

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

April 12 was International Day of Pink which is a day when people around the world stand together and raise awareness of the need to stop all forms of hate, bullying, and discrimination, including homophobia and transphobia. Students and staff at Markville Secondary School wore pink on this day to celebrate diversity and to show their support for the 2SLGBTQI+ communities.

May is Asian and South Asian Heritage Month during which time we recognize and celebrate the customs, traditions, contributions, and achievements of Asian and South Asian Canadians.

In addition to the numerous extra-curricular clubs, athletic events, and field trips taking place at our school, please take note of the following upcoming dates:

May 17 - Relay For Life

May 22 - Victoria Day (no classes)

May 25 - Music Banquet

June 2 - Carnival

June 8 - Prom

June 12 - Athletic Banquet

A reminder that the next School Council Meeting will be taking place on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between 7:00-8:30 pm in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

As we continue with the second half of the semester, I would like to wish all students and staff continued success.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal
Markville Secondary School

Pride Markville Spotlight

How to support your 2SLGBTQ+ child



What to do when your child comes out to you Tips for parents/guardians

Coming out is often a task that requires an immense amount of bravery, vulnerability, and honesty. While it can come as a shock and can be disorienting, it is also an act of trust and an invitation to get to know your child's authentic self. Here are some suggestions on how to react in a way that will support your child.

✓ DOs

- Tell your LGBTQI2S child that you love and accept them for who they are
- ASK your child if and how you can share their LGBTQI2S identity to other people
- Welcome your child's partner and LGBTQI2S friends, get to know them and understand that they are important and supportive to your child
- Support your child's gender expression by using their correct pronouns, name, and affirming that they can dress however they want and style their hair however they want.
- Advocate for your child in the face of homophobia, biphobia or transphobia from other people
- Educate yourself on LGBTQI2S issues, and (if applicable) encourage LGBTQI2S acceptance at your religious institutions
- Believe your child can have a happy life as an LGBTQI2S adult

✗ DON'Ts

- Tell your child that it is "just a phase"
- Try to change your child's identity
- Blame your child's LGBTQI2S friends for influencing your child to identify this way
- Ignore their request to use a different name and/or pronouns
- Reject your child based on something they cannot change
- Allow homophobia, biphobia or transphobia to occur in the conversations around you, whether your child is present or not
- Prevent your child from participating in LGBTQI2S groups or events
- Police how they want to dress or style their hair
- Use religion as an excuse to reject your child
- Avoid talking about your child's identity
- Out your child without their permission

Dutch Heritage Month Spotlight

Dutch Heritage Month

Ontario is home to about 500,000 Dutch Canadians. Since the early 1800s, the Dutch Canadian community has made and continues to make significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Province of Ontario. By proclaiming the month of May as Dutch Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Dutch Canadians have made to the economic, political, social and cultural fabric of Ontario's society. May is a historically significant month for the Dutch Canadian community.



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On May 5, 1945, the Canadian forces were instrumental in the liberation of the Netherlands from occupation during World War II. The Netherlands celebrates its independence and liberty, along with the heroic efforts of the Canadian forces, with events that are usually opened by the Prime Minister, who starts the festivities from a different province every year. A team of around 5000 runners carries a flame to 200 municipalities all throughout the Netherlands, which marks the official beginning of all events, with free festivals happening in over 14 cities in the country.

Bevrijdingsdag or **Liberation Day**, is celebrated in Canada with two minutes of still silence to reflect upon the significance and meaning of our Freedom and those who fought for it.

<https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/about-the-kingdom/facts-about-the-netherlands/the-dutch-flag-and-coat-of-arms>

Message from Guidance

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>

School Notices

The screenshot shows the Markville Secondary School website. On the left, there is a calendar for May 3-5 with events like 'Tier 1 Ultimate @ BPCI', 'Grade 9 Inspiration Nation Festival', and 'SIN Physics Contest'. In the center, there is a 'Summer Learning Programs' banner with an image of a student. On the right, there is 'Contact Information' for Markville S.S. At the bottom, there are icons for 'School News', 'Trustee Message', 'Community', 'teachassist', and 'Opportunities'. A green arrow points to the 'Community' icon.

✦New✦

We would like to bring your attention to a new link on the Markville SS webpage. Clicking on the **Community**

Upcoming Dates

May 11	Moose Hide Campaign Day
May 12	SAC Event: Picnic and Pals
May 16	School Council in Library (2nd Floor) (7:00 – 8:30 pm)



YRDSB Communications



The Come Up summer program 2023 – School Newsletter

The York Region District School Board is pleased to announce The Come Up summer program 2023. This program offers self-identifying Black students who are entering grade 10 in September 2023 with an opportunity to earn a history credit. Students will explore the history of Black and/or African peoples in Canada. Students will explore historical developments and events in the countries of origin of Canada's diverse Black/African population, the factors that influenced voluntary and forced migration to Canada, and their contributions to Canadian identity and heritage. It will also feature various speakers from the Black community. Each activity/workshop will use an identity affirming approach with emphasis on student engagement to build positive self-esteem for Black students. Students will have the option to use this credit to fulfill the grade 10 compulsory history credit.

Students will earn/receive the following:

- Swag bags including t-shirts and resources;
- Free lunch (Mondays and Wednesdays); and
- Grade 10 compulsory history high school credit;

For more information and to register please see the flyer on the next two pages:



Navigating Secondary School and Beyond

2023 Summer Program

Program overview

The Come Up summer program is a unique in-person course offered to self-identifying Black students in the York Region District School Board. It also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch and swag.

Students entering grade 9 will earn a Civics and Careers (GLC20/CHV20) credit.

Students entering Grade 10 will earn a Black History (CHE30) credit. This credit can be used to fulfill the grade 10 compulsory history credit.

Eligibility (must meet all criteria)

- Are you entering Grade 9 or 10 in September 2023?
- Do you self-identify as Black?
- Are you a YRDSB Student?
- Are you interested in earning a high school credit?

Dates

July 5 - July 28, 2023 (Monday-Friday)*

*Attendance is mandatory for the duration of the program.
Please note: Lunch will only be provided on Mondays and Wednesdays.

8:45 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.

Choice of Tommy Douglas SS or Milliken Mills HS

Registration opens April 11, 2023

Register by May 26, 2023

Virtual Black Parent/Guardian Workshop Series

2023 Summer Program

Is your child a YRDSB student?

Is your child transitioning to Grade 9 or 10?

Is your child registered in the Come Up Program?

Does your child self-identify as Black?

**Join us for a workshop series
on navigating the secondary
school system.**

Session # 1 - Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Understanding the Secondary System

(Structure, Rights, Policies, Attendance, Credit Recovery, IEPs and more)

Session # 2 - Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Supporting your Child (Mental Health Supports, Tips and Strategies)

Families of all students for the summer school program will receive registration information for the Black Parent/ Guardian Workshop Series via email once student registration is complete.





PARENTING SESSIONS

Let's talk about it!

May 2023 Calendar of Events

We welcome all parents, guardians, caregivers and community members to attend these virtual sessions!

May 15, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – noon

Mindful Parenting: Ride the Waves

For parents of children 0-12 years of age. This session will provide an understanding of the importance of mindful parenting and the role it plays in nurturing positive relationships within the family.

May 16, 2023 | 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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May 24, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30

Test and Exam Preparation

For parents of children and teens. This session will focus on routines and strategies for parents to help better prepare their child for effective learning outcomes.

Facilitator: Uma Bhatt, R.S.W. York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families



These free virtual parent presentations are brought to you in a collaborative partnership with York Region District School Board and York Hills Centre for Children, Youth and Families.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

For information contact: Oksana Majaski, Community & Partnership Developer, YRDSB
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<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdmy21r-J3KY00bMx1is4fylqelx6q9OpKPQvL-8KcUgBJXwA/viewform>

Community Events

Markham Youth Expo Presented by York University

Date: May 6, 2023

Time: 3 to 8 PM

Location: Aaniin Community Centre

The long-awaited Markham Youth Expo Presented by York University is back! Each year, this event serves to showcase the diverse talents of youth and recognize their active participation in our diverse local community. This year we will be returning to full capacity with our first in-person Expo in 3 years. Drop in anytime to celebrate our community!

Event highlights:

- Entertainment
- Food trucks
- Carnival games
- Markham's Got Talent show
- Prizes and more!

<https://www.markham.ca/wps/wcm/connect/markham/MarkhamContent/Markham/recreation/programs/youth-councils-events/02-youth-events>

MARKHAM CENTRE TRAILS

Grand Opening on May 13, 2023 from 10 AM to Noon!



The City of Markham is thrilled to invite the public to the official opening of the Markham Centre Trails on May 13, 2023.

This marks an exciting milestone for our city as we continue to invest in our community's health and well-being by providing accessible outdoor spaces for everyone to enjoy.

Plus, there will be free activities for the entire family, including air brushing tattoos, ice cream truck and much more!

Date: Saturday, May 13

Time: 10 AM to Noon

Location: Birchmount Rd. & Rouge Side Promenade (south of Highway 7)

This event is an opportunity to connect with your community, enjoy the outdoors and celebrate the positive changes taking place in Markham.

Markham has more than 22 kilometres of scenic pathways that provide access for walkers, joggers and cyclists.



MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



<https://markhampubliclibrary.ca/markhamreads2023/>