

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Message from Our Trustee

February 2024

As we start the second semester and second half of the school year, I want to take this opportunity to share some updates about upcoming dates, events and initiatives taking place across our system with you. I also want to thank everyone who contributes to building a strong educational community in York Region District School Board - the students, families, staff members and community partners who come together in support of student learning, achievement and well-being.

February is **Black History Month**. In addition to a number of [events taking place](#) within the school board and local community, the school board is once again Celebrating Black Excellence through its Black Voices campaign. **Black Voices** aims to centre and celebrate the Black members of our YRDSB community and share their voices. For families looking to learn more about school board and community events and programs for Black students and families, you can [subscribe to the Centre for Black Student Excellence mailing list](#) to receive regular updates.

Later this month, we will also recognize the [Lunar New Year](#) and wish all students, staff and community celebrating Lunar New Year a happy and joyful celebration.

While we have seen milder **winter weather** this year, I also want to remind families that we have protocols in place for [severe weather](#) and school transportation cancellation in the case of inclement weather, and want to ensure families are aware. You can find more information on the Board website. We also continue to encourage families to use active school travel all year round, including during the winter months. Early in February, we will be celebrating [Winter Walk Day](#), and be sharing tips as well as the benefits and joys of winter walking.

This month, students in Grades 5-12 will have an opportunity to vote in the [Student Trustee Elections](#). I want to congratulate and thank all of the students in Grade 10 and 11 who applied for this position. Student Trustees play an important role representing student voice at the Board meetings, and we greatly value their voice and contributions. Students who are eligible to vote will receive information in their GAPPS accounts about how to vote. This is a great opportunity to participate in the democratic process and to have their say about who will represent their voice in the next school year.

[Kindergarten](#) and [French Immersion](#) registration opened in January for fall 2024. For students looking at **course selection** in secondary school, there are lots of great resources available at www.yrdsb.ca/experience-yrdsb that let students learn more about courses, programs and opportunities that relate to their interests.

You can also stay up-to-date with what's happening around the Board by visiting our [newsroom](#) or by listening to the Board's award-winning [podcast Tune In YRDSB](#), including recent and upcoming episodes on what to expect in Kindergarten, how Student Trustees represent student voice, Tamil Heritage Month, Hindu Heritage Month and more.

As the governing body of the York Region District School Board, trustees are required to establish an annual **Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP)** to guide system direction for a four-year period. The MYSP is a reflection of emergent priorities identified by our educational communities. Over the coming months, we will be conducting extensive consultations with YRDSB students, staff, families and community members to collect input and feedback to develop our revised MYSP. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for all that you do to partner with us in building a strong publicly funded education system that delivers a high-quality education for your children. You can learn more about my role as a school trustee and [how you can reach me](#) on the Board website www.yrdsb.ca.

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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 Shah, Ms Liu* and *Ms Wilson* for their expertise! The next Family Night presentation is quickly approaching on **February 7th @ 6:30 pm**, to support families in **Course Selection**. Students will receive Course Selection information during school hours on February 12th assemblies (new date).

The slide deck for the **Specialty Program** presentation is accessible on the [Markville Guidance](#) website's [Family Night Page](#). **The link to the February 7th presentation** can be found on [Family Night Agenda](#), on that same page.

COURSE SELECTION

[myBluePrint/myPathwayPlanner](#) will be open to submit courses from **February 15-24th**. There is no benefit to being first to submit, so please choose carefully, and where needed, speak to teachers, as well as Guidance. 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). 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 24th. Course selection tips and advice will be shared at the **February 7th 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](#).

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](#).

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 2024.

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.

Happy weekend!
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>

Virtual Workshops

Happy New Year,

I serve as the settlement worker responsible for Markville Secondary School. My name is Helen, and I conduct visits to this school every Thursday.

Settlement workers are committed to delivering comprehensive support and services to new immigrant families, with the goal of fostering an inclusive and integrative environment. I address various issues that may arise in the lives of immigrants, such as family relationships, mental health, and career development.

Our services not only focus on resolving problems but also emphasize building close relationships with individuals, listening to their needs, and collaboratively devising practical solutions. We believe that everyone in this country has the right to lead a fulfilling and happy life, and our objective is to assist them in achieving this through personalized support.

In the upcoming months, our organization will host a series of online seminars for high school students, including a seminar that discusses how to prepare for taxation in Canada. We invite everyone to enthusiastically sign up using <https://forms.gle/MQ3Td4TpUPgPSfut5> and <https://forms.gle/MQ3Td4TpUPgPSfut5> . The language of these two workshops will be in Mandarin, please invite your parents.

If you encounter any difficulties in signing up, please feel free to call me, and I will assist you in the registration process.

Should you have any issues or concerns at this school requiring assistance, you can contact me via email or phone.

Wishing you all the best.

With kind regards,

Helen

新年快乐,

我是负责Markville Secondary School的安居社工, 我的名字是Helen. 我每二个礼拜的周四都会探访这间学校。

安居社工致力于为新移民家庭提供全面的支持和服务, 以创建一个更加和谐、安全的生活环境。我解决移民的路上各种生活中可能出现的问题, 包括但不限于家庭关系、心理健康、职业发展等方面。

我们的服务不仅仅局限于问题的解决, 更侧重于与个体建立密切的关系, 倾听他们的需求, 共同制定可行的解决方案。我们相信每个人在这个国家都有权利过上充实、幸福的生活, 而我们的目标就是通过个性化的支持, 帮助他们实现这一目标。

我们机构在未来的几个月针对高中有一连串的线上讲座还有关于税务的讲座, 欢迎大家踊跃报名参加, <https://forms.gle/MQ3Td4TpUPgPSfut5> <https://forms.gle/hhDPg74f4ufAmjfz5>

你们如果不会报名的话, 请打电话我会帮忙报名

如果你们在这间学校有需要我帮忙或解决的问题, 你可以通过我的邮箱或是电话与我联系。

祝福你们一切安好。

With kind regards,
Helen

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School Notices

Upcoming Dates

January 25-31	Exams
February 1	Exam Review Day
February 1	OSSLT Results will be distributed to students
February 2	PA Day (school closed to students)
February 5	Semester 2 begins
February 10	Lunar New Year

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.

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 MARKVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Staff: --Select an Application--
 Students: --Select an Application--

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Markville S.S.

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](#)

Grade 8 Information Sessions

Contact Information
 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham L3P 7P5
 Phone: (905) 940-8840, (647) 795-7652
 Fax: (905) 940-8895
 Email: markville.ss@yrdsb.ca
 Bell Times: 8:20 AM - 3:00 PM

School News | Trustee Message

Community Opportunities

Parents/Guardians: Enter your e-mail address to **subscribe** to electronic communications of a commercial nature.

 You may also choose to [unsubscribe](#) at anytime.

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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

Virtual Consultations for Parents/Caregivers of the Tamil Diaspora Community

In the YRDSB’s ongoing effort to support achievement and well-being for students who are racialized and/or marginalized by oppression, and in support of the actions and goals set out in the [Director’s Action Plan](#), as well as the [Student Mental Health and Addiction Strategy](#), we are offering virtual Community Care Team Social Work consultations for parents/caregivers of Tamil identifying students across the board.

This year we are piloting consultations directly with parents/caregivers of the Tamil

Diaspora Community to enhance service access and language-specific support when seeking mental health services for their children. Through culturally affirming consultations, we are hoping to reduce barriers to accessing mental health support and fostering stronger relationships between the students, families and schools.

Consultations will provide an opportunity for Tamil parents/caregivers to:

- Acquire strategies for cultivating meaningful interactions and connections with their child
- Explore ways to support their child's mental health and well-being
- Understand how to request and navigate accessing support, including mental health services, for their child at school
- Discuss current difficulties and challenges experienced by their child
- Learn about resources in the York Region community to better support their child's needs

Please share these flyers: [English flyer](#) and [Tamil flyer](#).

To book consultations and/or for any questions please contact Nijatha Subramaniam via email at nijatha.subramaniam@yrdsb.ca or by phone at 905-727-0022 ext. 4138 (voicemail only).

Work Experience Newsletter

Newsletter providing updates from the Work Experience team highlighting student success stories.

[Experience Works - Winter 2023/2024 Newsletter](#)

Community Events

15% OFF WITH CODE YRDSB

Code must be entered in all capital letters



FEB 8 - 25, 2024

Indoor & Outdoor 25-acre Festival

Lantern Light Festival | Interactive Activities
STANDING IN THE DOORWAY EXHIBITION
Food Vendors | Cultural Exhibitors | Baby Dragon Encounter
Games | Performances | Ice Skating | Snowshoeing

Markham Museum - 9350 Markham Rd.
Tickets at lunarnights.ca



CF Markville Mall

Exclusive Event Celebrations

We invite you to join us on Saturday, February 10 at 2 PM in Centre Court to enjoy a festive Lunar New Year celebration hosted by A1 Radio's Happy Trio – Winnie, Anthony, and Tyrone.

The exclusive event will include a traditional lion and dragon dance, martial arts and singing performances, God of Fortune, and so much more. A Traditional Lion and Dragon Dance symbolizes good fortune and energy at the beginning of the new year. Meet the God of Fortune as he shares his wealth and luck with the community to kick off the new year.

The celebration continues! Explore our week-long celebration which includes lion dances, and special CF Music performances.

Sun Feb 11th | 3:00 - 3:20 pm | Dragon Dance
Fri Feb 16th | 4:00 - 6:00 pm | CF Music with Valerie Lo Duo
Sun Feb 18th | 12:00 - 12:20 pm | Lion Dance
Sun Feb 18th | 2:00 - 4:00 pm | CF Music with Valerie Lo Duo

Centre court is located on Level 1, near Uniqlo.

Happy Lunar New Year! We wish you a joyful and prosperous new year!

<https://shops.cadillacfairview.com/property/cf-markville/lunar-new-year>