

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.

Parent-Teacher Interviews (ADAPTIVE MODEL)

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for students attending Markville's ADAPTIVE model. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about the classroom. We regret that for health and safety reasons, we are unable to host an event at the school as we normally would; however, we look forward to meeting with you virtually.

Families can use Edsby, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their child(ren)'s teacher(s) on Parents' Night. You will receive an invitation to sign up for a meeting time once the schedules are available.

[Edsby](#) is a cloud-based platform that lets families easily reserve times to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby have created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

Families that already have an Edsby account may use their previously created account. The username is the full email address that is on file at your child(ren)'s home school and the password is the one created at activation. If you have forgotten your password, you can find [resources on the Board website](#) to help, including how to reset your password.

Families who **do not have** an Edsby account will need to create one to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. **An up-to-date and valid email address must be provided to your child's home school.** For help creating an Edsby account, [instructions can be found on the Board website](#). An email from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account was sent on March 5. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact the teacher.

For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit [our board website](#).

Important Timelines

March 12 - 16 Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents / guardians / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.

March 16 - 23 **ADAPTIVE MODEL: Parents' Night schedule opens on March 16 at 3:00 p.m. for booking.** Log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found [here](#).

March 23 Interview Scheduler closes at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

March 24 Virtual Meeting Links to be sent to Families

March 24 Virtual Interviews (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

Feedback Day – March 11 (modified schedule)

Thursday, March 11th is our second Feedback Day of semester 2. Students and parents are reminded of the modified schedule on these days. **All students** will have online classes with their teachers between 8:20-10:55 am. The **afternoon** portion of Feedback Day (12:20-2:50 pm) is dedicated to complement effective routine teacher practices and may include focused individual or small group feedback sessions related to specific criteria and targeted to individual student needs.

Teachers may request to meet with students in the afternoon to support completion of missing work, provide extra-help, and/or provide descriptive feedback. Students can also request to meet with their teachers. Students achieving at Level 1 or below may be referred to the Student Success team for additional teacher support in the afternoon. Student Success will contact students and parents/guardians to confirm meeting times, as needed.

We encourage **all students** to participate and take advantage of the opportunities provided by teachers during Feedback Days!

Schedule Change

| | Time | T1-R3 |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Date | | Mar 12 Mar 23 |
| F2F Block 1 | 8:20 – 10:50 | 4 |
| Exit | 10:50 – 11:05 | Exit |
| Travel & Lunch | 11:05 – 12:20 | Travel & Lunch |
| Block 2 | 12:20 – 1:10 | 5 |
| Block 3 | 1:10 – 2:00 | 1 |
| Block 4 | 2:00 – 2:50 | 2 |

Face to Face Rotation 3 schedule

Rotation 3 will start on Friday, March 12 for cohort A, so students will have period two as their face-to-face class on their cohort day. Monday through Wednesday we will still be on rotation 2. On Thursday students will have another Feedback day from home virtually with a modified schedule which will be posted on Markville's website.

- If a student attends school on the wrong cohort day, they will be sent home. Cohorts are created to keep everyone as safe as possible, so this is necessary.

- Afternoon online classes will consist of 40 minutes of synchronous learning with the remaining 10 minutes for independent work and/or time for students to stretch, get a drink,

etc.

- Lastly, if a class or entire school needed to be closed due to COVID-19, the expectation is that all students are to connect in their virtual/online learning platforms (Google Classroom, Moodle, etc.) within 24 hours. The student would follow the same schedule in place at the time of the closure.

March 8 to 19 Schedule

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| 8 Period 2 AM B Period 1, 4, 5 online | 9 Period 2 AM A Period 1, 4, 5 online | 10 Period 2 AM B Period 1, 4, 5 online | 11 Feedback Day | 12 Period 4 AM A Period 5, 1, 2 online |
| 15 Period 4 AM B Period 5, 1, 2 online | 16 Period 4 AM A Period 5, 1, 2 online | 17 Period 4 AM B Period 5, 1, 2 online | 18 Period 4 AM A Period 5, 1, 2 online | 19 Period 4 AM B Period 5, 1, 2 online |

Daily Student Screening

REMINDER - All secondary students are required to complete the mandatory COVID19 screening confirmation form before attending school each day.

Form: ow.ly/LLMP30rz56R

SAC Spotlight



On January 29th, SAC held a Town Hall event to discuss the future SAC events, club funding, and feedback from prior events. This event concluded a week-long social media campaign for students to win a cookie raffle. At the end of our Town Hall, Emily Hur won this raffle and received a box of baked goods from a local Markham bakery! Thanks to everyone who came out to the event! Congratulations Emily!!



SAC ran Markville's first "Cupid's Heralds" event, an event where students submitted messages to their friends and SAC members delivered them live to each class. Over 250 messages were delivered over two days, and students had a blast hearing kind, goofy, and touching messages from their peers. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who allowed us to interrupt their classes to deliver these messages, and thank you, parents, for your continued support towards Markville school events.

Transition Activity Council Spotlight

ELL and Newcomer Virtual Hangout #4 – Wednesday, March 10 at 3pm

TAC is hosting our 4th ELL and Newcomer Virtual Hangout (drop-in) on **Wednesday, March 10 from 3:00-4:00 pm!**

This session will focus on Markville's specialty programs (including SHSM, Co-Op, AP, etc.). Students will have the opportunity to learn more about these programs and hear from their peers! We will also play fun games and hang out!

All ELL (current or former) and newcomer students are welcome! **Open to both SVS and Adaptive** Markville students!

Please join us on Wednesday, March 10 at 3pm here:

[bit.ly/ELLVirtualHangout]bit.ly/ELLVirtualHangout

Peer Tutoring

A graphic with a blue background and a yellow diagonal stripe. At the top, a teal banner says "Need help with school?". Below it, the text "SIGN UP FOR A PEER TUTOR!" is written in large white letters. Underneath, it says "Now Online!!" and "bit.ly/msstutoringsignup2021". On the right side, there is an illustration of a blue graduation cap, a rolled-up diploma, and a laptop. At the bottom right, the text "For students. From students." is written in white.

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Hey Markville!

Do you need extra help? Are you looking for a tutor? If so, don't wait or hesitate! Submit an application for a 1-on-1 Peer Tutor. Sessions start the week of February 22.

What? 1-on1 Peer Tutoring!

Who? Adaptive and SVS Markville students!

***Note:** Peer Tutoring prioritizes support for Gr 9-12 compulsory courses. If you are looking for extra help in a senior elective, please first connect with your teachers.

When? Lunch 11:20-12:10 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) or After School 3:00-3:50 (Wednesdays and Fridays). Tutees and Tutors will meet weekly and attendance will be taken.

Where? Virtually! Zoom invitations will be sent once a match has been confirmed. Students must be logged into YRDSB accounts.

How? Submit an application at bit.ly/msstutoringsignup2021 and check your GAPPS email for a match confirmation!

Waterloo Contests



Information for Euclid, Fryer/Galois/Hypatia Waterloo Contests

Due to the changes to in-person attendance at schools, registration for the math contests will now be done by each individual household.

To register for the Waterloo Euclid, Fryer/Galois/Hypatia contests please visit the website:

<https://cemc2.math.uwaterloo.ca/contest/Sigma/school/newHomeSchool.php?pageLang=E>

This website will allow you to register your household. Please note that only a supervising adult may complete the registration. Once you have registered you will be given a login and password that will permit you to sign up and pay for individual contests. If you have already signed up for previous contests then continue to use the same login and password.

Registration deadlines:

Euclid Grade 12: **March 18, 2021**

Fryer: Grade 9, Galois: Grade 10, Hypatia: Grade 11 - **March 26, 2021**

Contest dates:

Euclid: **April 7, 2021**

Fryer/Galois/Hypatia: **April 14, 2021**

For contest preparation please visit the following website:

<https://cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/preparation.html>

Tech Tip



Markham Public Library Launches Kanopy Streaming Service

Markham Public Library (MPL)'s digital offerings just got better with the addition of a new video streaming service – [Kanopy](#).

With your library card, you can now enjoy free access to over 30,000 critically acclaimed movies, documentaries and kids' favorites through [Kanopy](#). [Kanopy](#) is accessible via mobile and tablet apps for iPhone and Android. You can also access [Kanopy](#) on your desktop, and smartTV apps like Roku, Apple TV, and Fire Stick.

[Kanopy's](#) selection offers something for everyone including film titles you will not find anywhere else, new releases and award-winning features, foreign films, documentaries and more. [Kanopy](#) also features video courses on subjects ranging from dog training to yoga, money management skills to robotics – and everything in between.

In addition, [Kanopy's](#) dedication to thoughtful entertainment also includes educational and engaging videos for children of all ages through [Kanopy Kids](#). Parents can trust that the selection of films and TV shows are high quality videos that encourage social and emotional development, promote respect for community diversity, and inspire creativity.

Explore [Kanopy now](#).

Tweet of the Week



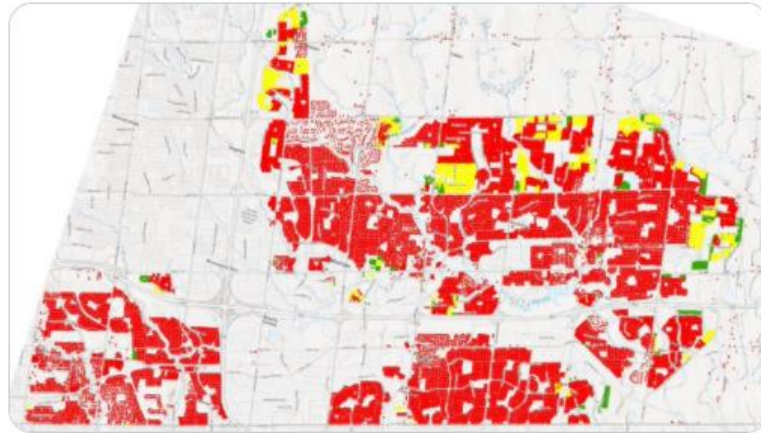
Markham Fire (MFES) @MarkhamFire · 16h

How Old Are Your Home's Smoke Alarms?

✓ Homes 5 years old or less provided with smoke alarms on every floor and in each bedroom.

⚠ Homes 6 - 10 years old and the original smoke alarms installed on every floor.

⊘ Homes +10 years old where original smoke alarms have expired.



Summer Employment Opportunities

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Hey students! Looking for a summer job?

Have you considered working for the Ontario Government?

Each year the Ontario Public Service targets up to

5,000 summer students to work in locations across Ontario in areas such as:

- Ontario Parks
- Science
- Business and Finance
- Communications
- Environment
- Administration
- Research and Laboratories
- Customer Service

Earn while you learn! All jobs were posted on February 25. Closing dates will be between March 10 and June 1. Apply early to have a chance to apply to the job types that interest you. You can learn more at: ontario.ca/summerstudents

Community Notice via YRDSB



CALLING ALL YOUNG WRITERS!

The Speaker's Award for Youth Writers invites Ontario youth in grades 7-12 to submit their short stories and personal essays to this writing contest.

Original fiction and non-fiction essay submissions are welcome, and a winner from each of the following three grade categories will be chosen: grades 7-8, grades 9-10, and grades 11-12.

Winners will be announced in autumn 2021 and have their work published on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website.

Visit our website for more information: www.ola.org/en/visit-learn

Online applications will be accepted from

March 1st to April 18th, 2021.

Questions? Contact us at youtharts@ola.org



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Nur Muslim Mentorship Program

New deadline for **all** applications is **April 13**

What is the Nur Muslim Mentorship Program?

Nur is a Mentorship Program to support Muslim students in the YRDSB to feel valued, heard and empowered. Our goal is to provide a safe, supportive space that helps build a sense of belonging for Muslim students. **NOTE:** This is not a tutoring program.

When will the program begin?

Nur will launch in the spring of 2021 and will carry through the entire 2021-2022 school year. Mentors and Mentees will be contacted at the end of April.

Who is eligible to participate in the program?

- YRDSB staff and students who identify as Muslim
- Current Grade 8 students (who will be in grade 9 for the 2021-2022 school year)
- Current Grade 9 & 10 students

How does the application process work?

- Staff may identify and recommend eligible students to this program and fill out the Mentee application **with the student, if the student is interested in participating in the program.**
- Eligible students can submit an expression of interest in the program by completing the form below
- All applicants will go through a selection process based on their own application submission.
- Once this process has been completed, all applicants will be notified of their status
 - Links to Apply
 - [Mentors Applications \(YRDSB staff\)](#)
 - [Students Applications](#)

For more information about the Nur Muslim Mentorship Program, please contact:

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