Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

InspireLearning! Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin





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Graduation Spotlight



The end of the school year is a bittersweet time. We are so happy to see our grade 12 students excited about their futures, making plans, and pursuing their dreams while at the same time sad to see them leave our halls, classrooms, and school community. On **Wednesday June 29th**, we celebrate our graduates with a ceremony to be held at the **Scarborough Convention Centre** which is located about 20 minutes from Markville at **20 Torham Place** near the

intersection of McNicoll and Morningside. **Students should arrive at 6pm** and our processional will begin at **7pm sharp**. Please plan according to traffic conditions and ensure grads are dressed in their graduation gown.

Graduates will get their tassel and pick up their name card immediately upon arrival in order to start lining up. Seating will be first come, first serve and families/guests **MUST bring their tickets in order to ensure prompt entry as tickets will be collected/verified (graduates do not need a ticket).** The ceremony will end at 9pm and will be followed by a reception with light refreshments. Please contact the main office with any additional questions about the event. All graduation related information was distributed to students with their tickets and can also be found below.

Message from Guidance

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School has closed for Acceleration (4-week) courses. <u>Credit Recovery and Credit</u> <u>Upgrade</u> are still open briefly for students, at this time. Both options are being delivered Remotely (synchronous online).

TO REGISTER for Summer School

*Students must sign up for summer school through myBlueprint (Continuing Ed tab in your high school pathway planner).

*Students <u>MUST</u> fill in the Google Form below to ensure that Guidance has all information, as well as Guardian permission. Confirmation of permission via this form replaces submitting a sign-off sheet.

Google form to be completed in addition to myBlueprint: https://forms.gle/zBTz9PfmYnYVFWzKA

Once in the course, if a student chooses to **drop Summer School**, they must inform their Summer School teacher, who will help them navigate the process. Full Disclosure is July 25th - if a student does not want the course to show on their Transcript, they must drop before this date. IMPORTANT: if a student drops a compulsory course, they must notify Guidance in **August via the Google Form that will come with their Timetable**. Guidance will do all we can to add the course back in, however, it is important to note that it is tight, as courses were developed based on the number of students who chose it during course selection.

CONFLICTS/TIMETABLES

Guidance is continuing to work through conflicts and create timetables that provide students with their graduation and pre-requisite needs. We are reaching out to students impacted in Semester 1 (where an Alternate cannot be used) and ask that you please encourage them to **check their GAPPs email regularly** next week. If a student receives an email, they are asked to respond as soon as possible to assist.

Students will receive a Google Form in August, with their timetable, that allows them to request changes. For students who have changed their pathway and need a pre-requisite, or have dropped a summer compulsory course, or have received a course that was not from their original selection/Alternate (all efforts to avoid this are being made and Guidance has emailed impacted Semester 1 students to come and be a part of the conversation), they are asked to complete the Google Form and attend their timetable until notified of a change.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERING

Students are encouraged to find opportunities to Volunteer this summer, in an effort to expand their knowledge of self - what interests them, and what they enjoy doing. Students can access the Volunteer Form via the Guidance website <u>Volunteer Page</u>, to attain a supervisor's signature. If a student is unsure if an experience will count towards their hours, they are encouraged to move forward and partake in the event - even if the experience does not count for hours, it will count on a resume, which is always a plus!

SUMMER TUTORING

The York Region District School Board is excited to provide information regarding our Tutoring Support Program Funding. As a part of the Province's efforts to support learning in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, new funding has been allocated for the 2021-22 school year for Tutoring Support Programs. Project funding will provide small group tutoring supports for students. The purpose of this funding is to offer programs that will support learning recovery and renewal in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

YRDSB has included an opportunity to partner with community organizations who can provide tutoring supports to specific students. These tutoring programs will prioritize math, literacy and other foundational learning skills and are intended to promote learning recovery and to help address achievement and skills development gaps. In addition, these programs will support learning in a trusted environment grounded in the language, culture and community norms for students.

The following community partners will be providing Tutoring Support Programs up until August 31, 2022.

Click here for: <u>YRDSB Community Partners – Summer Tutoring Programs</u>

Online Course Requirement

Please see the YRDSB links below to support your decision/planning for the online learning requirement/opt-out process.

YRDSB Online/Elearning Info. and FAQ https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/secondary-school/experience-secondary-

school/graduation-requirements/online

Course Offerings (Semester 1 and 2 - 2022) Day school elearning: (asynchronous) https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/online-learning-formerly-e-learning/day-schoolonline-learning

Night school elearning: (asynchronous)

https://www2.yrdsb.ca/schools-programs/online-learning-formerly-e-learning/night-schoolonline-learning/online-learning (not yet updated for 2022/2023 - Aug)

<u>Opt-out form</u> - Return to Guidance for Markville entry of Opt-out (without academic/admission implications)

GUIDANCE SUMMER CLOSURE

Please note that Guidance will be closed for the summer, as of June 30th. Students are asked to hold their email inquiries until the week before school begins, as email will not be monitored until then. No emails about timetables can be answered upon our return, unfortunately – please use the August 29th form.

If you require support for an immediate safety risk for a youth, please contact 911 or access your local hospital. If you require support from a counselling agency, please contact Kids Help Phone (1-800-668-6868) or 310 COPE (1-855-310-2673), or review. Additionally, resources can be accessed on the Guidance <u>Wellness Page</u>, and the YRDSB <u>Summer Mental Health and Well-Being Guide 2022</u>, which hosts resources, events, and strategies/tips to support student well-being over the summer months.

Have the best...summer...EVER!!!

Your Guidance Team~

School Notices

Mark Review Day (In-person and virtual for remote learners) – Wednesday, June 29th

The purpose of this day is for students to meet with their teacher to receive feedback about their achievement on their Semester 2 courses.

Period 2	9:02 – 9:39 am
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Period 3	9:44 – 10:21 am

Students will follow their regular schedule with the modified times above.

Upcoming Dates

June 22- 27	Culminating Activity Days
June 28	Culminating Support Day
June 29	Mark Review Day
June 29	Instructional Day
June 29	MSS Graduation
June 30	PA Day
July 1	Canada Day
Aug. 29	First Day of School (Grade 9s only) and all students in Community Classes
Aug. 30	Grades 10-12 begin classes
Sept. 1	Safe Schools Presentations (Gr 9/10)

Sept. 1	Grade 9 Parent Info Night (7:00-8:30)
Sept. 2	Safe School Presentations (Gr. 11/12)
Sept. 2	Photo Day - All Grades (schedule to follow)

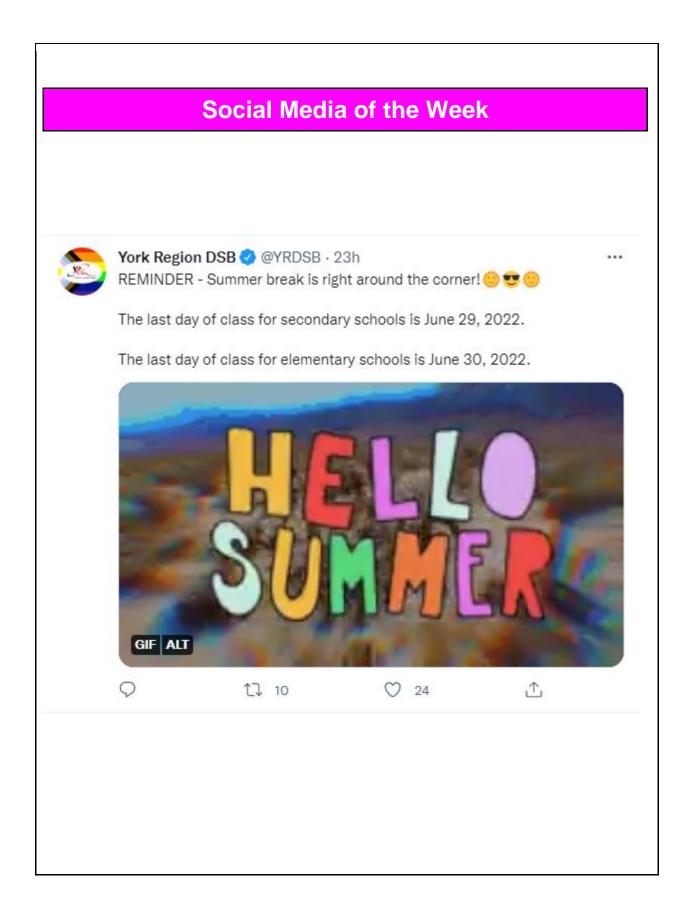
Important Information for students graduating wishing to download files from their YRDSB Google Account.

Visit <u>Google Takeout</u> and login with your YRDSB Google Account.

- 1. Select the Google Apps and Services you want to export your data and documents from, and select the option to receive the file as a download via email (*depending on the size of your Google account, this could take several hours*). Use the .zip file option.
- 2. Once the Google Takeout email arrives, use the links to download your archived data and documents to the personal computer, USB/external drive and/or the personal Google Drive that you wish.
- 3. You can "unzip" the archives and then upload the data and documents to a new personal Google Account or use the files and documents in Microsoft Office or other applications.

Need More Help? Google has great resources for questions, answers, and more information about Google Takeout, <u>visit this frequently asked questions page</u>. You can also contact Service Desk for ongoing technical support.

Please note: Student access to their Google Workspace for Education account will cease at different times during the year, we cannot guarantee that a student account will remain active for any time after they are deactivated in Trillium. Please ensure that this is part of the student retirement plan, and that students move their files and documents as soon as possible before they leave the board.



YRDSB Communications

YRDSB Student and Family Surveys - Now Available

The 2021-22 YRDSB Student and Family Surveys are now available online until June 30, 2022.

These surveys will provide the Board and our schools with valuable information about the experiences of students and families. Results will be used to guide Board and school planning to support student achievement and well-being.

Students and families have received a link to their respective surveys by email. If you do not want your child(ren) to participate in this survey, but missed the deadline on May 26, 2022 to opt your child(ren) out of receiving the link to the surveys, please advise your child(ren) to not participate. Families who do not want to participate in the Family Survey may disregard the email invitation.

The Family Survey is available online in:

- Arabic
- Chinese (simplified)
- Chinese (traditional)
- Farsi
- English
- Gujarati
- Hebrew
- Korean
- Punjabi
- Russian
- Tamil
- Turkish
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

As our first partners in education, we value input from families and encourage parents/guardians to complete the survey. The information provided will be anonymous and kept in strict accordance with all relevant legislation. Survey results will remain confidential and will be collated along with the responses of all students and all families in the form of a summary report (i.e., individual responses will not be reported, only grouped data will be reported).

Please contact Research Services at <u>research.services@yrdsb.ca</u> if you have any questions or visit the <u>Board website</u> to learn more.



