

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.

Message from Guidance

FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES

Thank you to all of the families who were able to join us for **Markville's Specialty Programs**, and a special thank you to Ms Vrensen, Ms Liu, Ms Saini and Ms Wilson for their expertise! The next Family Night presentation is quickly approaching on **February 5th @ 6:30pm**, to support families in **Course Selection** for next year. Students will receive Course Selection information assemblies during school hours on February 7th and 10th.

The slide deck for the **Specialty Program** presentation is accessible on the [Markville Guidance](#) website's [Family Night Page](#). **The link to the February 5th presentation** will be found on [Family Night Agenda](#), on that same page.

COURSE SELECTION - FOR NEXT YEAR:

Course Selection will be open in [myBlueprint/myPathwayPlanner](#) 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**. 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 in the link). Guidance is bookable to Families via TeachAssist [Parent Portal](#) – appointments can be in person or virtual (please select virtual, if preferred, so that we know to send a link to your email on file). 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 21st. Course selection tips and advice will be shared at the **February 5th Family Night webinar**, and many questions answered. Families making decisions about Math, in particular, may want to start to review the [Guidance Math Pathway information document](#).

COURSE CHANGES - SEMESTER 2:

Waitlists for courses begin in June after the timetable has been built, ensuring students who did not get a preferred course have first dibs when a course opens up. Additionally, Guidance continues to monitor, honour, and add to the waitlists in the very first week of school, all the way up to the start of semester 2, as it is important to us to try to meet the changing needs of students in all ways that we can. At this time, adding to a waitlist for all grades is closed, and there is no more possible movement in Gr 9 and 10. Grade 11 and 12 students received a list of available seats over a week ago, and were given a final opportunity to make changes. For course must-haves in Semester 2 at this late date, students will be encouraged to work with a counsellor to find ways to support their needs.

NIGHT SCHOOL - SEMESTER 2:

YRDSB Sem 2 Night School registration is still Open, however many courses now have waitlists. 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 [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.

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Applications to OCAS (Ontario Colleges) are due February 1st. Be sure if applying, that your student chooses the max of 5 programs and a start date of September 2025.

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.

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 and good luck to those studying for exams!
Your Guidance Team~

KIDS HELP PHONE
 1-800-668-6868
 686868
 KIDSHELPPHONE.CA

YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK
 1-855-310-COPE (2673)

Suicide Prevention Canada
 Call 988
 Text 988

Black Youth Helpline
 1-833-294-8650

youthline
 25 YEARS OF YOUTH RESILIENCE
 647-694-4275

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



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

January 27th/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
February 17th	Mandatory Holiday: Family 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.

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

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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.

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

YRDSB Communications

 **GIVE-Winter flyer Feb 2025.pdf**

Empower yourself to support your school community and enrich your child's learning experience! Join this 5-morning workshop series and discover how you can make a difference in your child's education by volunteering in schools.



**Calling youth
16-30 years old
in York Region**

JOIN THE
**York Region
Youth Food Committee**

Are you between the ages of 16-30?

- Do you work, study or have roots in York Region?
- Are you interested in food issues, social justice and/or environmental justice?
- Are you keen to share your experience and ideas while contributing to advocacy, education and policy processes to address local food and justice issues?

As a member of the Youth Food Committee, you will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about food issues in York Region and develop leadership skills,
- Network and connect with other engaged youth and food system leaders in York Region,
- Pitch, contribute and lead food policy, advocacy and education initiatives,
- Be part of something that positively impacts the community.

Applications due January 27 2025

➔ Apply here: tinyurl.com/yfcapply

➔ See what we're up to!
 @yrfn_youthfoodcommittee



  

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Issue #1 | 2024
Collectively reimagining a sustainable and just food system in York Region
York Region Youth Food Committee

<https://yrfn.ca/event/call-for-members-york-region-youth-food-committee/>

This Month in January



2025
HAPPY
LUNAR
NEW YEAR

May the spirit of the Lunar New Year fill
your heart with joy and your home with
prosperity. Gong Xi Fa Cai

