

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.

School Council Meeting

A question from our last School Council Meeting – School Ventilation Actions/Improvements

- Student safety remains one of our top priorities and this includes the actions we take related to school ventilation.
- As a Board, assessing and updating all HVAC systems in our schools is an ongoing part of the Board's multi-year renewal plan based on age and condition of the system.
- The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), the Ontario Building Code (OBC) and Ministry of Education Guidelines are used to address the ventilation in each of our schools. This includes performing visual inspections of our HVAC systems in all schools by our Operations staff twice daily along with actively monitoring the systems through our Building Automation Systems (BAS).
- The vast majority of our schools have mechanical ventilation systems in place, so the Board has implemented filter upgrades, utilizing MERV13 filters.
- Changes to the Building Automation System (BAS) program have also been implemented, in order to flush the air in the school buildings in the morning and to maximize the intake of fresh air.
- All air handling units, return air units, and main exhaust fans are automatically scheduled to increase run times to ensure this takes place.
- There are a small number of schools that are exhaust only schools. For these schools, HEPA air purifiers have been installed in classrooms which currently do not have mechanical ventilation systems.
- Schools will also follow the standard practice of opening windows to provide an additional source of fresh air intake into the classroom.

***The Presentation from the School Council Meeting from March 21, 2022 is now available for viewing on the School website in the School Council Tab under the Minutes section.**

YRDSB Writers' Guild Spotlight

<https://meet.google.com/jqk-hkhc-bsb>

On March 29th, at 7pm,

Won't You Celebrate
With Us?



On Tuesday, March 29th at 7pm, the **YRDSB Writers' Guild** will come together to celebrate young women writers, after an astonishing year of creativity and endeavour. The event will serve as a celebration of the board-wide community these students have built, as well as the skills they have honed in our virtual writing space. It is clear that, in spite of the unprecedented challenges of the last two years, this group came together to forge a meaningful path forward. Please, join us to hear their words of wisdom, reflections on life at school and in lockdown, and celebrate the amazing young women that they are. We look forward to seeing what these students will build for themselves in the future - as a community, as individuals - as they continue to listen with curiosity, and write with courage.

Sincerely, Lara Bozabalian
Department Head of English

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!

Remote Grade 9 students: Join our workshops via this Google Meet link <https://bit.ly/studyskillsworkshops!>

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




Section 1
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Topic _____ Date _____

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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!)



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

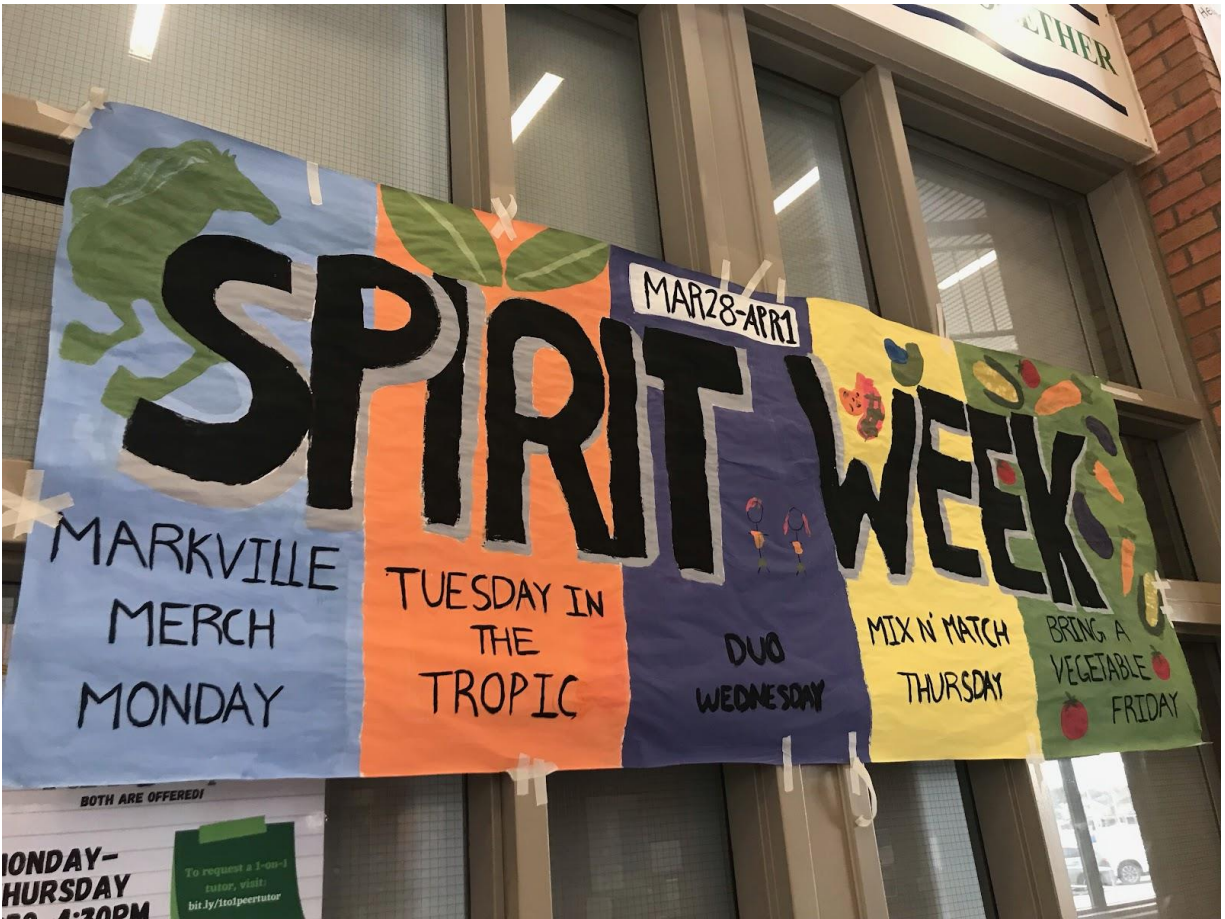
COURSE SELECTION & SUMMER SCHOOL

2022/23 Course Verification information will come out soon, 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 and timeline. **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 any school day, using the same access information.
Happy Fri-yay!

School Notices



Upcoming Dates

Mar 28-Apr. 1	Markville Spirit Week
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)
Apr. 15	Good Friday (Holiday)
Apr. 18	Easter Monday (Holiday)
June 16-17	Grade 9 EQAO Math

OSSLT Grade 10 Upcoming Dates

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

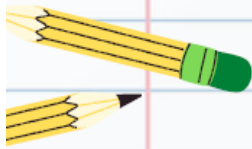
Do you need extra help with your courses? Are you looking for a dedicated peer to help you stay focused and motivated with course work? Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is back and ready to support YOU!

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.



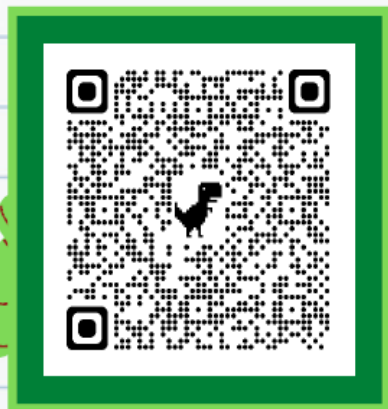
PEER TUTORING

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

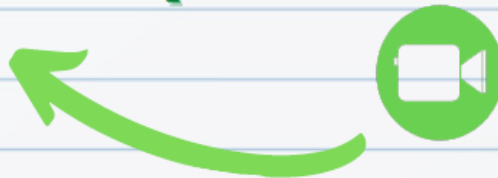
**MONDAY-
THURSDAY
3:30-4:30PM**

via Zoom

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



For drops ins, just join
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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@ccsy.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



YRDSB_SS @YRDSB_SS · 22h



World Down Syndrome Day is on March 21st.

Celebrate with us by rocking your mismatched, colourful, and fun socks!

@yrdsb schools, tag us in your photos, so we can see them!

#lotsofsocks #RockYourSocks #wdsd2022



YRDSB Communications



Inclusive School and Community Services is hosting A Caregiver Engagement Event In Partnership with PFLAG York Region

Supporting Success and Well Being for 2SLGBTQ+ Students

All caregivers want their children to be happy, healthy, and able to achieve their goals for the future. For caregivers who have children who identify as 2SLGBTQ+, it is common to have feelings of worry and concern about your child's health and happiness, as well as feel conflict about your own beliefs and experiences. Presenters will cover information that will help caregivers navigate common challenges and concerns they have for their children without judgment. Come and join us to learn more about identities, how you can support your child, navigate challenging conversations, and learn about resources available in York Region.

Presenters:



Tristan Coolman, He/Him

Tristan is the President of Pflag Canada York Region, an entirely volunteer-led LGBTQ2 support education and resource network with an over 25 year history. Pflag York Region runs monthly support meetings and other events, currently online, for LGBTQ2 folks and parents, friends and family who gather to receive peer to peer support. Tristan is also the Chair of the Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee with YRDSB, advising the board on program development and policy modification to ensure safe and equitable access to learning environments for students and educators alike.

Max Denley, He/Him



Max is a School Social Worker on the Community Care Team specializing in 2SLGBTQ+ communities at the York Region District School Board. He brings lived experience as a transgender man as well as years of professional experience supporting 2SLGBTQ+ youth and families. Max has previously worked in roles providing counselling, resource navigation, and workshops to communities, as well as consultation on inclusive policy and programming. Currently he is available to support the mental health of YRDSB students who identify as 2SLGBTQ+ or are exploring gender and sexual orientation, and is working to build capacity for mental health supports for this community within the board.

Kenzie Wass, They/Them



Kenzie is a Community Partnership Developer for the York Region District School Board, specializing in the needs of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. While Kenzie is new to this role in Inclusive School and Community Services, they have experience providing resources and support to queer youth in a variety of settings including camps, drop in services, and non profit youth services. Kenzie is the point of reference for support for youth and their families, as well as supporting teachers and staff, while holding ties with community partners.

Date: Wednesday, April 6th 2022

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Registration link: [Supporting Student Success and Well Being for 2SLGBTQ+ Students](#)

Registration closes: April 1st, 2022



DROP IN SESSION

Case scenarios: Guide children's behavior in a positive way
以虚构例子一起探讨如何正面回应孩子的偏差行为 (国语)

YRDSB ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL PARENTS ARE INVITED
RSVP BY EMAILING THE SOCIAL WORKER AT CHARMAINE.TONG@YRDSB.CA or by entering
the Zoom info below when meeting starts.
可电邮charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca 登记报名
或按，以下zoom会议资料

Date: Mar 29th 2022
Time: 4:30pm-5:30pm
Meeting ID: 992 6626 5412
Passcode: mVe4cH





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

For additional information please contact aebzca@gmail.com