

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

Inspire Learning!



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.

Grade 9 Math EQAO

Semester 2 Grade 9 Math classes will be writing the Grade 9 EQAO Assessment of Mathematics in-person on Thursday, June 16 and Friday, June 17. More information about the assessment will be shared with students by their grade 9 math teacher.

Students who took grade 9 math in semester 1 have the option to participate. Please note that the assessment is not mandatory for semester 1 students, is not a graduation requirement nor will it be used to adjust your child's semester 1 mark. If your child took grade 9 math in semester 1 and would like to write the assessment, please contact the main office by Wednesday, June 1. More details will be shared with interested students closer to the assessment date.

Student and Family Surveys

YRDSB 2021-22 Student and Family Surveys

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Student and family input is important to us. The York Region District School Board will be conducting online surveys with students (Grades 7-12) and families (Grades K-12) between **June 1 - 30, 2022** to better understand experiences of learning this school year. Surveys will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

The surveys will include questions related to:

- learning model, technology, and learning tools
- engagement and learning
- family/school communication and community engagement
- well-being and mental health
- relationships with peers and staff

- safety, discrimination and bullying
- equitable and inclusive learning environments
- student identity

We ask questions about students' identities (e.g., race and gender) to support understanding how learning experiences may differ among groups of students. Results from the surveys will be shared with Trustees, schools, Board departments, and the public during the 2022-23 school year.

The information collected will be used to:

- Provide important information about student mental health and well-being.
- Identify systemic barriers in order to create healthy, inclusive, and equitable learning and working environments.
- Create programs, set priorities, and develop resources to continue building inclusive, welcoming, and supportive environments where all feel they matter and belong.

The Family Survey will be available online in English, Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Farsi, Gujarati, Hebrew, Korean, Punjabi, Russian, Tamil, Turkish, Urdu, and Vietnamese.

To accommodate participants with varying exceptionalities, both the family and student surveys can be completed using voice recognition software such as Google Read & Write. The questions in the survey are compatible with screen readers. For your reference, copies of both the student and family surveys are available on the [board website](#).

Surveys are anonymous and confidential. This means that students and families will not be asked for their name, and individual responses will not be reported. Surveys are voluntary and respondents may skip any questions they do not want to answer.

Information provided in these surveys will only be accessible by staff in YRDSB's Research and Assessment Services Department. The third party data collection tool we use will also have access to responses until Research and Assessment Services removes them after the surveys are closed. Storage and retention of data will follow [Board Policy and Procedure #160.0 Records and Information Management](#).

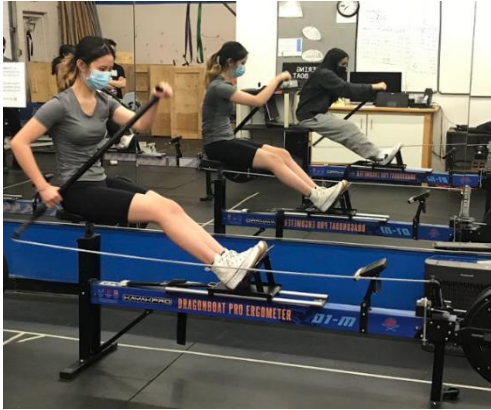
Students in Grades 7-12 will receive an email invitation to their GAPPS school account to participate in the Student Survey and will be provided with in-class time between June 1 and June 30 to complete the survey. If you do not want your child (ren) in Grades 7-12 to receive the Student Survey invitation or if you have questions about the survey, please contact research.services@yrdsb.ca **no later than May 26, 2022**. Parents/guardians will receive an invitation to complete the Family Survey through the email address that is on file at their child's school.

This important initiative will help further our vision as we work together to listen to the voices of students and families to continue meeting their diverse needs. Thank you for your support.

Dragon Boat Spotlight

Dragon Boat Team

There was a lot of interest in dragon boating this year, enough to fill two boats! The team began their season practicing at Paddle Zone in Pickering where they learned correct form and practiced on paddle machines.



When the weather was warmer, the team was able to practice on water. Practices were at Frenchman's Bay Marina. The team trained hard. They paddled strong and synchronously.





Markville's Dragon Boat Team will be competing against other high school teams this year in the Pickering Dragon Boat Community Festival. This regatta will be on June 5th at Bruce Hanscombe's Park. Wish them luck!



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>

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 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. More information about Day School Online courses can be found [here](#).

In terms of the **Government-mandated Online courses**, CURRENT GRADE 10 FAMILIES (only) received a YRDSB email on May 20th that contained a Google Form allowing them to Opt Out of the Online requirement. Families can complete this form independently to Opt Out, or can contact Guidance to request Guidance to Opt Out on their behalf. No action is required for those not seeking to Opt Out. More information has been posted [here](#).

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

Reminders: **OCAS** (Ontario Colleges) acceptances were due on **May 1st**. **OUAC** (Ontario Universities) must accept by **June 1st**. At this time, Semester 2 Midterm marks are visible to Post-Secondary institutions.

Have a glorious weekend!!

Your Guidance Team~

School Notices

[Graduation Information for Assembly 2022.pdf](#)

[Markville Course Calendar 2022-2023](#)

[Student Information Package.pdf](#)

School ends at 2:25pm

Student Screeing Tool

[York Region's Safe at School COVID-19 screening](#)

[Secondary School Confirmation Form](#)

Graduation and Prom Slideshow is now available for viewing on the school website that was shown to Grade 12 students on Tuesday, May 25th.

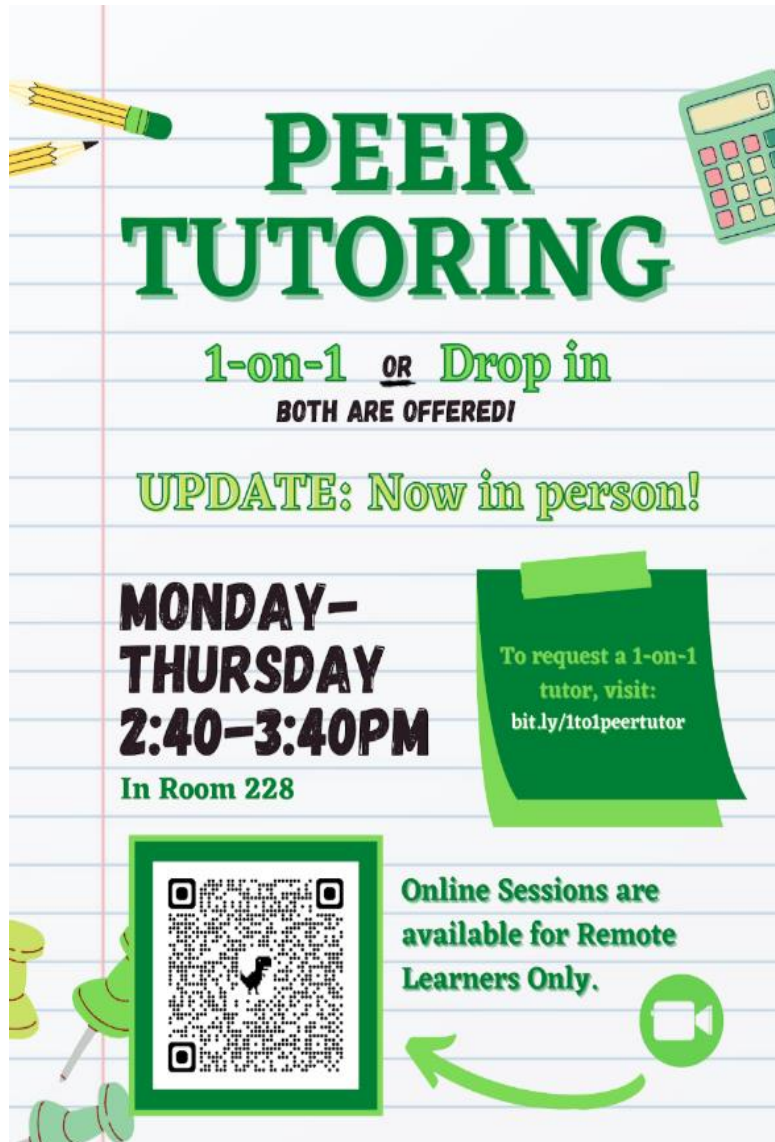
Here is the link below for the website.

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markville.ss/Pages/default.aspx>

Upcoming Dates

May 30	School Council Meeting
June 1	National Indigenous Month Begins
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



The flyer features a light blue background with horizontal lines. At the top left, there are two yellow pencils. At the top right, there is a green calculator. The main title 'PEER TUTORING' is in large, bold, green letters. Below it, '1-on-1 OR Drop in' is written in green, with 'OR' in smaller letters and 'BOTH ARE OFFERED!' in black. A green update banner says 'UPDATE: Now in person!'. The schedule 'MONDAY-THURSDAY 2:40-3:40PM' is in bold black, with 'In Room 228' below it. A green sticky note says 'To request a 1-on-1 tutor, visit: bit.ly/1to1peertutor'. A QR code is in a green frame, with a green arrow pointing to it from the text 'Online Sessions are available for Remote Learners Only.' and a green video camera icon.

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

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. 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.

Social Media of the Week



York Region DSB 

@YRDSB



PARENTS - Please see this message from [@YorkRegionGovt](#) regarding community immunization clinics for eligible students to receive vaccines against Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal disease. www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/

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1:44 PM · May 26, 2022 · Twitter Web App

2 Likes



https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/2022-05/YRPH-VPD_Parent_Notice_-_Routine_School_Immunizations_reminderMay2022.pdf

YRDSB Communications



Curriculum & Instructional Services invites the parents/guardians of Elementary and Secondary students:

Careers in the Trades - Parent/Student Engagement Night

Parent / Student
Engagement
Evening
Grades 7 - 12

[REGISTER
HERE](#)

CAREERS IN THE TRADES

WITH DR. JON
CALLEGHER FROM
JOB TALKS

Virtual presentation
followed by a student
panel and Q&A.



Learn about the
Skilled Trades
and
Apprenticeship; a
First Choice
Pathway!

June 2nd, 2022
6:30pm - 8:30pm
Virtual Link to follow



Curriculum and Instructional Services is pleased to announce the **Careers in Trades** virtual evening session. Please share the details of this event with your student and parent community. **This information session is for parents/guardians and their children in grade 7-12.**

[Careers in the Trades Promotional Flyer](#)

On the evening of **June 2, 2022** join us for an informative session with Dr. Jon Callegher, the Executive Director of [Job Talks](#).

Dr. Callegher will share his latest research on the emotional and experiential challenges facing young people today. He will also share data-driven reasons for

why working in the skilled trades is a first choice career option. Also, learn how students can begin exploring skilled trades careers while still in high school or earn their Level 1 Apprenticeship training by the end of grade 12.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

A link to this virtual evening session will be sent to all registrants on June 1st, 2022.

All are welcome to join us for this **FREE** event hosted by the Pathways Teams from the York Catholic and York Region District School Boards.

Registration Information

Register online via the following google form: <https://bit.ly/TradesNight>

For more information please contact Linda Alati, Pathways Consultant, linda.alati@yrdsb.ca or Reshma Badiani, Pathways Coordinator, reshma.badiani@yrdsb.ca.



**Bike
Month
2022**

Bike to School Week is May 30-June 3

Let's get cycling!

Celebrate active modes of transportation like cycling and wheeling along with other students and staff across Ontario during **Bike to School Week - May 30-June 3, 2022**. **Bike to School Week** is a free and fun week-long celebration for kids of all ages and abilities.



When cycling, remember to:

- Wear a properly fitting helmet. Every cyclist under 18 must wear a bike helmet.
- **Air Brakes Chain** – Check your bike tires, brakes and chain before you start riding.
- Ensure your bike has a working bell, white light or reflector at the front, and a red

light

or reflector at the back. For information and to learn more visit the [Government of Ontario's bicycle safety information](#).

- Cross at crosswalks, if there is one. Walk beside your bike when crossing the road.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways and turning at intersections.
- Lock your bike in bike racks.
- Be visible and dress for the weather.

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week, or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution around your school.

Benefits of Biking to School

- Promotes physical and mental health
- Students arrive energized and ready to learn
- Improved safety in school zones
- Good for the environment
- Convenient, bicycling is often faster than sitting in traffic
- Good for the community, encourages social interaction
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future
- **Just plain old simple fun!**



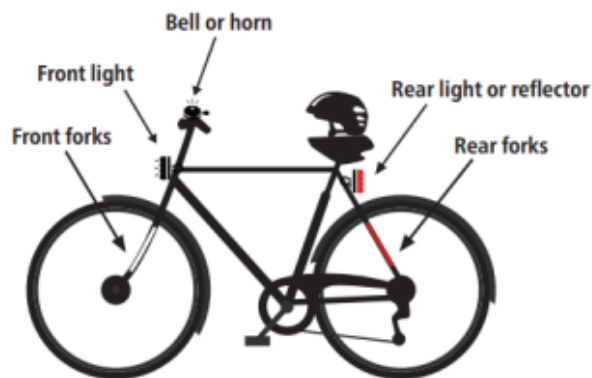
Cycling Safety Factsheet

Be Seen - Be Heard - Be Safe

Did you know?

Ontario law requires that you equip your bike with:

- ✓ White reflective tape on the front forks and red reflective tape on the rear forks
- ✓ A white front light and a red rear light or reflector if you ride between 1/2 hour before sunset and 1/2 hour after sunrise
- ✓ A bell or horn that works



Every cyclist under 18 years of age must wear an approved bicycle helmet

Graphic and more information can be found at [York Region Cycling education webpage](#).



Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

June 2022

RDSB Mental Health services are provided by YRDSB psychology and social work personnel

Navigating Uncharted Territory

For many students June symbolizes the end of the year celebration as well as the ending of a chapter. It's a time of year where a student may celebrate prom, graduations, final performances or look forward to further studies. These experiences serve as a milestone for many young people. As the school year comes to an end, it might feel like navigating uncharted territory. As we continue to navigate the unknown it is understandable for students to feel anxious, excited, a sense of loss, grief and all the emotions one can harbour during this time.

In an [article](#) by Erinne Magee, a freelance writer, discusses the importance of reflection and closure near the end of the school year. Marnee cites Jamie M Howard a PhD a senior clinical psychologist and Dana Dorfman a PhD and psychotherapist who both provide key considerations when approaching this theme of last day of school:

1. Considering cues from children such as their body language, words, behaviours or mentioning feeling fine at the moment but might be struggling as school ends.
2. Validating their feelings. Avoid overgeneralizing what the young person is feeling as this can cause feelings to be minimized. Rather, tuning in and holding space for safe spaces can allow for more open conversations.

3. Creating a family schedule. For younger children, asking your child what they miss the most can facilitate dialogue to incorporate what they were missing into your family routine. Such as a family scavenger hunt, nature walk, photography, making a recipe and so on.

4. Reflection. Validating their progress and personal development is acknowledged. Discussing some of their favorite memories this year. Such as creating a family yearbook, photo collages, scrapbooks, storytelling or whichever creative ways suits your family.

[Scholastic Parents Staff](#) by [Scholastic Canada](#) offers some key insights in an article titled "[Tips to Get Kids Ready for the School Year End](#)" for parents on how to prepare our children for the end of the school year:

- **Talk it over:** Having open dialogue and inviting your children to reflect about their school year and their mental wellbeing.

- **Creating a countdown:** Some children might ask how long they have until an event happens? This is because they are starting to grasp the concept of time. So if your child asks "How many days until the end of school?" You can reply "Let's count down"

Helpful Tips and Resources:

School Mental Health Ontario (SMHO) offers strategies on how we can start [these conversations and tools we can access to support.](#)

[No Problem Too Big or Small:](#) This is a resource made by students for students. Throughout the resource, there are positive affirmations and reminders for students that

there is help around and no problem is #TooBigOrTooSmall to reach out and ask for help. Check out: [My Circle of Support Pocketbook-Student Help Seeking Resource](#) by School Mental Health Ontario.

Additional Resources:

[YRDSB Mental Health Resource Page](#)
[SMHO Parent/Family Page](#)

Upcoming Workshops:

[Children and Restorative Sleep](#), June 6, 2022 6:30 PM EDT

For more additional workshops visit [York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families website](#).

We look forward to creating pathways for caring connections and meaningful relationships with parents, caregivers, and families. Share your voice by using this [feedback form](#), and let's pave the path forward together.

Mental Health COVID-19 Page

As we focus on keeping ourselves healthy and containing the spread of COVID-19, we must also keep ourselves mentally well. The link below is dedicated to supporting student mental health during this Pandemic. Resources for students, parents/guardians as well as community resources are listed. In addition, there are various links to YRDSB mental health support as well as community support. Please consider taking some time to familiarize yourself with the supports found on the [COVID-19 Mental Health Supports for Students and Families](#) webpage.

Continue to check out the [YRDSB website](#) for updated information as well as the Twitter account [@MH_YRDSB](#).

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Settlement and Education Partnership in York Region(SEPYR) &
Centre for Immigrant and Community Services (CICS),
Immigrant Youth Centre(IYC)**

in partnership with

YRDSB Inclusive School and Community Services

**Celebrating
Asian Heritage Month**

Everyone is welcome!

**Come and join us in this online experience to celebrate different Asian cultures
and participate in fun games, talent show, virtual cultural displays and much
more!**

**Tuesday, May 31, 2022
6:30 p.m - 8:00 p.m**

Register for this online event with IYC and SEPYR!

bit.ly/ahmcelebration

For more information, please contact:

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or

vchung@ccsyrr.org



Community Events

MARQUEE
theatrical productions

in partnership with the Town of Aurora
presents

AURORA'S 2022

Performing Arts **FESTIVAL**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

FINAL COMPETITION:

Saturday, June 11, 2022

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at Aurora Town Park • 49 Wells Street

AGE GROUPS

7 years of age and under

8 to 12 years of age

13 to 17 years of age

DISCIPLINES

Singing • Acting • Dancing

For more information, call **905-713-1040**
or visit **aurora.ca/artsfestival** or **marqueetp.com**

#AuroraArtsFestival   

Please note, we reserve the right to cancel, amend or change activities.


AURORA

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

#MYJEWISHHERITAGE

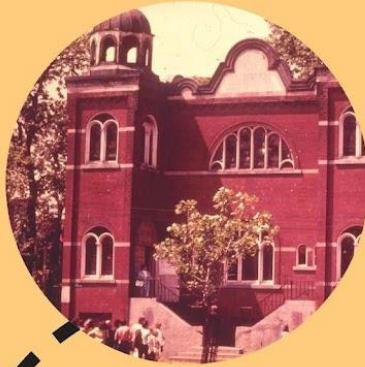
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of Greater Toronto | ONTARIO JEWISH ARCHIVES
BLANKENSTEIN FAMILY HERITAGE CENTRE



 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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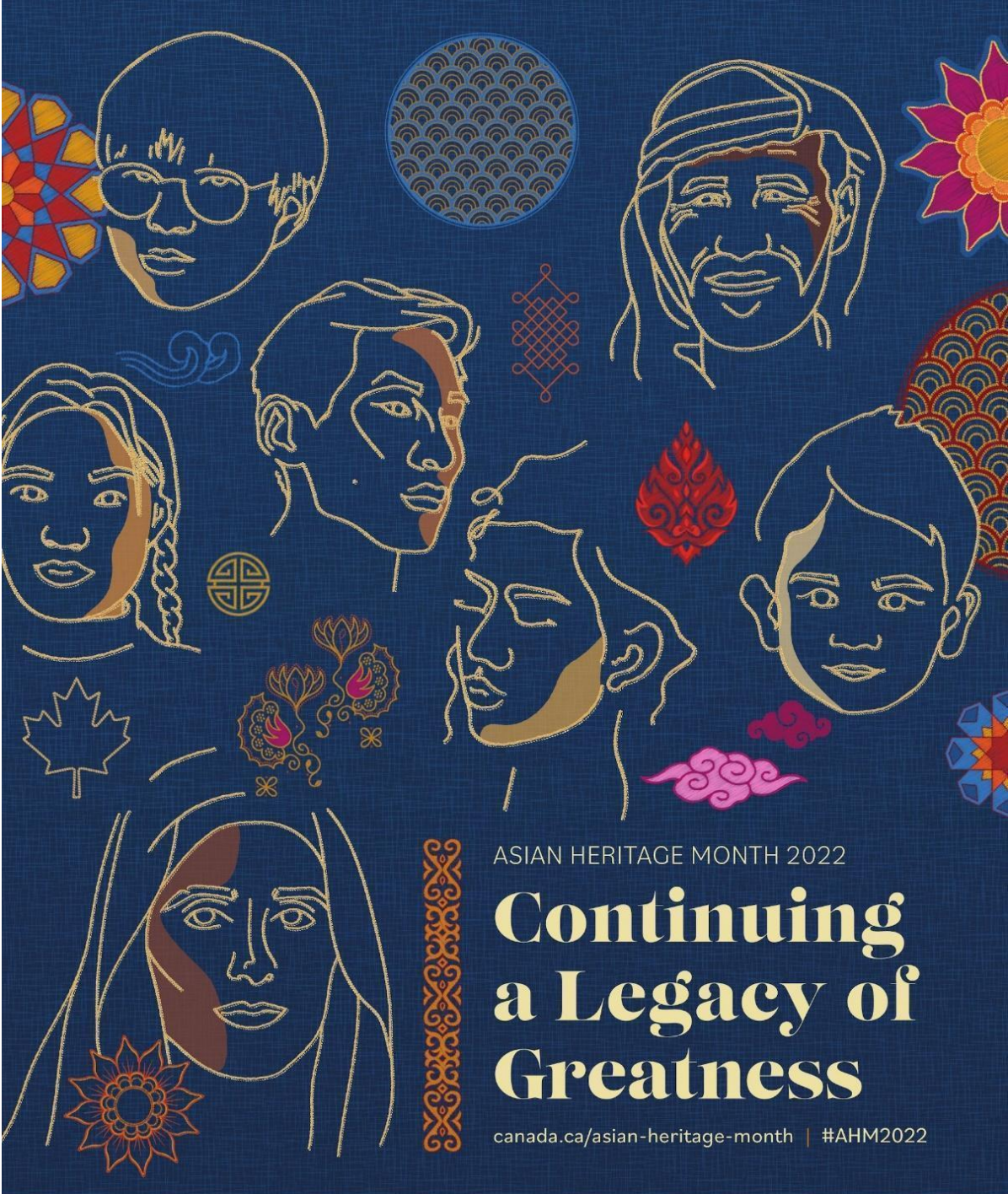


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ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH 2022

Continuing a Legacy of Greatness

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