

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

Inspire Learning!



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.

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that March Break is upon us. Our students and staff have been extremely busy completing assignments, preparing/studying for tests, completing reports and getting the school ready every day. Everyone is really excited about this opportunity to recharge, rest, and reconnect with family and friends.

Please review some important information below:

2020-2021 Junior Awards

We congratulate our students for their academic achievement, their commitment, and their perseverance. Junior Awards for last year will be distributed to all recipients in Homerooms the week of March 21st.

2021-2022 Graduation Ceremony

After two years of virtual Graduation Ceremonies, we are going back to an in-person celebration of our grads! The ceremony will take place at the Scarborough Convention Centre on Wednesday, June 29th. More details will follow in the coming months.

Grad Photos & Caps and Gowns

If you have not already done so, we remind the graduating class of 2021-2022 to log in to Cash Online to purchase their caps and gowns by **the end of today, Friday, March 11th**. The caps and gowns will be distributed in the main office on the day of the seating appointment to students who purchased them. Appointments will begin on April 11th. More information will be provided after the break.

Safety at Markville

By now you have received a communication from our Board with details regarding the updated COVID-19 protocols that will be in effect on March 21st. Additional details will be shared at the School Council Meeting. (see below)

School Council Meeting

Our next School Council meeting will be held on Monday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. The link to access the meeting will be shared with all families next week. The agenda was emailed to you yesterday. In addition, please remember that you can contact the Markville School Council Chairs with any questions you may have through email at markville.ss@sc.yrdsb.ca

We wish all students and their families a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on March 21st.

Thank you for your continued support!

Patricia Obadia

Hockey Spotlight



The Markville hockey team has been working hard this year. We had tryouts in November and then had practices and games before the winter break, to finally resume in mid February. The team consists of Markville students which includes boys and girls, grades 9-12. During our practices, we have been working on breakout drills and offensive zone cycling. The team has battled hard during the games and has made the Markville community proud.

As the season is coming to an end, we would like to congratulate the grade 12 students on the team and wish them the best with their upcoming graduation: Duncan, Matthew, Jessica, and Jennah. A special shout out to our team captain Bruce and alternate captains Duncan and Sam for their leadership. Congrats to Scott who was named the Markville Player of the Game for his big goal in the first period against Holy Cross and to goalie Mathuhan for making many clutch saves throughout the game.



Markville Gazette

Fresh off the Press: Markville Gazette

The Gazette team has worked hard on bringing to light important stories from a variety of topics that impact the Markville community and the world. Our editor-in-chief, Mason Lyn, along with our talented team of writers, editors, photographers, PR, and layout contributors have developed a compelling publication that covers school and community, arts and culture, sports, and world news. We hope that you enjoy reading the semester one publication!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VdhhuoPb8o51hcdxz0GmKw_3y1Tii28s/view?usp=sharing

*You will need to be signed into your child's GAPPs account to access Markville Gazette.

A Message from Student Success & TAC



Attention ALL GRADE 9 students!

Student Success and TAC will be hosting the Grade 9 Study Skills Initiative between March 21-31! All Grade 9 students will receive an in-class presentation about study skills (March 21-29) and the workshops that will follow.

Throughout **March 28-31**, Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to attend **after school in-person** workshops focused on specific study skills and led by our TAC mentors! Snacks will be provided :)

The after school Study Skills Workshops are exclusive for Grade 9 students and will focus on **Time Management, Organization, General Study Skills, and Subject-Specific Study Skills!**

1. **Monday, March 28 - Time Management**
2. **Tuesday, March 29 - Organization**
3. **Wednesday, March 30 - General Study Skills**
4. **Thursday, March 31 - Subject-Specific Study Skills**



All grade 9 students are invited and encouraged to attend our workshops!

More information will be provided to students during their Period 4 Study Skills Presentation between March 21-29.

COMPOSITION BOOK

Section 1 Section 2 Section 3 Section 4

Topic _____ Date _____

markville tac presents

STUDY

SKILLS

workshops

Mon, March 28: Time Management
Tues, March 29: Organization
Wed, March 30: General Study Skills
Thurs, March 31: Subject-Specific Study Skills

*grade nines only


after school
2:40 - 3:40pm
in Rm 228 & 225
(snacks included!)


MARKVILLE
TAC

Walk to School Wednesdays




DID YOU KNOW?

 In 2019, the average person in Canada produced an equivalent of **14.2 tonnes of CO₂**.

Every gallon of gasoline that you save will **avoids 22 pounds of CO₂ emissions!** 

Try walking to school each **Wednesday!** If not possible, you can always try biking, carpooling, or using mass transit.



An illustration at the bottom of the 'DID YOU KNOW?' section shows a teal school bus on the left. A person with a backpack is walking on the sidewalk in front of the bus. To the right of the person is a red octagonal stop sign on a post. Further to the right, a person is riding a bicycle on the road.

Idling is leaving a vehicle's engine running while the vehicle is not in motion.

It most commonly occurs when warming up or cooling down a vehicle, preparing to leave the house, waiting for passengers and many more.

When idling more than **10 seconds**, it produces more emissions than just stopping and restarting your engine.

Natural Resources Canada states if most Canadian drivers limited idling to three minutes a day, over the course of a year, **1.4 million fewer tonnes of CO₂ emissions** would go into the atmosphere.



SOURCES

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/science/how-canadians-can-cut-carbon-footprints-1.6202194>

<https://hr.umich.edu/sites/default/files/green-facts-9-202015.pdf>

https://afdc.energy.gov/files/u/publication/idling_personal_vehicles.pdf

<https://scofhec.gov/sites/default/files/library/CB-010109.pdf>

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/science/what-on-earth-newsletter-idling-population-climate-change-1.5351917>

<https://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/efficiency/commissionets-infrastructure/transportation/idling/4427>

Parent Teacher Interviews



Parent-Teacher Interviews - New date

Parents-Teacher Interviews will be held on **Thursday, March 31, 2022** from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about the classroom. 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 their 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 8.** 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 25, 2022 Parents' Night schedule will open in Edsby at 8:30 a.m. on March 25, 2022 for booking. Parents/guardians will need to log into their Edsby account to access the schedule. 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 30-31, 2022 Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents / guardians / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.

March 30, 2022 Interview Scheduler closes at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

March 30-31, 2022 Teachers will send virtual meeting links to parent/guardians

March 31, 2022 Virtual Interviews (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

Message from Guidance

FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES

Thank you to all of those who attended our final Family Night Webinar session, **Funding Post-Secondary Education**. Families can access the presentation on the Guidance Website, [Family Night page](#). Grade 11 & 12 students will be presented to in April.

COURSE SELECTION & SUMMER SCHOOL

Course Verification information will come out after March break, allowing families the opportunity to confirm, or make changes to next year's selection. We are awaiting details and will let students and families know as soon as we have established this year's process. **Summer school registration** will open **April 19th** - Guidance will be certain to provide registration steps as we get closer to date.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Guidance will be available for **Parent-Teacher Interviews** on the evening of **March 31st**. Families can sign up for an appointment on [TeachAssist](#), using the *Parent Portal* – please use the email address you have on file to sign in. **Appointment times will become available on March 25th at 8:30am, and will close on March 30th at noon.** If you will require a translator, please email krys.scagnetti@yrdsb.ca to let us know. Appointments will be virtual and a link will be sent to your email address.

Please note that families are always able to sign up for appointments during the school day, using the same access information.

Have a wonderful MARCH BREAK!!

Your Guidance Team

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

Mar. 14-18	March Break
Mar. 21	School Council Meeting
Mar. 30-31	Interim Reports Electronic Distribution
Mar. 31	Virtual Parent/Teacher Interview Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Apr. 12	Last Day of Term 3
Apr. 13	First Day of Term 4 (Civics/Careers begins)
June 16-17	Grade 9 EQAO Math

OSSLT Grade 10 Upcoming Dates

March 22	Session 2: Reading Skills Part 2 Grade 10 classes - Period 2/Block 3
March 29	Session 3: Writing Skills Part 1 Grade 10 classes - Period 3/Block 2
April 5	Session 4: Writing Skills Part 2 Grade 10 classes - Period 4/Block 4
April 13	Putting All The Pieces Together - Mock #1 Booklet 1 Practice Grade 10 classes - Period 1/Block 1
April 20	Putting All The Pieces Together - Mock #2 Book 2 Practice Grade 10 classes - Period 2/Block 3

End of April to May

Test Dates and Format - TBD

Peer Tutoring

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 **virtual, after school Monday-Thursday from 3:30-4:30 pm**.

- To request a **1-to-1 peer tutor**, students must submit this application form: 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.

PEER TUTORING

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

MONDAY-THURSDAY
3:30-4:30PM
via Zoom

To request a 1-on-1 tutor, visit:
bit.ly/1to1peertutor

For drops ins, just join via Zoom when you need help!

Supports for Community Members

Supports for Community Members with Family and Loved Ones Impacted by Events in Ukraine

In solidarity with all of those in our community with family and loved ones impacted by the conflict in Ukraine.

The following are some services currently available to families:

- [LifeWorks 24/7 Free Support Crisis Line for Those Impacted by the events in Ukraine](#): 1-844-751-2133
- [Ukrainian Enquiries Phone Line for Clients in Canada and Abroad](#): 613-321-4243 (Collect calls accepted) More [information about Canadian immigration measures](#) for people affected by events in Ukraine are available online by [Canadian Immigration and Citizenship](#).
- [Jewish Immigrant Aid Services \(JIAS\) | ukraine@jiastoronto.org](#)
 - Services for newcomers of all faiths and cultural affiliations.
 - Currently supporting with family sponsorships.
- [Emergency Hotline for the Ukrainian Jewish Community](#)
Info, Guidance & Assistance (Hebrew, Ukrainian and Russian)
Provided by The Jewish Agency & The International Fellowship of Christians and Jews
 - From Ukraine: 0-800-504-504603 (Toll Free)
 - From Israel: 1-800-228055 x4 (Toll Free)
 - [Assistance Request Form](#)

150,000 - 300,000 Jewish people live in Ukraine. Ukraine is home to the 5th-largest Jewish community in Europe and one of the poorest Jewish communities in Europe. It is also home to the largest Chabad Centre and Jewish complex in the world.

- In-School Settlement Worker, Olga Joukova
Supporting Newcomer Families in York Region (Ukrainian, Russian & Hebrew)
ojoukova@ccsyrr.org | 416-616-6789
Provided by [Settlement Education Partnership in York Region \(SEPYR\)](#).

[Catholic Community Services of York Region \(CCSYR\)](#)

*Services for newcomers of all faith affiliations.

To assist Canadians concerned about their loved ones in Ukraine, effective immediately, the following phone providers will be waiving all Home Phone and consumer Mobility Postpaid Long Distance charges for calls from Canada to Ukraine until Mar. 31, 2022:

- Bell Canada
- Fido - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Freedom Mobile - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Rogers - including long distance SMS to Ukraine and roaming fees are also waived.
- Telus - waiving all additional charges for long-distance calls and texts to Ukraine until March 12th
- Virgin Plus

These changes will be applied automatically during the month of March. No action is required by customers.

Tweet of the Week

 York Region DSB
@YRDSB

REMINDER - Daylight savings time takes place on Sunday, March 13 at 2:00AM.

Don't forget to change your clocks!



9:57 AM - Mar 11, 2022 - Twitter Web App



Empowering YRDSB Secondary Students to
construct a self-narrative that is inclusive of their
multiple identities

EAST ASIAN YOUTHS SPEAK

18 MAR - 24 JUN 2022

4:30pm-6:00pm

BI-WEEKLY

"OUR ASPIRATIONS
MATTER"

Collaboration with:



RSVP BY EMAILING THE SOCIAL WORKER AT
CHARMAINE.TONG@YRDSB.CA



- Make your volunteer hours meaningful



Parent Engagement Workshop

和子女的文化差异底下的亲子教育如何加强沟通技巧及了解青少年文化 (国)

诚意邀请家长和子女一起参与

日期: **Marh 17th, 2022**

時間: **7:00pm-8:30pm**

YRDSB students & parents
are invited

讲员: Guest Speaker:

唐诗颖 Charmaine Tong

MSW, RSW, School Social Worker
(Community Care Team) York Region

District School Board

约克区教育局学校社工,

社工系硕士,注册社工



Meeting ID: 918 9491 5808

Passcode: rkMd1u

RSVP BY EMAILING THE SOCIAL WORKER AT
CHARMAINE.TONG@YRDSB.CA or
drop- in by entering the zoom info when meeting starts
可电邮charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca 登记报名
或按, 以上zoom会议资料



Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS)

invites you to

AFFIRMING BLACK IDENTITIES: A Focus on Mental Health in the Black Community

When

**Monday, March 28th 2022
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm (EST)**

Registration

Please register via our [Google Form](#)

This event is an opportunity for parents, caregivers, children and youth to hear and learn about ways to promote and sustain positive mental wellness for themselves and children. Please join us for an evening of engaging story telling, music, information and resource sharing.

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Contact

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