

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023. I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Winter Break. With only three weeks left of the semester, please note the following upcoming dates which were also included in the previous E-Bulletin message:

January 13-14 - Musical Theatre Production of "Big Fish"
January 18-19 - Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessments
January 26 - Period 1 Exam/Culminating Day
January 27 - Period 2 Exam/Culminating Day
January 30 - Period 3 Exam/Culminating Day
January 31 - Period 4 Exam/Culminating Day
February 1 - Period 5 Exam/Culminating Day
February 2 - Exam/Culminating Review Day
February 3 - PA Day
February 6 - Semester 2 Begins

As a special note, the next School Council Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday January 24, 2023 between 7:00-8:30 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Warm greetings and well wishes for continual success for all students as we wrap up the semester.

Warmest Regards,

SHSH Spotlight

The Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) is a specialized ministry-approved program that students can apply to join which will allow them to focus their learning on a specific sector while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary Diploma (OSSD).

The benefits of the SHSM program are numerous and enable students to:

- customize their high school experience that suit their strengths and interests
- develop specialized knowledge and skills valued by the sector and postsecondary institutions
- gain sector-recognized certifications
- engage in career-relevant training

Overall, the knowledge and experiences that students gain through this program will allow them to make informed decisions about their postsecondary destinations and plan for their future.

Markville offers the SHSM program in the following sectors: Arts and Culture, Business, Environment, Health and Wellness and Information and Communications Technology. Students can apply for this program in grade 10 when they are selecting courses for their grade 11 year. Candidates for the SHSM program must also take co-op in their senior year of high school. The application form can be found at <https://bit.ly/YRDSBShSMapp>. Students must be logged into their gapps account to access the form.

Since the beginning of this school year, the current SHSM students have engaged in several learning opportunities. Students across all sectors participated in an interactive in-person event about plant-based eating in November. Students earned an elective certification in either advanced training in a technique or technology (depending on their sector). They learned about the reasons behind the increasing

demand for plant-based food products and explored what the future of food might look like.

In addition, SHSM students also participated in St. John Ambulance's Standard First Aid and CPR in-person training which are compulsory certifications across all sectors. All our SHSM students were given the opportunity to obtain their Customer Service certification offered asynchronously to our students by Seneca College and attend an in-person college fair to learn about careers and college programs as well as campus life, student services and residence.



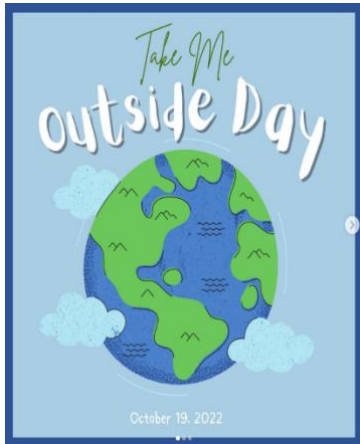
Some past sector specific SHSM opportunities include business' Counterfeit Detection, environment's climate solutions using geothermal energy presentation and ICT's ACSL workshops. Some future sector specific SHSM opportunities include health and wellness' PARTY program at Sunnybrook where students will witness what happens in the event of trauma, ICT's trip to a facility at IBM and environment's GPS certification where students will engage in hands-on activities that will introduce them to the compass and how to use it as well as map making and GPS and coordinate systems.

Ecoclub Spotlight

Congratulations to the staff and students at Markville. As a result of our environmentally friendly attitude and actions, Markville was able to maintain our Platinum status with EcoSchools Canada! The EcoClub is looking forward to continue to work with staff and students this year to increase awareness about environment related issues and to promote sustainable practices.



The Ecoclub had organized several events this school year. Some of these include Take Me Outside Day and the Twelve Days of Earthmas. To celebrate Take Me Outside Day, the students in the Ecoclub created announcements, posts and slideshows to encourage staff and students to spend time in and connect with nature. They even organized a school grounds and garden cleanup for students taking grade 10 science to participate in on that special day! While cleaning up outside, students



had the opportunity to appreciate nature and participate in a scavenger hunt and take pictures of their surroundings.

In addition to organizing environment themed events, the presence of the EcoClub can be felt around the school. The EcoClub setup different waste receptacles and provided advice regarding proper waste disposal during the Terry Fox Run and



Grade 8 Day. The EcoClub also demonstrated Milk Bag weaving and educated the community about what goes where during the Grade 8 night at Markville.



ECO club's CAT says...

eat less meat!

the PRODUCTION OF 1 kg OF beef results in 60 kg OF greenhouse gas emissions. this means, on average, each canadian can produce 1650 kg OF greenhouse gas emissions each year, JUST BY eating beef. reduce your meat consumption by trying a meat substitute and limit your purrr-sonal emissions!

Markville SS Eco Club's CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

Future events that the EcoClub will organize are compost and recycling campaigns, guest speakers that will speak about environment related topics and fields, Sweater Day, Earth Hour, Earth Day and many more!

The EcoClub will also be continuing with its Eco Cat comics which strives to inform

the school community on what we can do as individuals in the battle against the climate crisis and how to work towards a lifestyle that is more sustainable for the environment.

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

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| January 18/19 | Math EQAO |
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| January 19 | Locker Cleanout |
| January 22 | Lunar New Year |
| January 23-27 | Grade 8 Guidance Visits |
| January 25 | Guidance Family Night |
| January 26- Feb 1 | Semester 1 Exams |
| Feb 2 | Review Day |
| Feb 3 | PA Day (school closed to students) |
| Feb 6 | Semester 2 Begins |



YRDSB Communications

Black Foundation of
Community Networks (BFCN)



Scholarship Application Workshop

Black Foundation of Community Networks (BFCN), in collaboration with York Region District School Board (YRDSB), is providing a free workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

Tuesday, January 17, 2023
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM EST | ONLINE (ZOOM)

Learn more and register at:

bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopJanuary17

To participate Black students and their families must be from YRDSB.

For questions contact:

Cheryl Yarde at info@bfcn.ca

Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca.



In collaboration with
York Region District School Board

SAAAC Autism Centre Presents

Caregiver Orientation: New Autism Diagnosis

To be delivered in Tamil and English

Join us virtually to chat about:

- Next steps after diagnosis
- Types of funding available
- Services and programs available in the community
- SAAAC Cares Program
- YRDSB Autism Supports
- Cultural perspectives on children with disabilities
- Your experiences as a caregiver of a child with Autism

February 1, 2023 | 6:30-8:00 pm

Register here on our [Google Form](#)

Registration deadline: January 26, 2023

Link to join will be provided via email after registration

**For questions or accommodation requests please
email: nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca**

Community Events

A SEAS Networking Event



Happy New Year everyone! We are delighted to invite you to our second networking event for this year. Please join us for an opportunity to meet, greet, and network with our team and each other as we welcome the New Year.

This session will involve discussions around pedagogy and practice to support, and advocate for East Asian students and families. Hope to see you there!

When: Wednesday, January 18th, 2023

Where: Du Hsiao Yueh (Warden Ave & Steeles Ave)
7040 Warden Ave, Markham, ON L3R 5Y3

Time: 4:45pm - 6:15pm

Please register with this [Google Form](#) by Tuesday, January 17, 2023

<https://bit.ly/3WUA3mK>

For additional inquiries, please contact: bronson.chu@yrdsb.ca or alicewan-ling.chu@yrdsb.ca

Supporting East Asian Students (SEAS) is a group of educators and supporters who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students, families, educators, community members and partners are also a focus of our work.