

# 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.

## Professional Activity Day Agenda

Markville Secondary School

**Date:** Friday February 2, 2024

**Length:** Full Day

**Program:** AM – Violence Prevention Training on Student Safety and Violent Incident Prevention

PM – Curriculum Implementation

**Length:** Half Day – AM

**Presenters:** Online module developed by Board staff, facilitated by Administration.

**Topics:** Violence Prevention Training on Student Safety and Violent Incident Prevention

**Details:** Staff will be engaged in learning related to:

- developing relationships and identity-affirming working and learning environments;
- identifying warning signs that a person's behaviour may be escalating;
- responding to escalations using specific strategies;
- exploring case studies;
- following reporting procedures; and
- accessing support and resources.

School teams will engage in School Improvement planning facilitated by school leaders. Topics will vary by subject and may include:

- preparation for Semester 2
- high yield instructional strategies in the de-streamed Math, Science, or English classroom
- data analysis for school improvement

**Length:** Half Day – PM

**Presenters:** School Administration and Board-based personnel

**Topics: Equitable Assessment Practices, MLL Learning, SIP/Department Meetings**

**Details:** School teams will engage in School Improvement Planning facilitated by school leaders. Topics will vary by subject and may include:

- embedding strategies to support teaching multilingual language learners into the curriculum;
- embedding subject specific high yield strategies into instruction and assessment; and
- data analysis for school improvement.

School Teams will continue to engage in School Improvement Planning that supports the implementation of equitable assessment practices, curriculum changes and instructional strategies to support students in the de-streamed classroom.

## Message from Guidance

### COURSE SELECTION

**Course Selection** will be open for submission on **February 15, closing on February 24, 2024**. Students can enter courses at any point now, but **MUST** be locked in by February 24th. There is no advantage to submitting early, so please make your selection carefully, as elective changes (unless pathway changes) can be incredibly challenging. Assemblies for students

will take place on February 7th. Details for family information regarding course selection are below (Family Night Webinar).

**IMPORTANT:** Students currently 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 for Gr 10s to also put in courses for Gr 12, so that they can ensure the correct pre-requisites in Gr 11 (only Gr 11 courses will be locked in the system). Course selection options/information can be found [here](#), as well as Department pathways on the [Guidance website](#). Post-secondary information and links can be reviewed [here](#).

### **FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES**

The next Family Webinar evening will be on **January 24th @ 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 7th**, to support families in **Course Selection**. Students will receive Course Selection information during school hours. Links will be posted in the **FN Agenda**.

Happy weekend! Stay warm!!

Your Guidance Team~



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>

# School Notices

## Upcoming Dates

January 24	Guidance Family Presentation
January 25-31	Exams
February 1	Exam Review Day
February 2	PA Day (school closed to students)
February 5	Semester 2 begins

## 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.

The screenshot shows the Markville Secondary School website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Markville S.S., School Information, News & Events, Departments, Specialty Programs, Parents, Students, Guidance, Library, and School Council. Below the navigation bar, there is a section for 'Markville S.S.' with a calendar of events for November. The calendar lists events for Friday, 3 November (SR Boys Volleyball Tour, Cross Country Team OF), Monday, 6 November (Guidance Event, Varsity Hockey Game, SR Boys Volleyball Play), and Wednesday, 8 November (OSSLT Days, Sem 1 Term 1 Ends, JR Boys Volleyball Tour). To the right of the calendar is a 'Grade 8 Information Sessions' image. Below the calendar is a 'Parents/Guardians' subscription form. To the right of the form is a 'Community Opportunities' section with a 'Community' icon and a 'teachassist' icon. At the bottom, there is a callout box explaining the 'Community Opportunities' icon and stating '\*\*\*UPDATED WEEKLY\*\*\*'.

**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

[Google Calendar](#)

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 Bell Times: 8:20 AM - 3:00 PM

**Grade 8 Information Sessions**

**Community Opportunities**

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.

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# YRDSB Communications

## Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter

Visit the [January 2024 Centre for Black Student Excellence Newsletter](#) for events, updates, resources and more.

## Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

Student Mental Health and Addictions is pleased to provide monthly newsletters that focus on various pertinent mental health topics.

[January 2024 Newsletter .pdf](#)

## This Month in January



<https://tamilheritagemonth.com/>

This official poster for Tamil Heritage Month 2024, released by Tamil Heritage Month Council, celebrates Tamil Cuisine, Tamil in Agriculture/Food Production, Preparation, Distribution and food-related hospitality sectors. From many centuries ago to the present day, Tamils have contributed greatly to food production, preparation and distribution across the world. Tamil Cuisine and culinary skills of Tamils have also made an enormous impact across the Globe. The images shown in the poster through drawings and photos are a few significant examples of that contribution of Tamils. The poster illustrates food items that are unique to Tamil cuisine, farmers markets in Tamil homelands to restaurants in the diaspora. As 2024 is the 15th year anniversary of the Tamil Heritage Month initiative, the central image pays tribute to our collective efforts in making this initiative a great success. The artwork includes work by artists from Tamil Eelam, Tamil Nadu and Canada. We thank artists Keera Ratnam, Pirumbajini Pirabakaran and Jewa Nathan. Poster design by Malayalan Karagasabapathy.

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