

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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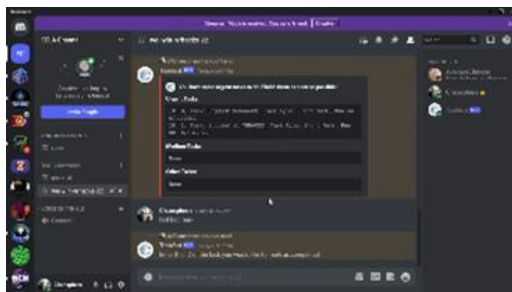
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Please keep in mind any information provided in this bulletin is subject to change and is accurate at the time of distribution.

## Com/Sci Spotlight

### Computer Science Competitions

**YRHacks:** This is an annual 24-hour Hackathon where students from York Region schools compete to develop a solution to a problem. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, several of our students competed in this competition. Eric Zou, Carlton Qian, Lynn Tao, and Angel Ma created a productivity-enhancing bot on Discord. This group of grade tens effectively demonstrated their goal of increasing productivity in today's society and won the Best Pitch award. Another team of grade elevens – Ishaan Dey, Ryan Zhu, and Nima Dehkordi, created an educational tool called LOOPlayer that allows users to compose music using loops. This innovative product placed them in 5<sup>th</sup> place, and they were each awarded with a one-year Wolfram Alpha subscription!



**Canadian Computing Competition:** In February, 80 of our students participated in this annual programming competition organized by the University of Waterloo. Since September, many of these participants have been spending every Friday after school in the Computer Science Education Club preparing for this competition. Congratulations to the 26 students who received certificates of distinction for being in the top 25%. Also, congratulations to Max Jiang and Maxwell Li, who made it to the next level competition. All the best to them!



**CanHack:** In March, 40 of our students participated in a two-week long capture-the-flag styled competition hosted by the Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson University). The competition involved cybersecurity concepts such as Forensics, Web Exploitation, Binary Exploitation, Reverse Engineering, and Cryptography. Congratulations to Nima Dehkordi, Ryan Zhu, Ishaan Dey, and Adrian Wu for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 340 Canadian teams. Internationally, they placed 33<sup>rd</sup> out of 7800 teams!



### App Development Club



Markville's app development club is currently working on their collaboration with the city of Markham. This week, they completed location services and tracking. They aim to release the official "Markham Trails" app sometime in June, so look out for it in the future!

## HOSA Spotlight

Your Markville HOSA team did it again!

Last week, Markville HOSA members competed in the national Spring Leadership Conference with Health Occupations Students of America (Canada). This is the main event that our students train for all year and they did not disappoint.

We are so proud of everyone who came out and demonstrated their hard work and passion this year. We would like to congratulate

- Kelei Xiao for coming in 9th place for behavioural health,
  - Nicole Leung for coming in 7th place for veterinary science,
  - Roxanne Huang for coming in 7th for nutrition,
  - Nelson Siu and Yunhui Kang for coming in 7th for forensic science
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- We would also like to congratulate those competitors who ranked in the top three across Canada in their event:
  - Jessica Ying for coming in 2nd place for epidemiology,
  - Bonnie Wen for coming in 2nd for pharmacy science,
  - Michelle Wan for coming in 1st in behavioural health,
  - Inniya Umaibalan and Swetha Kandeepan for coming in 1st in Medical Innovation.

These students have qualified for the International Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee at the end of June. We wish anyone who attends the ILC the best of luck! Please note that there will be no Markville staff in attendance at the conference.

Keep an eye for the upcoming MTP night and end-of-year events. Rest up for September when we start all over again!

# Asian Heritage Month



This year to celebrate Asian Heritage Month, we wanted to highlight some of the voices of Asian Canadians. Every day for the rest of the month, we will have a quote to start the day. Homeroom teachers will project the slide of the day for students to read and reflect on.

Week 1: Famous Canadians

Week 2: Our students

Week 3: Markville SS staff



## Message from Guidance

### SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION PROCESS

Summer School registrations are filling up, but there is still time to register, if interested. Please note, however - if a student selects a course that is currently on their course selection for next year, Guidance is no longer able to replace it with another course. The student's new request will be placed on a waitlist and tended to once the schedule has been built. At this time, we cannot assure that a student will be able to get the desired course. For those interested in Credit Recovery and/or Credit Upgrade, registration does not impact next year's choices.

#### TO REGISTER for Summer School

\***Students must sign up for In-Person or Online learning summer school through myBlueprint** (Continuing Ed tab in your high school pathway planner).

\***Students MUST fill in the Google Form below** to ensure that Guidance has all information, as well as Guardian permission. Confirmation of permission via this form replaces submitting a sign-off sheet.

#### **Google form to be completed in addition to myBlueprint:**

<https://forms.gle/zBTz9PfmYnYVFWzKA>

**Please note if students do not complete both the form and myBlueprint the course cannot be approved by Guidance.**

\*Only one 4-week course OR a max of two 2-week courses can be taken during summer. Special exceptions for graduating students only (Dual Credit).

\*If for some reason a student is unable to complete summer school and it is a compulsory course, it is the student's responsibility to connect with Guidance at the beginning of the new school year to ensure they have the course added back to their timetable - all efforts to do so will be made. Information on how to do that will be sent to students at that time.

### 2022/23 Day School Online Learning Registration Process

**Day School Online Learning Registration for 2022-23 is open.** This is for students going into Gr 11 or 12 who KNOW that they would like to take a course via Online Learning (asynchronous) vs at MSS. Note that students can continually sign up, once they know what their timetable will be in August. **IMPORTANT:** If a student selects Online Learning and the course is removed from their MSS selection, please note that it may not be possible to get it back at a later date, should the student change their mind.

In terms of the Government-mandated Online courses, MSS does not yet have information about this process. We have been told it is coming in the very near future and will be sent to students as soon as we have it.

### Registration Dates

- **Semester 1:** Open May 16, 2022 - September 16, 2022
- **Semester 2:** Open May 16, 2022 - February 17, 2023

### Course Dates

- **Semester 1:** September 6, 2022 - February 3, 2023
- **Semester 2:** February 6, 2023 - June 30, 2023

### 2022 - 2023 Registration Information

For information about registering into a Day School Online Learning course and/or course availability:

- Students book a Guidance Appointment via TeachAssist.
- Guidance Counsellors will review the student's academic plan and will reserve a seat where applicable.
- Students cannot Register on their own (not available via myPathwayPlanner/myBlueprint)

### Course Options

Course Code	Course Description	Semester
BOH4M=	Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals, Gr. 12	1
CGW4U=	World Issues: A Geographic Analysis, Gr. 12	1
MDM4U=	Mathematics of Data Management, Gr. 12	1
BBB4M=	International Business Fundamentals, Gr. 12	2

<b>BOH4M=</b>	Business Leadership: Management Fundamentals, Gr. 12	2
<b>CGG30=</b>	Travel and Tourism: A Geographic Perspective, Gr 11	2
<b>CGW4U=</b>	World Issues: A Geographic Analysis, Gr. 12	2
<b>CHI4U=</b>	Canada: History, Identity and Culture, Gr. 12	2
<b>CHY4U=</b>	World History since the Fifteenth Century, Gr. 12	2
<b>CIA4U=</b>	Analysing Current Economic Issues, Gr. 12	2
<b>CLN4U=</b>	Canadian and International Law, Gr. 12	2
<b>CLU3M=</b>	Understanding Canadian Law, Gr. 11	2
<b>ENG4U=</b>	English, Gr. 12	2
<b>ETS4U=</b>	Studies in Literature, Gr. 12	2
<b>HSB4U=</b>	Challenge and Change in Society, Gr. 12	2
<b>HSC4M=</b>	World Cultures, Gr. 12	2
<b>MDM4U=</b>	Mathematics of Data Management, Gr. 12	2

<b>NDW4M=</b>	Contemporary Indigenous Issues and Perspectives in a Global Context, Gr. 12	2
<b>SBI4U=</b>	Biology, Gr. 12	2



**POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION**

Reminders: **OCAS** (Ontario Colleges) acceptances were due on **May 1st**. **OUAC** (Ontario Universities) had to be accepted by **June 1st**. At this time, Semester 2 Midterm marks are visible to Post-Secondary institutions. **Full Disclosure**, where a course remains on a transcript, was **May 9th**.




**COLLEGE INFO SESSION FOR GUARDIANS**

Please see attached a flyer (including the link to a Web-ex presentation) from Seneca College, entitled: "Exploring the College Experience: A Parent's Guide to Seneca" for parents/guardians of those considering Seneca in particular, or college in general.

**Exploring the College Experience: A Parent's Guide to Seneca**

<p><b>TOPICS COVERED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• College overview with a strong focus on degree programs</li> <li>• Pathways to transfer from diploma to degree and college to university</li> <li>• Open programs for Fall 2022</li> <li>• Counselling &amp; Accessibility support and IEPs</li> <li>• Financial aid</li> <li>• Dual Credit opportunities for high school students</li> </ul>	<p><b>PRESENTER:</b></p> <p>Kevin Richardson, Student Recruitment Officer and proud Seneca graduate</p> 
 <p><b>WHEN:</b> Tuesday May 31, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>WHERE:</b> <b>Webex Events - Click Here to Register</b></p> <p><b>Password:</b> Parents2022</p>	



	<p>Email: <a href="mailto:dualcredit@senecacollege.ca">dualcredit@senecacollege.ca</a> Phone: 416.491.5050 ext. 22223</p>	<p> @senecadualcredit  @SenecaDC</p>
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Happy LOOOONG Weekend!!

Your Guidance Team~

## School Notices

### Upcoming Dates

May 23	Victoria Day (Holiday) School Closed
May 26	Grad Assembly for Grade 12 students
May 24-27	Tri-Maverick Cup (Student Lunch Event)
May 25	OAPT Physics Contest Grades 10-12 (2:30pm to 3:30pm)
May 30	School Council Meeting
June 2	Prom
June 10	SAC's Carnival Event (11:05 – 2:25pm)
June 14	Music Banquet
June 16-17	Grade 9 EQAO Math
June 21	Athletic Banquet
June 29	MSS Graduation

# Peer Tutoring

**PEER TUTORING**

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

**UPDATE: Now in person!**

**MONDAY-THURSDAY**  
**2:40-3:40PM**  
In Room 228

To request a 1-on-1 tutor, visit:  
[bit.ly/1to1peertutor](http://bit.ly/1to1peertutor)

Online Sessions are available for Remote Learners Only.

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 **in person, after school Monday-Thursday from 2:40-3:40 pm**.

To request a **1-to-1 peer tutor**, students must submit this application form: [bit.ly/1to1peertutor](http://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](http://bit.ly/msspeertutorinfo).

## Social Media of the Week



Markham Public Library  
@markhamlibrary



Join us for the 10th Markham Reads where we vote for a book and read together as a City and connect with each other at fun virtual events related to the book. Check out the shortlisted books this year and vote for the one you want to read.

[bit.ly/3ssEAj9](https://bit.ly/3ssEAj9)



12:00 PM · May 19, 2022 · Sprout Social



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# YRDSB Communications



## After School and Evening Mental Health Supports in

### Light of War In Ukraine and Global Conflicts 2022

The war in Ukraine is affecting YRDSB students, staff, families and communities. As a school board, we rely on and support international efforts for peace and reconciliation. We also remain committed to learning and working from anti-racist, anti-oppressive, anti-colonial and trauma informed frameworks and to ensuring that our schools and workplaces remain safe, welcoming and equitable places where students and staff feel safe, affirmed, respected and protected. Families and educators can support children and youth in understanding and coping with the impact of the war in Ukraine. Most children and youth are resilient and will cope well with the support and caring of their families, teachers, friends, and other caring adults.

In light of the current war in Ukraine and our ongoing commitment to the Student Well-Being and Mental Health goals outlined in the [Director's Action Plan \(DAP\)](#), the York Region District School Board School Psychology and Social Work staff have collaborated with [CRES](#) Partner, [COSTI Immigrant Services](#) to offer three supportive mental health gatherings for parents/caregivers, students grades 6-8, and students grades 9-12.

**The series:** *YRDSB in Collaboration with COSTI : Mental Health Event for Families and Youth in Light of the War in Ukraine : An evening to “Acknowledge – Bridge- and Connect” During Global Conflicts*

The events are open to all parents, caregivers, and families acknowledging that we all may have different experiences in relation to the war in Ukraine. For some it may be very personal, and for others with similar lived experiences, it may also be emotionally impactful. At the events, families will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health and their

child using the ABCs (i.e., Acknowledge, Bridge, Connection) of Mental Health. Youth will hear about common reactions to stress and trauma as well as potential ways to cope and support their mental health using the ABCs of Mental Health. Each event will end with a brief panel discussion responding to pre-submitted participant questions.

#### **After School and Evening Events:**

- Parent/Caregiver Virtual Session: June, 1, 2022, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Students Grades 6-8 Virtual session: May 24, 2022, 4:00-5:00 pm
- Students Grades 9-12 Virtual session: May 30, 2022, 4:00-5:00 pm

Parents/ Caregivers can use this [registration form](#) to register for the parent/caregiver session, or to register their child in a student session. Registration closes on **May 23, 2022**. More information about the session can be found within the [registration form](#).

For more information about the After School and Evening Mental Health Supports in Light of War In Ukraine please contact:

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Teresa Riccitelli, Interim Chief of Social Work and Attendance Services, [teresa.riccitelli@yrdsb.ca](mailto:teresa.riccitelli@yrdsb.ca)

## Community Events



**YORK REGIONAL POLICE**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY VILLAGE CAMPS  
2022**



#### ***Camp Objective***

- The goal of the camp is to provide a fun environment where students can learn how healthy lifestyle choices can impact them today and in the future. The camp includes interactive workshops and games, sports activities facilitated by police officers, tri-services representatives, CSV educators and camp leaders. The Summer Camp is hosted at the Community Safety Village of York Region located at:
  - 3291 Stouffville Road, in the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area

## ***Camp Descriptions***

### **Tri – Service Camps (Currently in Grade 3 or Grade 4- camp week of July 4th)**

#### **\*\* (Currently in Grade 6, 7 or Grade 8 – camp week of July 25th)**

- Various tri-services programs and interactive safety activities will be run during this time. These programs are overseen by York Regional Police Officers, Youth in Policing students as well as CSV Educators and summer students. The program will be both inside and outdoors in our outdoor Pavilion. Campers will learn about the tri-service Police, Fire and Paramedic and their role in the community as well learning through interactive games new skills. Activities include:
  - Junior Detective Investigative Hunt
  - Bicycle Safety
  - Internet Safety
  - Healthy Lifestyle Habits
  - Emergency Preparedness and others – TBD.

### **Super Hero United/Unity (Currently in Grade 5 or Grade 6) Week of July 11**

- Campers will be introduced to the York Regional Police Super Hero – Unity and Unity. They will get to visit their Headquarters and learn what traits we all possess to be our own super hero. This camp is very hands on and campers will be involved in the design of their own super hero. This program is overseen by York Regional Police Officers, Youth in Policing students as well as CSV Educators and Summer Students.

### **Like Me First Camp (Currently in Grade 6 or Grade 7) Week of July 18**

- This camp is for youth to continue to build self-esteem, self-awareness and self-confidence. The “Like Me First” program will speak to how young people view and treat themselves. The purpose is to help our youth become resilient and make positive choices, while also developing self-esteem and positive friendships. The topics that we will be addressing include: building self-esteem, mindfulness, meditation, coping techniques, developing positive self-worth through self-care, and self-image (discussing the positive and negative impacts of social media). Ultimately, our hope is that this program will help to develop self-love and a lifelong impact for our youth.

### **Teen Police Academy (Currently in High School) Week of August 8**

- This program is 5 days of learning and experiences to assist students in focusing on their education and career goals, enhance leadership skills and enable students to get to know themselves – strengths as well as areas to work on. Meet other like-minded students with similar goals while interacting and working with Officers and

Civilians receiving positive mentoring.

**Leo McArthur Leadership Academy (Currently in High School) Week of August 15**

- As with Teen Police Academy youth will have 5 days of learning and experiences to assist students in focusing on their education and career goals, enhance and further develop leadership skills and enable students to get to know themselves – strengths as well as areas to work on. Meet other like-minded students with similar goals while interacting and working with Officers and Civilians receiving positive mentoring.

**High School Prep Camp (Currently in Grade 8) Week of August 22**

- The Community Safety Village welcomes youth who are graduating grade 8 and heading into High school to join us for 5 days to prepare for the transition. This camp will provide an interactive look at topics like Tobacco / vaping, mental health wellness, resume writing with a mock job interview. Lessons on Safe Social Media as well as Drinking and Drugs. We will invite guest speakers and there will be many interactive team-building activities. This program is overseen by York Regional Police Officers, Youth in Policing students as well as CSV Educators and Summer Students.

If you are interested in any of the camps please email [csv@yrp.ca](mailto:csv@yrp.ca) for an application form.

***The ultimate goal for all of our camps is interactive learning, lots of fun and a lifetime of memories!!!***



## Community Communication

Dear Community:

NACCA is creating a new strategic plan and we want to hear from you! The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. The first 100 participants will receive a \$25 gift card from Sunrise Caribbean Restaurant or Taste of the Islands. All survey participants will have a chance to win one of 25 \$100 Indigo gift cards.

**Survey timeline - May 18 - May 31, 2022**

For the eligibility and transparency statement, visit: <https://www.naccacommunity.ca/survey.html>

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the survey due to accessibility, contact: [info@naccacommunity.ca](mailto:info@naccacommunity.ca)

Thank you for helping us build a better community!

**[CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY](#)**

**[Visit our website](#)**

**[Membership](#)**



## This Month in May

  
**JEWISH**  
HERITAGE MONTH

# Celebrate Jewish Diversity



**Ontario's Jewish community is rich and diverse.**

Our history in the province begins in the early 1800s and extends up to the present day. Our community is made up of Jewish people from countries and regions all over the globe like Brazil, the Caribbean, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Israel, Japan, Morocco, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Ukraine, and more!

To learn more about the history of Ontario's Jewish community, visit [www.ontariojewisharchives.org](http://www.ontariojewisharchives.org)

### #MYJEWISHHERITAGE

 UJA FEDERATION  
of Greater Toronto

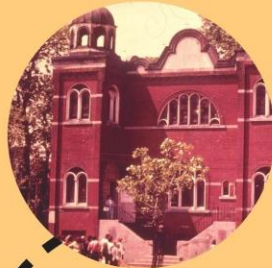
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BLANKENSTEIN FAMILY HERITAGE CENTRE



 NO SILENCE ON RACE

Maxine Ewaschuk, Sarah Akilu, and Ariella Daniels sat for their portraits and interviews as part of *Periphery*, a project spotlighting Jews of multiracial and multi-ethnic heritage. Photography by Liat Aharoni, 2021. Courtesy of the Ontario Jewish Archives.

**JEWISH**  
HERITAGE MONTH



# SCROLLING SPADINA

A VIRTUAL TOUR OF TORONTO'S JEWISH MARKET

The Ontario Jewish Archives presents the first-ever virtual tour of Kensington Market. Watch the streets come to life through guided videos presenting the sights and sounds of the one-time Jewish Market. Learn about the history of Toronto's Jewish community and the challenges and opportunities they faced in the early twentieth century. Along the way you will discover stories of migration, employment, activism, community, culture and more.



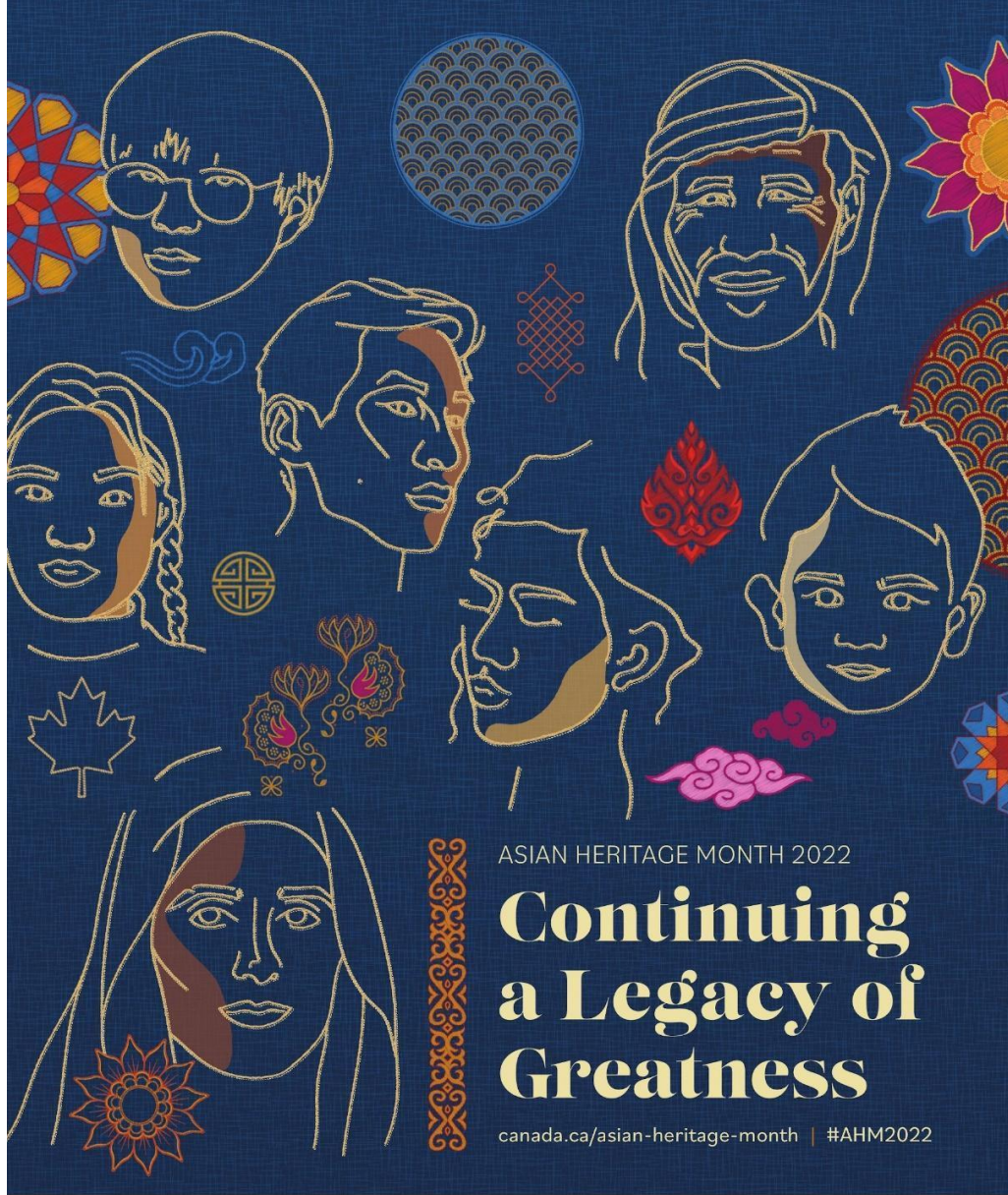
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