

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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## 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.

## SHSM Spotlight

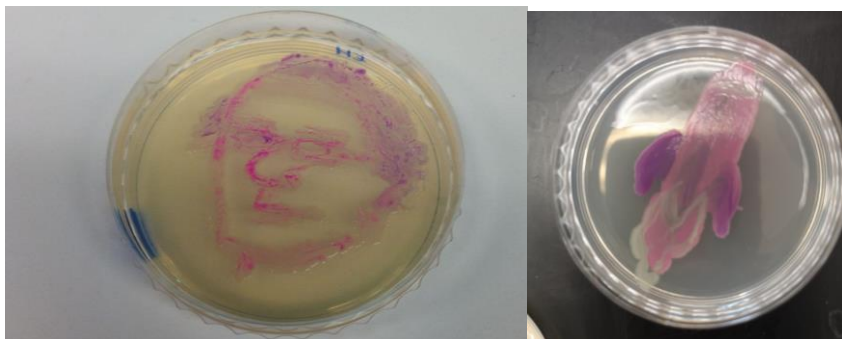
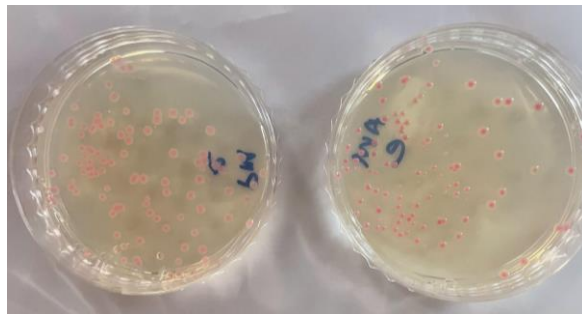
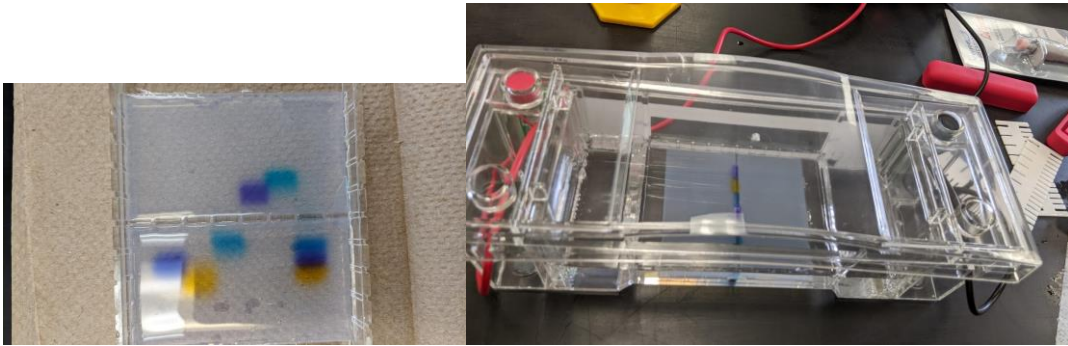
The Specialist High Skills Major is a program students can join that allows them to gain credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma while learning about a specific sector at the same time. The benefits of the SHSM program to students include:

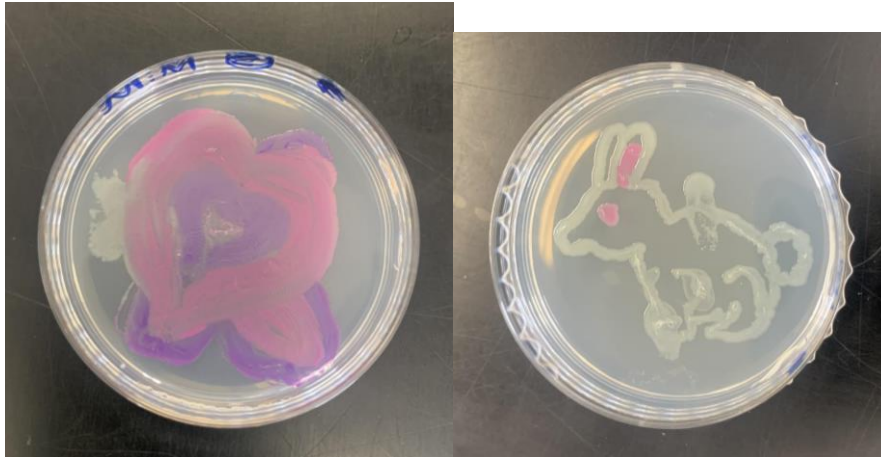
- ★ A customized high school experience that suits their interests
- ★ The development of specialized knowledge and skills
- ★ Sector-recognized certifications
- ★ Participation in career-relevant training
- ★ Overall, it enables students to build a foundation of sector-focused knowledge and skills before graduating, and allows students to make more informed choices about their future

At Markville Secondary School, we offer the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program in the following sectors: Arts and Culture, Business, Environment, Health and Wellness, and Information and Communications Technology. Students apply for this program in grade 10 when they are selecting their courses for their grade 11 year.

Here at Markville, we have a number of teachers who support each sector. For this newsletter, we will highlight the Health and Wellness SHSM sector. This school year, students in the Health and Wellness sector have had the opportunity to complete the following certifications: St. John Ambulance CPR and First Aid Awareness, Infection Control, WHMIS, Specialized Care, Concussion Awareness, Advanced Training in Technology, Sterile Techniques, and Food Handler Safety.

New to Markville this year was an opportunity for the Health and Wellness SHSM students to earn a certification in lab practices through the completion of a series of biotechnology labs. These labs included DNA extraction, gel electrophoresis, and the engineering of bacteria. They had a chance to grow and engineered bacteria to produce something for them, such as a colorful bio-pigment. These engineered bacteria were even used to produce artwork! We are looking forward to using our PCR machine before the end of the school year.





Comments from the students included:

“I enjoyed working with a team and seeing the various results of the experiment. It was really cool to use different machines such as the cold and hot stations, and centrifuge. In addition, the many ingredients we used, such as the T.Buffer and DNA plasmids was really insightful.”

“I enjoyed the entire process of the genetic engineering lab since I have never done something similar to this before.”

“The hands-on learning approach was really engaging, and it was cool to be able to work with living organisms!”

“It was a really fun and insightful experience!”

**We look forward to continuing to offer SHSM experiences in the new school year. Congratulations and best of luck to all of our SHSM graduates!**

## Dragon Boat Spotlight

Last Sunday, Markville's Dragon Boat Team competed in the Pickering Dragon Boat Festival. The team trained hard and their efforts have been rewarded. Markville qualified for the championship youth finals, a 500 meter race that required not only synchrony but power and endurance. MSS Boat One finished in third place and was awarded Bronze medals! MSS Boat Two finished in first place and was awarded Gold medals and a trophy! Two of our grade 12 students Kevin Wu and Judy Yang have been awarded scholarships as a result of their amazing performance. In addition, the performance of our paddlers this year was so strong that recruiters came by to encourage our students to try out for the National team. The teamwork, commitment and dedication this year by the team has been truly phenomenal! Ms. Kim, Mr. Quitasol, Ms. Shah and Ms. Liu are extremely proud! Congratulations on the teams' outstanding accomplishments!



## National Indigenous History Month

June is National Indigenous History month and it is a time to celebrate the diverse cultures of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities, as opposed to focusing on what has been done to them. The Canadian Government unanimously declared June as National Indigenous History Month in 2009 through a motion in the House of Commons. The month, which includes National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21), is a perfect time to reflect upon the long relationship between the many different Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island and Canadians throughout history. For students and teachers, it is a good time to become better acquainted with the different First Peoples who share this land with us.



**National  
Indigenous  
History Month  
2022**

**Classroom  
Resource**

YRDSB Indigenous Education

## Message from Guidance

### SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

Please note that due to low enrollment, Summer School has closed a number of **Face-to-Face** courses (please see below for the list of local school closures). The impacted students would have received a cancellation notice from MyPathwayPlanner. Continuing Education (Summer School staff) will move students to their alternate location or the remote offering of the course, where possible. **Additionally, ALL credit reinforcement and credit upgrading courses will be offered in a Remote (online, Synchronous with a real-time live teacher) learning model.**

#### Cancelled Face-to-Face Courses:

Markham DHS	BAF3M, MHF4U, MPM2D, NBE3C, NBE3U, SCH3U, SPH3U, SPH4U
Milliken Mills HS	BAF3M, ENG2D, ENG2P, MDM4U, MFM2P, MHF4U, NBE3C, NBE3U, SBI3U, SNC2D, SNC2P, SPH4U
PETHS	MHF4U, NBE3C, NBE3U, SCH3U, SNC2D, SNC2P

#### Acceleration Courses now being offered via Remote (Synchronous) Learning:

Grade 10	MFM2P
Grade 11	BAF3M, ENG3C, MCF3M, NBE3C, NBE3U, SCH3U
Grade 12	ENG4C, MAP4C, MDM4U, MHF4U

**[TO REGISTER for Summer School](#)**

Please note - if a student selects a course that is currently on their course selection for next year, Guidance is no longer able to replace it with another course. The student's new request will be placed on a waitlist and tended to, where possible, once the schedule has been built.

**\*Students must sign up for In-Person, Remote or [Online learning](#) summer school through myBlueprint** (Continuing Ed tab in your high school pathway planner).

**\*Students MUST 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>

### **2022/23 Registration Opportunities**

**Day School Online Learning Registration for 2022-23 is open.** This is for students going into Gr 11 or 12 who KNOW that they would like to take a course via Online Learning (asynchronous) vs MSS. Note that students can continually sign up, once they know what their timetable will be in August. **IMPORTANT:** If a student selects Online Learning and the course is removed from their MSS selection, please note that it may not be possible to get it back at a later date, should the student change their mind. More information about Day School Online courses can be found [here](#).

In terms of the **Government-mandated Online courses**, apparently the YRDSB email to CURRENT GRADE 10 FAMILIES (only) will be coming out in June and will contain a Google Form allowing them to Opt Out of the Online requirement. Families can complete this form independently to Opt Out, or can contact Guidance to request Guidance to Opt Out on their behalf. No action is required for those not seeking to Opt Out. More information has been posted [here](#). Current Gr 9 students will receive Opt Out communication in the new school year.

**Dual Credit Registration for 2022-23 is now open.** Dual Credit is for Gr 11 & 12 students who are planning to attend college (primary target are students currently taking ENG3C/NBE3C). The program allows students to attend college one afternoon a week, and offers a college credit, as well as a high school credit. Courses in 22/23 will be in-person - transportation to the colleges is covered and arranged by YRDSB. Interested students should

reach out to Guidance to confirm their eligibility. Please see the [Dual Credit Flyer](#), [Slide Deck](#), as well as the [Registration link](#).

**Indigenous and International Languages** has opened to registration for 2022-23 course opportunities. Registration remains open until September 19, 2022. Further details can be found [here](#).

Have a fantastic weekend!!

Your Guidance Team~

## School Notices

The schedule for Markville S.S. for the 2022-2023 school year is:

Schedule	Start	End
<b>Homeroom (5 min)</b>	8:20 AM	8:25 AM
<b>Period 1 (75 min)</b>	8:25 AM	9:40 AM
<b>Travel Time</b>	9:40 AM	9:45 AM
<b>Period 2 (75 min)</b>	9:45 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Travel Time</b>	11:00 AM	11:05 AM
<b>Period 3 (75 min) or LUNCH</b>	11:05 AM	12:20 PM
<b>Travel Time</b>	12:20 PM	12:25 PM
<b>Period 4 (75 min)</b>	12:25 PM	1:40 PM
<b>Travel Time</b>	1:40 PM	1:45 PM





# Peer Tutoring

**PEER TUTORING**

**1-on-1 OR Drop in**  
**BOTH ARE OFFERED!**

**UPDATE: Now in person!**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY**  
**2:40-3:40PM**  
**In Room 228**

To request a 1-on-1 tutor, visit:  
[bit.ly/1to1peertutor](http://bit.ly/1to1peertutor)

**Online Sessions are available for Remote Learners Only.**

Do you need extra help with your courses? Are you looking for a dedicated peer to help you stay focused and motivated with course work? Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is back and ready to support YOU!

Students can **drop-in** when help is needed or request for a **weekly 1-to-1 peer tutor**. Peer tutoring sessions will be **in person, after school Monday-Thursday from 2:40-3:40 pm**.

To request a **1-to-1 peer tutor**, students must submit this application form: [bit.ly/1to1peertutor](http://bit.ly/1to1peertutor). Students will receive an email confirmation of their peer tutor match once the request is processed.

No application is needed for **drop-in** peer tutoring—just join via Zoom when you need help! **See schedule**

and Zoom links below.

All Peer Tutoring information including sign up form, schedule, and Zoom links can be found at [bit.ly/msspeertutorinfo](http://bit.ly/msspeertutorinfo).

## Social Media of the Week



City of Markham  @cityofmarkham · Jun 7

Pedestrian safety is everyone's job!

By August 2022, 26 existing supervised school crossings will be upgraded to Level 2, Type "D" crossovers.

Drivers, you must stop for pedestrians waiting to cross. It's the law!

Learn more at [markham.ca/PXO](http://markham.ca/PXO)



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<https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home/neighbourhood-services/walking-and-cycling/03-walking/Pedestrian-Crossovers/>

# YRDSB Communications

**Free Summer Tutoring Program by Project  
Abraham's Homework Club  
June 20, 2022 - August 31, 2022**

Project Abraham's Homework Club is here to help  
by providing:

- Free qualified tutors from SK to Gr. 12
- Online and/or in person
- Focus on English literature and Math
- Tutoring based on individual needs
- Weekly one-on-one sessions
- Up to 2 hours per week

**Register** by June 15<sup>th</sup> will guarantee a spot

For more information contact:

[debbierose@projectabraham.ca](mailto:debbierose@projectabraham.ca)

## تدریس خصوصی رایگان تابستانه برای دانش آموزان

موسسه "پروژه آبراهام"

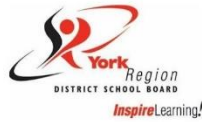
20 جون، 2022 تا 31 آگوست، 2022

با همکاری آموزش و پرورش یورک ریجن و موسسه "پروژه  
آبراهام" باشگاه کمک درسی ارائه می شود .

- معلم خصوصی رایگان از مهد کودک تا کلاس 12
- بصورت آنلاین یا حضوری
- با تمرکز بر انگلیس و ریاضی
- یا بر اساس نیازهای درسی دانش آموزان
- تا دو ساعت در هفته

لطفا تا 15 جون، 2022 ثبت نام کنید. پس از آن با توجه به  
ظرفیت موجود ثبت نام انجام می شود.

**ثبت نام**



<https://form-can.keela.co/homework-club>

## Newsletter | June 2022

### Centre for Black Student Excellence

YRDSB is pleased to have launched the **Centre for Black Student Excellence** in May 2022, a space committed to the promotion of Dismantling Anti-Black racism and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

We invite you to explore our new online presence at [www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence](http://www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence) to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out our new community newsletter.
- And much more.

### Partners

**The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)** is committed to promoting well-being and excellence in achievement for students of African/ Caribbean heritage. You can follow them on Twitter [@AEBSyrdsb](https://twitter.com/AEBSyrdsb)

**Learn more about Black community agencies that provide supports in your area:**

[Aurora Black Community \(ABC\)](#)

[ANCHOR \(Formerly Vaughan African Canadian Association \(VACA\)\)](#)

[Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association \(MACCA\)](#)

[Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association \(NACCA\)](#)

[Parents of Black Children](#)

[The Black Foundation of Community Networks \(BFCN\)](#)

[York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities \(YRAACC\)](#)

### Upcoming Events at YRDSB

### **Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) Annual Student Achievement Awards 2022 | “Celebrating Black Excellence”**

School staff may nominate a student in Grades 4-12 for demonstrating success in one of the following areas: the arts, academics, athletics, and citizenship. Please speak to your school administrator for further information.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 8, 2022

**Time:** 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm (EST)

**Location:** Virtual

### Scholarships

**[BFCN Scholarship](#)** BFCN believes that access to education of all forms is important for the continued success and development of youth in our community. Their Scholarship Program is designed to address a few of the gaps and barriers in order to increase access to post secondary education and support Black students and their families.

**Deadline: July 31, 2022**

The **[Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association](#)** (MACCA) will be awarding Scholarships of \$1,000 to each selected recipient. Selection is based on students' involvement and dedication to their community and academic achievements. One outstanding student that excels in these areas and demonstrates that they have gone above and beyond will receive the President's award.

**Deadline: June 30, 2022**

### Upcoming Community Events

#### **York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities (YRAACC) and Sankofa Mentoring Program | Summer Outdoor Program**

The Sankofa Program is offering a solution to online fatigue. The entire family is invited to reconnect and have fun. Join on most Saturdays for family fun, / food /games, prizes, African drumming, and workshops to bring the community together. For more information visit **[YRAACC](#)**.

**Date:** Most Saturdays May 25 to September 17, 2022

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** In person sunshine or rain at the Safety Village in Markham 3291 Stouffville Rd, Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5

[Register](#) now as space is limited.

**Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA) |  
YRDSB Pandemic Recovery: Summer Reading Camp**

MACCA Markham is hosting a summer reading and robotics camp.

**Date:** July 11-August 19, 2022

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Unionville Meadows P.S., 365 South Unionville Avenue,  
Markham **Registration Fee:** \$100

**Register by phone:** 905-946-9998



SHINE Podcast

**Listen to the [SHINE Podcast](#)**

SHINE is a YRDSB podcast that features voices from the Black community. It introduces conversations that inspire and challenge.

Guests share their lived experiences, advice, industry expertise and more.



**Recent Episodes include:**

- Dr. Olubimpe Ayeni
- Jayden Hamilton (Lil' J Hollywood)
- Jillian Danford (Auntie Jillian)
- Saeed Renaud

## Community Events



### York Pride Fest Parade June 18, 2022

YRDSB is committed to fostering a sense of belonging for all staff and students and engaging families and communities as supportive educational partners who enrich our schools.

Once again this year, York Region District School Board will participate in the annual York Pride Fest Parade taking place on **Saturday, June 18**, in downtown Newmarket. We would like to extend an invitation to all staff and union partners.

Please note that any students interested in attending must be supervised by parents or guardians or have arranged permission to attend and are not supervised by YRDSB staff as it is a public event on a Saturday. Photos may be taken by YRDSB staff, parade organizers, or members of the public.

The parade will start at **3:00 PM** from the [intersection](#) of Main Street South and Ontario Street. Please look for the yellow school bus where you can check in. We ask that everyone arrive at this intersection **no later than 2:30 PM** to begin taking our place in the parade. A group photo will be taken at **2:45 PM**. Remember to use the hashtag **#InspirePrideYRDSB** on Twitter and Instagram on the day of the event!

[Register and let us know you are coming!](#)



#InspirePrideYRDSB



We hope that you will be able to join us!  
If you have any questions, please contact: [iscs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:iscs@yrdsb.ca)





This Month in June



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NATIONAL  
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[CANADA.CA/NATIONAL-INDIGENOUS-HISTORY-MONTH](https://CANADA.CA/NATIONAL-INDIGENOUS-HISTORY-MONTH)  
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