing on February 21, 2025**. Students can enter courses at any point now, but **MUST** be locked in by February 21st. There is no advantage to submitting early, so please make your selection carefully, as elective changes (unless pathway changes) can be incredibly challenging.

**IMPORTANT:** Students 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 to take time, where possible, to do this over the Break, if students have not done so already. Course selection options/information can be found [here](#) on the Guidance website, as well as reviewing post-secondary information and links [here](#). Gr 11 research information can be examined [here](#), as well as a presentation that was delivered to Grade 10s [here](#) (scroll down).

### NIGHT SCHOOL SEMESTER 2:

**YRDSB Sem 2 Night School registration is Open.** Students **must register on myBlueprint, as well as complete a [Google form](#) that provides Guardian consent**. No registrations will be approved without both MBP and the form being completed. Students can review YRDSB [course options](#). **The first night of class is Thursday, February 13, 2025** and the program **ends Thursday, June 5, 2025**. Please be advised that the traditional in-class face-to-face Night School program (Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 9:45 pm) will continue to use a *remote* learning delivery model. The program will be delivered virtually in real-time (synchronous).

Students can also look into Night School course options at other Boards. Their registration deadlines and process will each be different. Students wishing to register externally would need to review the process for receiving permissions and seek Guidance support.

## FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES

The next Family Webinar evening will be on **January 22th @ 6:30**, where Markville staff will present information on Markville's **Specialty Programs**. This webinar will include information on *Co-operative Education (Co-op)*, *Dual Credit*, *Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM)* and *Advanced Placement (Pre-AP & AP)* and is strategically placed prior to February's Course Selection timelines. It is most beneficial for families of students going into Gr 11 & 12 next year. Additionally, the following Family Night presentation will occur on **February 5th**, to support families in **Course Selection**. Students will receive Course Selection information during school hours. Links will be posted in the [FN Agenda](#).

## JANUARY STUDENT WELLNESS *Spotlight*

### Quick mindfulness strategies and audio recordings to help manage stress and anxiety

Many students in our school will be writing final exams for the first time next month. This can be a stressful and overwhelming experience for many. Access short audio recordings to help your child/student manage the many emotions they may be experiencing at this time of year as they prepare for final exams and assignments.

### [Newsletter Translation Instructions](#)

Have a great weekend!  
Your Guidance Team~

	<b>KIDS HELP PHONE</b> 1-800-668-6868 686868 KIDSHELPPHONE.CA
	<b>YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK</b> 1-855-310-COPE (2673)
	<b>Suicide Prevention Canada</b> Call 988 Text 988
	<b>Black Youth Helpline</b> 1-833-294-8650
	<b>youthline</b> 25 YEARS OF YOUTH RESILIENCE 647-694-4275







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

January 14th-16th	SWAG Exam Prep workshops for gr. 9s period 3 (rooms 308 and 314)
January 15th and 16th	Math EQAO
January 21st	School Council Meeting 7pm-8:30pm
January 22nd to 28th	Exams
January 29th	Lunar New Year/Regular Instruction Day
January 30th	Exam Review Day
January 31st	PA Day (School Closed to Students)
February 3rd	Semester 2 starts

### Message from Peer Tutoring:

"Hey Mavs! Feeling stressed about tests and assignments? Need some help with your courses? Want a fun and engaging place to learn? Look no further—Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is back and ready to support YOU! Tutoring sessions will be held

on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Periods 3 and 4 in room 305, and on Wednesdays after school in the library.

Whether you're looking for quick help or ongoing support, we've got you covered! You can drop in whenever you need help, or sign up for weekly 1-on-1 tutoring by filling out the tutee form at [bit.ly/peertutor2025](https://bit.ly/peertutor2025)


Look out for Peer Tutoring Club posters around the school, and follow @msspeertutoring on Instagram for updates! See you there!"

## YRDSB Communications

**Students, families and staff are invited to come celebrate Tamil Heritage Month with Arts & Literature Workshops, Cultural Performances and refreshments. Join us Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Maple High School from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Please register.**

 THM Launch Poster Jan 15, 2025.pdf

**Parents/Guardians are invited to the free Virtual Tenant Rights Workshops offered in partnership with the Canadian Centre for Housing Rights from January through April 2025.**

 Tenant Rights Workshops Jan \_ April 2025.pdf

### **Understanding and Navigating the Education System - Families of YRDSB Black Students January Information Session**

Families, parents, caregivers, please join us on Monday, January 27, 2025, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for our monthly virtual meeting, where families of Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students in both elementary and secondary schools. Please see our flyer for more information and to register.

 CBSE-Info-Session-Flyer-27-January 2025.pdf

 YRPH-Building-Healthy-Kids-Winter-2025.pdf

## Community Events

Saturday, January 11

### Introduction to winter hiking

Always wanted to try hiking in the winter? Put on your boots and join walk leader Sarah to learn about the basics and all the great benefits that come with hiking.

- Leaders: Sarah, Feng
- Time: 1 pm
- Location: Central Trail
- Transit accessible: No
- Meeting point: 7445 Elgin Mills Road East, Markham – parking lot
- Additional parking: 7535 Elgin Mills Road East, Markham; 10725 Reesor Road, Markham
- Distance: 3 km – 5 km
- Difficulty: Easy, flat/paved or gently uneven
- Pace: Easy
- Duration: 2 hours
- Age range: Adults
- Service dogs only

Sunday, January 12

It's a great day to be outside!

Join Marilyn on a fun scavenger hunt as we dispel the myth that "there's nothing to see" unless it's a perfect summer day.

- Leaders: Marilyn, Jane
- Time: 10 am
- Location: Beare Wetlands Loop
- Transit accessible: Yes
- Meeting point: 25 Zoo Road, Scarborough – Vista Trailhead
- Distance: 1 km – 3 km
- Difficulty: Moderate, possible hills and/or stairs
- Pace: Easy
- Duration: 2 hours
- Age range: Families
- Dog friendly

Monday, January 13

Whispering shadows of the full moon

What do you see in the moon? Join us at the Rouge for some moonlit stories, moon gazing, and intriguing theories about its origins. Don't forget to dress warmly!

- Leaders: Anne, Christopher
- Time: 4 pm
- Location: Vista Trail Loop
- Transit accessible: Yes
- Meeting point: 25 Zoo Road, Scarborough – Vista Trailhead
- Distance: 1 km – 3 km

- Difficulty: Easy, flat/paved or gently uneven
- Pace: Easy
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<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/on/rouge/activ/guide/2025-01>