

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

As the school year continues, it is difficult to believe, but it is March Break already. It has been a busy first few weeks of second semester as all students and staff have transitioned to new classes. There have been a myriad of school events that have taken place during the past month.

On February 9 and 10, DECA students competed in the DECA Provincial Competition at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel. Congratulations to the 28 students who will be proceeding to the DECA International Career Development Conference taking place in Anaheim, California between April 27-30. A special thank you to staff advisors Mr. McKillop, Mr. Shrubsole, Ms. Lai, and Mr. Rao for supporting the students in the club.

On February 12, our school hosted the York Region Public Health Vaccine Clinic. Photo retake day and graduation photos took place on February 13. The annual MSS Lunar New Year Celebration Talent Show took place on February 15. Students in our school's music program competed in the Kiwanis Music Festival on February 23 and February 28. And students competed in the Waterloo Canadian Computing Competition on February 21, and the Pascal/Cayley/Fermat Math Contests on February 28.

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

March 11-15: March Break

March 19: School Council Meeting

March 25-26: Interim Reports distributed electronically

March 29: Good Friday (no classes)

April 1: Easter Monday (no classes)

April 3: Parent-Teacher Interviews

April 8: Solar Eclipse (students dismissed at 12:00 pm)

Creating Conditions for Excellence
Using Lifestyle Levers to get the best out of stress

Dr. Gillian White
PhD in Exercise Science University of Toronto

Important for student well-beings as well as parents and caregivers

Join March 19 School Council Meeting @ 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Do you want to know why we stress?
Do you want to learn how to manage stress?

Make a Change to incorporate lifestyle levers - BE YOUR BEST!

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Of particular note, the next School Council Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, March 19 between 7:00-8:30 pm and will feature guest speaker Dr. Gillian White who will be presenting on Creating Conditions for Excellence: Using Lifestyle Levers to Get the Best out of Stress. This will be a hybrid meeting. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting either in-person in the library or virtually through a link that will be emailed to everyone on March 18. Please sign-up for the presentation at the following [link](#) so that the organizers can best plan and prepare for the event.

 Dr. White.pdf

Next week is March Break and as a result there will not be any classes between March 11-15. 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 18.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal
Markville Secondary School

Library Spotlight

Markville's Library Learning Commons Celebrates 'International Women's Month'

March is International Women's month and the Markville SS Library Learning Commons is spotlighting extraordinary women from past and present. The Library staff created an immersive display experience for students to learn about these women and their contributions. Before students even enter the Library, they are greeted with a bulletin board that reads, 'This March is 'International Women's Month'. Think Like A Queen! Then...Read About One!'. The women being featured on the crown were chosen by students from Ms. Sheriff and Mr. Tillman's ESL classes to showcase women that they look up to and admire. The immersive feature on this display is a mirror in the center of the face, so that students can see themselves (literally and figuratively) as part of this group of inspirational women.



Once students enter the Library, they are greeted with an Art installation spanning the entire wall. The display uses natural light and transparencies to illuminate women who have made an impact on others in large or small ways. The natural light helps students to read quotes and historical information about each of the women featured.



The exhibit leads students to a final installation which is a book display showcasing non-fiction books, memoirs, and biographies by women with exceptional stories of leadership, overcoming hardships, and creating their own path to success in this world. Our goal as Library staff is to have students spend time browsing these books, learning from these women past and present, and ultimately signing out a book to continue their learning.

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](#).

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** information will be communicated to schools after March Break - Guidance will be certain to provide registration information as soon as we have it.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Guidance will be available for **Parent-Teacher Interviews** on the evening of **April 3rd**. Families can sign up for appointments with classroom teachers via Edsby as of **March 25th at 8:30am, until the system closes on March 28th at noon**. However, to BOOK AN APPOINTMENT WITH GUIDANCE, *families book via [TeachAssist](#)*, using the *Parent Portal* – please use the email address you have on file to sign in. If you will require a translator to meet with a Guidance counsellor, please email krys.scagnetti@yrdsb.ca to let us know. Please note that families are always able to sign up for appointments during any school day throughout the year, using the same access information. 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>

TRANSLATE A DOCUMENT USING GOOGLE TRANSLATE - [How-To Video](#)

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

March 10	Spring Forward (move clocks forward one hour)
March 11-15	March Break (School Closed)
March 19	School Council
March 25-28	Edsby Parent-Teacher Interview Scheduler Opens
April 3rd	Parent-Teacher Interview Night 6-8pm

Community Opportunities Site!

We would like to remind you of our [Community Opportunities Site](#) 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.

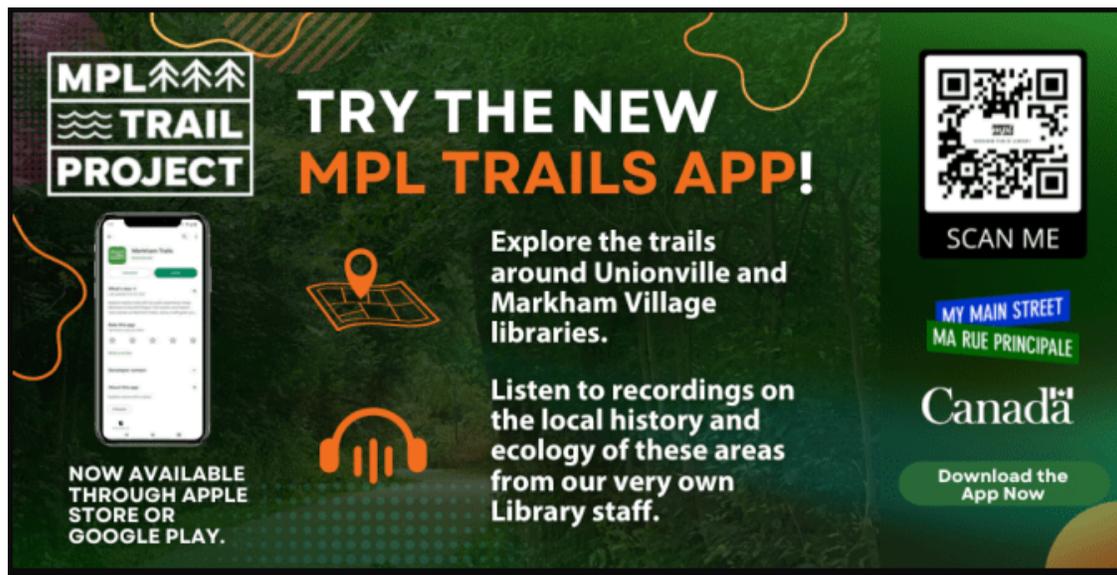
The screenshot shows the Markville Secondary School website. The main navigation bar includes links for Markville S.S., School Information, News & Events, Departments, Specialty Programs, Parents, Students, Guidance, Library, and School Council. A calendar for November is displayed on the left, listing events such as SR Boys Volleyball Tour, Cross Country Team OF, Varsity Hockey Game, and JR Boys Volleyball Tour. On the right, there is a 'Grade 8 Information Sessions' image and a 'Community Opportunities' icon. A callout box at the bottom explains that clicking this icon will bring families to a webpage with up-to-date links to YRDSB sponsored events and resources for students, families and community members. The callout also states '***UPDATED WEEKLY***'.

Message from Peer Tutoring

Are you stressed about tests and assignments? Are you looking for extra help with your courses? Maybe you need help with your homework, or studying before a test? Don't worry, Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is back and ready to support YOU!

Peer Tutoring will start MONDAY, MARCH 4. Sessions will be offered during **lunch** and **after school**. Students can drop-in as needed and/or request a weekly 1-on-1 peer tutor. **No application form is needed for drop-in. To request a weekly 1-on-1 tutor, submit an application** at bit.ly/msspeertutee2024. Look for the Peer Tutoring posters around school and follow [msspeertutoring](https://www.instagram.com/msspeertutoring) on IG for updates!

Social Media of the Week



MPL  **TRAIL PROJECT**

TRY THE NEW MPL TRAILS APP!

Explore the trails around Unionville and Markham Village libraries.

Listen to recordings on the local history and ecology of these areas from our very own Library staff.

NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH APPLE STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY.

SCAN ME

MY MAIN STREET
MA RUE PRINCIPALE

Canada 

Download the App Now

Community Events

📄 Bridging the Gap Book Club SPRING 2024 poste...

<https://calendar.newmarketpl.ca/default/Detail/2024-03-26-1900-Bridging-the-Gap-Book-Club>

📄 Math In Drag poster.pdf

<https://calendar.newmarketpl.ca/default/Detail/2024-04-06-1400-Math-in-Drag-Book-Launch-Math-is-for-Everyone>



CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS 2024

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:

- ☀️ SPECIAL EVENTS
- 🥬 FARMERS MARKET
- 🎵 MUSIC ON MAIN CONCERT SERIES
- 📱 CONTENT CREATION

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FOR DETAILS!**



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