

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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**January 17th, 2025**

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

### POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

The **OUAC** application deadline passed on January 15th for equal consideration, however students can continue to apply/add/change programs and be considered once all applicants prior to January 15th have been examined.

**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**. 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).

## **NIGHT SCHOOL SEMESTER 2:**

YRDSB Sem 2 Night School registration is still 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](#).

## **AQUATIC LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

**Registration for the Aquatic Leadership Program – Part 1 and Part 2 – is open, and spots are available.**

Part 1 of the program is available at 1 location, which is the city of Richmond Hill. In Part 1, students work on the Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities, Grade 10 Open

(PAQ2O1) course. Embedded in the course are: Lifesaving Society's Bronze Medallion, Bronze Cross, and Standard First Aid with CPR-C Certifications. In order to receive the PAQ2O1 credit, students must demonstrate the expectations in the Ontario Curriculum which go beyond the Lifesaving Society's certifications.

Part 2 is being offered at three locations, City of Markham, City of Vaughan, and The Town of Aurora. In Part 2 of the program students work on Recreation and Health Active Living Leadership, Grade 12 University/College Course. Embedded in the course are: Lifesaving Society's National Lifeguard Certification and the Lifesaving Society's Swim and Lifesaving Instructor Certification. In order to receive the PLF4M1 credit, students must demonstrate the expectations in the Ontario Curriculum which go beyond the Lifesaving Society's Certifications.

For more information on how to register access the following Aquatics Leadership Program [link](#). **Students must register for the program on the Board website before registering with the municipality.** Students **have until February 1, 2025, to register for Part 1**, as they will be required to pass a swimming test, before classes start. The **deadline to register for part 2 is February 6, 2025.**

### **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~



### KIDS HELP PHONE

1-800-668-6868  
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KIDSHELPPHONE.CA



### YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK

1-855-310-COPE (2673)



### Suicide Prevention Canada

Call 988  
Text 988



### Black Youth Helpline

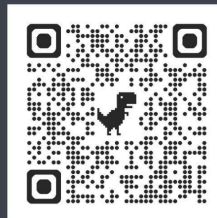
1-833-294-8650



### 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 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
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.**

The screenshot shows the Markville Secondary School website. The header includes the York Region District School Board logo and the school name. A navigation menu lists various school departments. A sidebar on the left displays a calendar of events for November 3rd and 6th. The main content area features a photo of students and a 'Grade 8 Information Sessions' announcement. To the right, contact information for the school is provided, including address, phone, fax, email, and bell times. Below the contact info are icons for 'School News', 'Trustee Message', 'Community', and 'teachassist'. A callout box at the bottom explains the 'Community Opportunities' icon and states that the site is 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](#)

**Grade 8 Information Sessions**


**Contact Information**  
 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham L3P 7P5  
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 Email: [markville.ss@yrdsb.ca](mailto:markville.ss@yrdsb.ca)  
 Bell Times: 8:20 AM - 3:00 PM

**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.

**\*\*\*UPDATED WEEKLY\*\*\***

## YRDSB Communications

 SEAS Families Engagement Evening on Feb.5 2025.pdf

[Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - January 2024 | York Region District School Board](#)



Winter Walk Day is Wednesday February 5th, 2025

**Winter Walk Day** is celebrated by schools across Canada on the first Wednesday of February each year. This year, Winter Walk Day officially kicks off on **Wednesday February 5th, 2025.**

### Tips for Winter Walking

Walking to school in winter not only benefits student physical and mental health, well-being and academic performance, it's also fun!

Here are a few tips to help you stay safe and enjoy winter walks to school.

1. **Dress for the weather.** Wear layers. Don't forget your hat and mitts.
2. **Protect your feet.** Wear warm socks and winter boots. They will protect your feet from snow, rain and cold and have good grips.
3. **Be visible.** Wear bright clothes, stay on the sidewalks and make sure cars can see you when you cross the road.
4. **Allow a little more time.** Prepare your winter gear the night before and give yourself a little more time to walk to school.
5. **Obey road signs.** The seasons change but road safety rules remain. Stop at roads and crosswalks. Cross with a crossing guard where possible. Look out for cars.



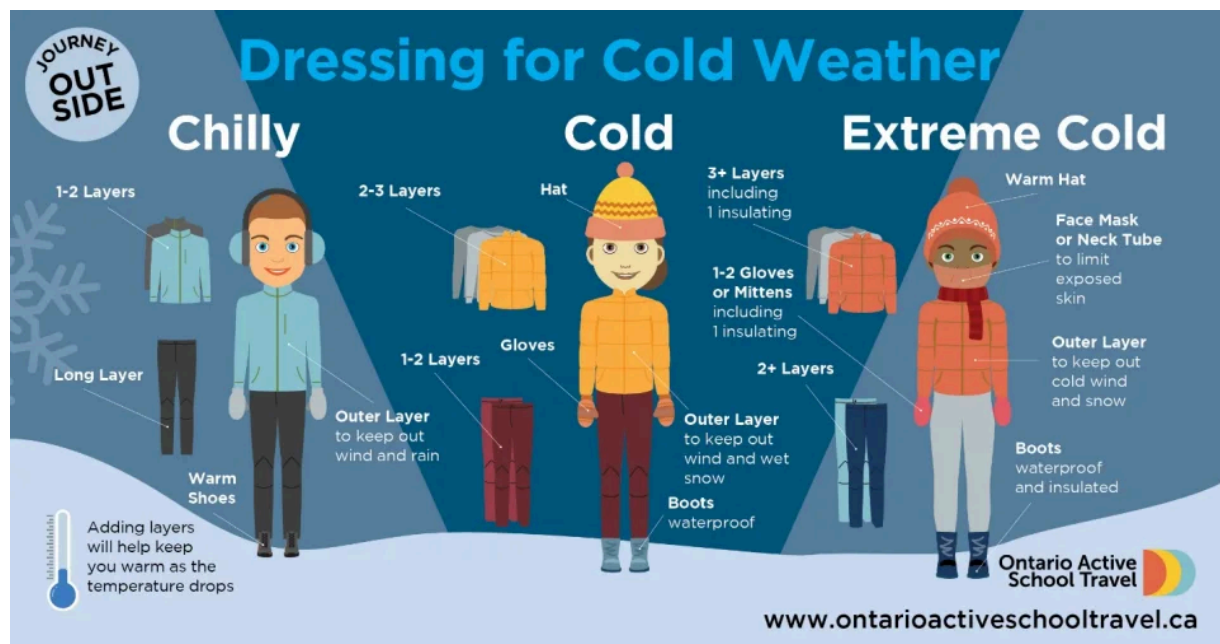
**Celebrate,  
don't hibernate!  
Walk to school  
this winter.**

Ontario Active  
School Travel

**LET'S  
WALK!**  
WINTER WALK DAY  
FEBRUARY



Take some time and review winter dressing with your child.



**If you are driving, please follow road rules.** Remember that our school zones are busy with students and families. It is important that we all follow the rules to ensure student safety.

- Use the kiss and ride. Do not use dedicated bus lanes.

- Consider parking near the school and walking the rest of the way (obeying all neighbourhood parking rules).
- Obey all speed limits and road traffic signs in school zones.
- Focus on the road and watch for crossing guards and students crossing the road.

Working together, we can all help to keep students safe. For more information about how you can help to create a safe school transportation zone, please visit our [website](#).

## Community Events

**Saturday, January 18**

### **Learning from landscape**

How can you tell the Rouge was once covered by ice? By a lake? By forests? We will hike briskly across diverse terrain found in the Rouge today, learning about its past and likely future. Come follow the clues as we explore how climate has affected the features and creatures of the Rouge!

- Leaders: Katharina, Markus
- Time: 1 pm
- Location: Monarch Trail
- Transit accessible: No
- Meeting point: 7277 14th Avenue, Markham – oTENTik (A-frame cabin)
- Distance: 5 km – 8 km
- Difficulty: Moderate, possible hills and/or stairs
- Pace: Moderate
- Duration: 2 hours
- Age range: Families
- Dog friendly

<https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/on/rouge/activ/guide/2025-01>