# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



### 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 and Community Members,

After a busy first five weeks of second semester, March Break has arrived. The semester started off with the Caring and Safe Schools assemblies for all students led by the administrative team. The presentation which outlines important information about available resources for students, expectations of appropriate conduct, and possible consequences, is a mandatory presentation across all elementary and secondary schools in the school board.

February was Black History Month and as a school we recognized and celebrated the contributions and achievements of Black Canadians through a series of events including: morning music; announcements which highlighted Black excellence in Arts & Literature, Canadian History, Activism & Culture, STEM, and Business & Politics; a presentation on Black Canadian Music by Carlos Morgan, and movies in the cafeteria during periods 3 and 4. A special thank you to Ms. Harvey and Ms. Millington for their leadership in celebrating Black History Month at our school.

On February 7 and 8, students who are part of the school's DECA club competed in the DECA Provincial competition which took place at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel. Congratulations to the 42 students who qualified who will be attending the DECA International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Orlando, Florida between April 25-29.

Graduation photo retakes and the York Region Public Health vaccine clinic for grade 11 students took place on February 19. In addition, on February 19, numerous students participated in the Canadian Computing Competition. On February 21, students in the Breakfast Club hosted lunchtime trivia in the atrium. Students who participated in the trivia competition had the opportunity to win a delicious cookie

treat. Between February 20 to 25, students in the music program participated in the Kiwanis Music Festival. On February 26, students in grades 9-11 participated in the Pascal, Cayley, and Fermat Math Contests.

Looking ahead at the next few weeks, please make special note of the following important dates:

March 10-14: March Break

March 18: School Council Meeting March 20: Lunar New Year Show

March 26: The history and technique of the steel pan by Mr. Tauren Clarke

March 27-28: HOSA Spring Leadership Conference

April 2: Parent-Teacher Interviews

The next School Council Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, March 18 between 7:00-8:30 pm and will feature guest speaker Dr. Christopher Grafos. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting either in-person in the library or virtually through a link that was emailed to families.

Next week is March Break and as a result there will not be any classes between March 10-14. On behalf of the administrative team of Markville Secondary School, I would like to wish all students, families, and staff a safe, restful, and enjoyable March Break. We will see everyone back at school on Monday, March 17.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal

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# Message from Guidance

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### **FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES**

The next, and final, webinar on Funding Post-Secondary Education will take place on March 19th @ 6:30 pm. This is for Gr 11 & 12 families (students and Guardians) and is the week right after March Break. The link to the March 19th presentation will be found on Family Night Agenda, as well posted below. Please arrive a few minutes early, as we will start right on time.

### Microsoft Teams Need help?

Join the meeting

Meeting ID: 282 057 887 206

Passcode: Zh6u85HJ

#### **COURSE SELECTION & SUMMER TIMELINE**

The Course Selection system has locked to Guidance. All selections, including course selections not approved by families, have been forced through to the next phase. Course Verification will come out in a few weeks, allowing families the opportunity to confirm, or make changes to next year's selection.

**IMPORTANT:** Course Verification occurs at the beginning of April, as this allows students to be in Sem 2 courses for several weeks. This opportunity gives students a chance to see how they are doing in Sem 2 courses, which can help confirm or alter their plans for next year. More information to come.

Summer School information will be released after March Break. Please note that Summer School registration and course verification are timed strategically in case changes are required due to new summer school plans.

#### POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Grade 12s are reminded to use March Break to catch up on outstanding Volunteer Hours.

Have a wonderful MARCH BREAK!!

Your Guidance Team~





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

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

Markville Guidance Website Wellness Page:

https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/markvilleguidance/wellness

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# **School Notices**

"Hey Mavs! Feeling stressed about tests and assignments? Need some help with your courses? Want a fun and engaging place to learn? Look no further—Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is back and ready to support YOU! Tuesday, March 18 will be our first session after the break. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Periods 3 and 4 in Room 314, and on Wednesdays after school in the Library.

Whether you're looking for brief help (drop-in) or ongoing weekly support, we've got you covered! You can drop in whenever you need help, or sign up for weekly 1-on-1 tutoring by filling out the tutee form at <a href="mailto:bit.ly/peertutor2025">bit.ly/peertutor2025</a> You can also check out our new website for all the details and FAQ here: <a href="https://markvilletutoring.vercel.app/">https://markvilletutoring.vercel.app/</a>

Look out for the NEW Peer Tutoring Club posters around the school, and follow @msspeertutoring on Instagram for updates! See you there!"

### **Upcoming Dates**

March 8th	International Women's Day
March 10th to 14th	March Mid-Winter Break (School Closed)
March 18th	School Council Meeting in the Library (7-8:30pm)
March 20th	Lunar New Year Show
April 2nd	Parent/Teacher Interviews 6pm-8pm

### **Community Opportunities Site!**

We would like to remind you of our <u>Community Opportunities Site</u> linked to our school home page where students, families and all community members can access up-to-date information about workshops, seminars, scholarships and more.



### **YRDSB Communications**

CBSE-Info-Session-Flyer-March.pdf

<u>Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter - March 2025 | York Region</u> District School Board

# **Community Events**



https://www.markham.ca/sports-recreation-fitness/sports-recreation-programs/recreation-jobs

Sunday, March 9

Go with the flow: Water cycles in the Rouge

Join Geri to explore the journey of water through Rouge National Urban Park. From rainfall to rivers, discover how water moves through the landscape, sustains life and shapes the park's unique environment.

Leaders: Geri, Gary

• Time: 10 am

Location: Tallgrass TrekTransit accessible: No

• Meeting point: 7277 14th Avenue, Markham – oTENTik (A-frame cabin)

• Distance: 3 km – 5 km

Difficulty: Easy, flat/paved or gently uneven

Pace: ModerateDuration: 1.5 hoursAge range: FamiliesService dogs only

https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/on/rouge/activ/guide/2025-03

# **This Month in March**



