# **Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin**



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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## Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

It's difficult to believe, but the final month of the school year has arrived. Although there are only a few weeks left before the start of the exams, there are numerous extra-curricular clubs, athletics, and school events that will be taking place during that time.

Please note the following upcoming dates: June 5: Prom and Graduation Assembly (period 2) June 8: Prom June 9: Science Fair (periods 3 and 4) June 12: Athletic Banquet June 13: Locker cleanout June 14-16: Grade 9 EQAO Math Assessments June 26: Graduation Ceremony

Please make special note of the exam and end of semester schedule on pages 4 to 6 in this e-bulletin.

With exactly four weeks left before the start of summer break, I would like to wish all students and staff a successful remainder of the semester.

Warmest regards,

Anthony Hu Principal Markville Secondary School

## Pride Markville Spotlight

## June is Pride Month!

#### Why is Pride month important?

In the past, members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community were marginalized, shamed, and pressured to change or hide who they really were. In the late 1960s and the 1970s, Pride parades were organized to encourage 2SLGBTQIA+ people to be proud of who they were, their uniqueness and their accomplishments. Pride movements have fought against discrimination and hate by celebrating and embracing diversity. During the month of June,

Markville will be flying the Progress Pride flag to show our acceptance of all people regardless of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or ability.

# What is the significance of the colours in the Pride flag?



Each of the colours in the Progress Pride Flag represents an important value of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

- Red represents life because blood, a symbol of life in many cultures, is red.
- Orange represents healing because it is a fun and celebratory colour. Fun and celebration are necessary to healing.
- Yellow represents sunlight, new ideas and thoughts.
- Green represents nature, prosperity and growth.
- Blue represents serenity.
- Purple represents spirit.
- Black and brown represent people of colour, who have been less recognized despite their contributions.
- Pink, baby blue and white represent genders, trans and non-binary individuals.

During the month of June, Pride Markville has made some decorations to bring awareness to the many different identities in our communities. We have also prepared announcements that spotlight the accomplishments of 2SLGBTQIA+ Canadians.

## Message from Guidance

The YRDSB <u>June Newsletter</u> provides **MANY** Mental Health resources, parenting sessions, group sessions and messaging for all of June.

Please also see these noteworthy items for families:

#### Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools

- Parents/guardians and students are invited to attend a virtual workshop with Dr. Howard C. Stevenson, author of Promoting Racial Literacy in Schools on June 19 from 7pm-8:30pm. See flyer for more details
- Poetry Slam Finals 2023
  - Save The Date! Poetry Slam Finals will be held at Glen Shields Public School on Monday, June 5, 2023 from 6:30pm - 9:00pm. Please see flyer for more information.
- BFCN Scholarship Applications Workshop
  - Black students and their families are invited to join us for a virtual edition of the BFCN Scholarship Application Workshop on Friday, June 2, 2023, from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. Registration via Eventbrite is mandatory in order to participate. A Zoom link and further details will be sent to all those who register.
- Parent/Caregiver Mental Health Workshop Supporting Students of the Tamil Diaspora
  - A free virtual event (link to be provided upon registration). Any parent/guardian of students of the Tamil Diaspora may attend. Event date: June 1, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Support to translate google documents can be found in <u>these instructions</u>. Additionally, for translation of the material on Google Meets, <u>these instructions</u> and this <u>video</u> may be helpful.



This is a mental health resource that will appear in the E-Bulletin weekly that was created by past and present Markville students.

MSS Mental Health Resource https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zxvp0ngpV22ikM7Fow2FNIMxX2wErCF5/view?usp=sharing

Markville Guidance Website Wellness Page: https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/markvilleguidance/wellness

## **Exam Schedule Spotlight**

#### Exams / Culminating Activities - Semester Two - June 2023

The exam schedule is attached to this bulletin. Please check the schedule carefully as room locations may have changed. It is the responsibility of each student to know when his/her exams are scheduled and to ask questions if something is unclear. Exams are scheduled by period as indicated on student timetables. All exams will begin promptly at 8:30 am each day.

The examination period will take place from June 16 to June 27, 2023. Grade 12 Exams will begin earlier to accommodate our Graduation Date of Monday June 26, 2023. See below for schedule details. Students are required to be in school *only* when they are writing a scheduled exam/culminating task and to bring all of their belongings to the exam. Students must remain in the exam room for the first hour of the exam before they are dismissed by the teacher. Students should arrive to the exam having had breakfast. Students are allowed to leave school at the end of the exam. Students who do not have transportation home may proceed to the library for silent study only. Students will not be allowed in the hallways. Exams are either 90 minutes long or 2 hours in duration. Extra time will be accommodated by the teacher. The schedule is:

Thursday June 15	Last day of classes for Grade 12 Students Online Learning Exams are scheduled for 12:00- 2:00pm
Friday June 16	Grade 12 Exams Only for Period 3 Courses - 8:30am Instructional Day for Grades 9-11
Monday June 19	Grade 12 Exams Only for Period 4 Courses - 8:30am Instructional Day for Grades 9-11
Tuesday June 20	Grade 12 Exams Only for Period 5 Courses -

	8:30am Instructional Day for Grades 9-11 Last day of classes for students in Grades 9-11
Wednesday June 21	Grades 9-12 Exams/Culminating Tasks for Period 1 Courses - 8:30am
Thursday June 22	Grades 9-12 Exams/Culminating Tasks for Period 2 Courses - 8:30am *Grade 12 Students are finished
Friday June 23	Grades 9-11 Exams/Culminating Tasks for Period 3 Courses
Monday June 26	Grades 9-11 Exams/Culminating Tasks for Period 4 Courses
Tuesday June 27	Grades 9-11 Exams/Culminating Tasks for Period 5 Courses

#### Exam Review Day - Wednesday June 28

The purpose of this day is for students to go over their final examinations and culminating assessments with their teachers and receive feedback. The schedule for the day is as follows:

Period 1/Announcements	8:20 - 8:57
Period 2	9:02 - 9:39
Period 3	9:44 - 10:21
Period 4	10:26 - 11:03
Period 5	11:08 - 11:45

Please note: individual appointments with teachers may be scheduled for the afternoon.

Instructional Day - Last Day of Classes - Diamond Day - June 29

P.A. Day - No School for Students - June 30

#### Additional Exam Information:

#### **Arrival Time**

On the day of your exam, plan to arrive by 8:20am and proceed to the exam room. If you are more than 15 minutes late for your exam, report to the Main Office and you will be escorted to your exam location. If you are less than 15 minutes late, proceed directly to the exam room.

#### Textbooks

Please make sure that you bring any outstanding textbooks to the exam supervisor during the exam period. There is a replacement cost for any lost or damaged textbooks.

#### Absences

The completion of some courses requires that examinations be written. Failure to write an exam will mean that a credit may be in jeopardy. Except for extenuating circumstances (i.e., health issues accompanied by a medical note, family emergency, funeral, court date) there are no opportunities to make up a missed exam given the turnaround time for marks to be submitted for report cards. A planned absence (e.g., family vacation) is not considered an extenuating circumstance. Please contact an administrator if extenuating circumstances prevent you from writing on your scheduled exam day.

#### Washrooms

Students may not leave their seats during an examination. If a student must use the washroom they will be escorted by a teacher. Students shall remain in the examination room until dismissed by the supervising teacher.

#### What to Bring

All necessary equipment such as pens, pencils, calculators, mathematical sets, rulers and erasers must be provided by students. Bring an extra pen. You may bring water bottles. Books, bags, coats, etc., are to be placed at the front of the room before the examination begins, unless otherwise instructed by the presiding teacher. Cell phones and other electronic devices not prescribed by your academic program are not to be on your person. They need to be stored in your bag at the front of the room. Any talking or electronic communication while writing exams may result in a mark of zero.

For any inquiries regarding the examination period, please feel free to contact the main office.

We would like to wish all of our students much success on their exams and culminating tasks.

Have a safe and restful summer ! See you in August !

## School Notices

#### Upcoming Dates

June 5	Graduation/Prom Assembly (Period 2)
June 8	Prom
June 12	Athletic Banquet
June 13	Locker Cleanout
June 14-16	EQAO Grade 9 Math
June 15	Last Day for Grade 12 Classes/Courses
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
June 26	Graduation Ceremony

