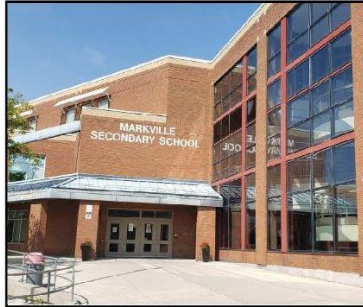


# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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**March 10th, 2023**

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,

The semester has been progressing quickly as we have arrived at March Break. The first five weeks of the semester were very busy as students and staff started new classes, made new friends, and settled into a new routine. The start of a new semester also coincided with the return of countless extra-curricular activities including: clubs, athletics, field trips, and school events which had been paused during the culminating/exam period at the end of first semester.

Grad Photo Retakes took place on February 13. In addition, on February 13 and 14, students who are part of the school's DECA chapter competed in the DECA Provincial competition which took place at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel. On February 15, the Waterloo Computing Competition took place and the OBA Provincial Concert Band Festival took place at P.C. Ho Theatre Chinese Cultural Centre. On February 16, the Tamil Students Association hosted a Movie Night in the cafeteria after school. On February 21, music students participated in the Kiwanis Music Festival at Earl Haig Secondary School. And on February 22, students in grades 9-11 participated in the University of Waterloo Math Contests.

On March 1, 2023, more than 350 students and 14 staff attended the first Semi-Formal since the 2019/2020 school year. It was a wonderful evening filled with games, prizes, music, great food, and dancing. A special thank you to the AV Team and SAC under the leadership of Mr. Lee, Ms. Ye, and Ms. Sadaf for planning the event. And yesterday, on March 9, the music department hosted Junk Food and Jazz in the evening in the cafeteria.

As a special note, the next School Council Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday March 28, 2023 between 7:00-8:30 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

March Break is next week and as a result there will not be any classes between March 13-17, 2023. 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 20, 2023.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal  
Markville Secondary School

## Parent Teacher Interviews

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interview Night will be held on **Wednesday, March 29, 2023**. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) in person, and learn more about the classroom. To maintain maximum flexibility for families, in situations where a parent is requesting a virtual interview, and little availability remains in the interview schedule, teachers are asked to explore other dates to connect (phone or video) with families.

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 Markville 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 to your email inbox on March 7, 2023. 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 on Edsby or are not available on October 20th can contact the classroom teacher directly.

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

### Important Timelines

March 7 - 21, 2023	Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts, if they do not yet have one.
March 22, 2023	Parents' Night schedule opens at 10:00 a.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 <a href="#">here</a> .
March 24 - 27, 2023	Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents / guardians / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.
March 28, 2023	Interview Scheduler closes at 3:30 p.m.
<b>March 29, 2023</b>	<b>Parent-Teacher Interviews (in-person) 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.</b>

## Message from Guidance

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#### COURSE SELECTION CHANGES IMPORTANT

#### Attention Markville Families with Students Returning to Markville for the 2023-24 School Year

Thank you to all of our students who submitted courses for next year by the deadline. We have a record of all choices. We are now allowing students to do a final check that the courses are correct. A link to a Google Form will be available to all students to request a change if needed. **It will be active from Thursday, March 9th at 3 pm to Tuesday, March 21st at 3 pm. The link will be posted on the Guidance Google Classroom or you can have your student use the QR Code below to access the link.**

Please read the instructions below.

#### Course Check and Change Request

#### ONLY TO BE COMPLETED BY STUDENTS REQUESTING A CHANGE TO THEIR SELECTED COURSES FOR 2023/24

This is the final opportunity to make a change to your 2023-24 course selection, until the start of the new school year in August (with typically limited options at that point).

1. Students are to review their updated high school plan on MyPathwayPlanner/myBlueprint. Check your course codes carefully to make sure you did not make an error recording the course code.

A CHANGE WAS MADE BY GUIDANCE IF:

- Students have mistakenly chosen 9 courses/credits instead of 8 (Coop sometimes affected this, and only 9 are permitted with music repertoire as the 9th course) - Guidance removed an elective in this situation.
- Grade 11 students selecting only 7 courses. Spares are not permitted for grade 11 course selections - an alternate was used in the final submission in such cases.

2. SUMMER SCHOOL: Sign-up date is early April via myBlueprint (Guidance will announce). Registration information will be provided prior. If you are planning to complete a summer course, you will NOT include that course in your MSS course selection for next year - please replace it with an elective.

3. Students are to confirm their changes with a Parent/Guardian when completing this form.

**You will have between Thursday, March 9th, 3 pm and Tuesday, March 21st at 3 pm to fill out the Google Form to request a change.**



**Parent Teacher Interview Night**

Please note that Guidance is available for appointment booking on Teach Assist for our upcoming Parent's Night. The date is Wednesday, March 29th 6 - 8 pm.

# School Notices

## Upcoming Dates

March 13-17	March Break (No classes)
March 23	Relay For Life Assemblies (Periods 1 & 2)
March 28	School Council in Library (2nd Floor) (7:00 – 8:30pm)
March 29	Parent-Teacher Interviews (6:00 – 8:00pm)

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# PEER TUTORING

for 1-on-1 tutoring

sem 2!!

drop-in also offered!  
*\*no sign-up required*

request a tutor:  
[bit.ly/msspeertutoring2023](https://bit.ly/msspeertutoring2023)

room 305  
mon & thur: p3/p4  
tue & wed: p3

QR code for 1-on-1

## YRDSB Communications



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