

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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**November 3rd, 2023**

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

## EcoClub Spotlight

The EcoClub has started out with a great year so far! Staff and students have been involved in several initiatives since the semester began.

### School Ground Greening



Ms. B. Chan and her team of eager and highly motivated EcoClub students cleaned up the school garden after school. They pulled out weeds and planted a variety of flowering bulbs. Can't wait to see these blooms next spring!

## Heartwood Farms



As part of our involvement in the 7<sup>th</sup> generational initiative, which connects other bioregions around the world to collectively work to regenerate the planet, EcoLeaders were invited to attend the Heartwood Farm event. This event included a tour of the barn and pasture (animal and land connections), a presentation about the soil community and food forest and tree planting.

## Envirothon



Our passionate team of five comprised of Jason Deng, Emily Lim, Kevin Lin, Diya Rangrej and Ella Wen) represented Team Ontario at the NCF-Envirothon Competition held in New Brunswick this summer. Their dedication towards learning about the

environment and conservation have been awarded with a third placed finish ahead of fifty other teams worldwide.

## **EcoSchools Canada**

Thanks to the environmentally conscious minds and actions of our staff and students, our school has maintained its platinum status level of certification last year.

We are hoping to continue initiatives aimed towards increasing environmental awareness amongst are staff and students. Our EcoClub members are excited to continue to work with the school and its community to encourage ecological principles such as sustainability and stewardship.



## **Letter to Families**

Dear Families,

We hope you had a wonderful Fall Break and the month of November has begun nicely for you.

The next Professional Activity Day of the 2023-2024 school year is scheduled for **Friday, November 17**. There is no school for students on this day. Please see an overview of the PA Day plan for your information.

### **Half Day Morning Session:**

**Topic:** Student Well-Being

**Entity Hosting:** All Secondary Schools

**Presenters/Facilitators:** School Administration and Board-based personnel

**Description:** School Teams will engage in learning and dialogue on:

- Miss, Dismiss, Avoid: Psychological Barriers to Disrupting Racism, Racial Trauma and How to Counteract It

**Description:** School Teams will engage in School Improvement planning facilitated by school leaders. Topics will vary by subject and may include:

- Implementation of the Grade 10 Computer Science curriculum
- High Yield instructional strategies in the de-streamed Math, Science or English classroom
- Data analysis for school improvement

**Half Day Afternoon Session:**

**Topic:** Curriculum Implementation

**Entity Hosting:** All Secondary Schools

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** School Administration and Board-based

personnel **Topics:** Equitable Assessment Practices, MLL Learning and Department Meetings

**Description:** School Teams will engage in School Improvement planning facilitated by school leaders. Topics will vary by subject and may include:

- Embedding strategies to support multilingual language learners into the curriculum
- Embedding subject specific high yield strategies into instruction and assessment
- Data analysis for school improvement

**Description:** School Teams will continue to engage in School Improvement planning that supports the implementation of equitable assessment practices, curriculum changes, and instructional strategies to support students in the de-streamed classroom.

Additional professional learning activities for educational assistants, office support staff, caretaking staff and library technicians will be available.

Please call the main office if you have any questions about the November 17 P.A. Day.

Sincerely, Administration

## Message from Guidance



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>

## Message from Guidance

We hope students had a great first week back after the Break!

We are sharing the **Gr 8 Open House** flyer that can be shared with Grade 8 families and friends in our area.

# YOU'RE INVITED

**MARKVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**NOVEMBER 22nd 6:30pm-8:30pm**

*Gr. 8 Open House*

*Come and learn the Markville way!*

### SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS

- ✓ Advanced Placement (AP)
- ✓ Specialist High Skills Major Program (SHSM)
- ✓ Dual Credit
- ✓ Co-Op/OYAP

### INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING

- ✓ Co-operative and Experiential Learning Programs
- ✓ Flashprint Design Lab
- ✓ Award-Winning Music Program

### MODERN LEARNING FACILITIES

- ✓ 1:1 Digital Program
- ✓ Student-designed spaces
- ✓ Innovative Tech Labs
- ✓ Creative Library Commons

### STUDENT SUPPORTS

- ✓ Guidance Counselling and Educational Planning Supports
- ✓ Student Services
- ✓ Student Success

### LEADERSHIP & EXTRA-CURRICULARS

- ✓ Peer Mentorship
- ✓ Over 55 clubs and 30 sports teams



**POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION:**

Grade 12 students received a Guidance presentation on October 30th to walk them through their **SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATIONS for OUAC/OCAS**. This presentation was posted to the [Guidance website](#), with Notes for students who missed the event. Please see the [Post-Secondary Planning topics](#) for additional upcoming events.

Reminder of **Markville’s University and College Fair, this year being hosted at Unionville High School on November 8th between 6:00 and 8:00pm.**

Please note the information in the Community Events section regarding the **York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities (YRAACC) and the Sankofa Mentoring Program** in-person college and university information session for Black students, parents, and friends.

**Skilled Trades & Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) Podcasts**

- Students considering the **Skilled Trades** can learn more about more about the 140+ careers in the skilled trades and technologies through [pre-recorded Podcasts](#). Information about post-secondary education, apprenticeships, wages and more are discussed. Various guests include people who work in skilled trades and technologies, apprenticeship representatives, college representatives and teachers. The podcast is for students, teachers, parents or anyone who is interested in learning about careers in the skilled trades and technologies.
- Tune in to the [YRDSB OYAP podcast](#) to learn more about **OYAP**. This week they are talking about some of the many exciting Ontario Youth Apprenticeship opportunities available to our secondary students. There are over 150 skilled trades for our students so that they can explore their interests and pathway options. Join members of the YRDSB Curriculum team and current and former students as they share more information about the program.

Have a wonderful weekend! ~Your Guidance Team

**School Notices**

**The Cafeteria is now open. Hours of operation are 9:45 am to 2:00 pm.**

**Upcoming Dates**

Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 17	PA Day
Nov. 21	School Council
Nov. 20-22	Midterm Report eDistribution
Nov. 22	Grade 8 Open House
Nov. 27	Grad Photos

## Community Opportunities Site!

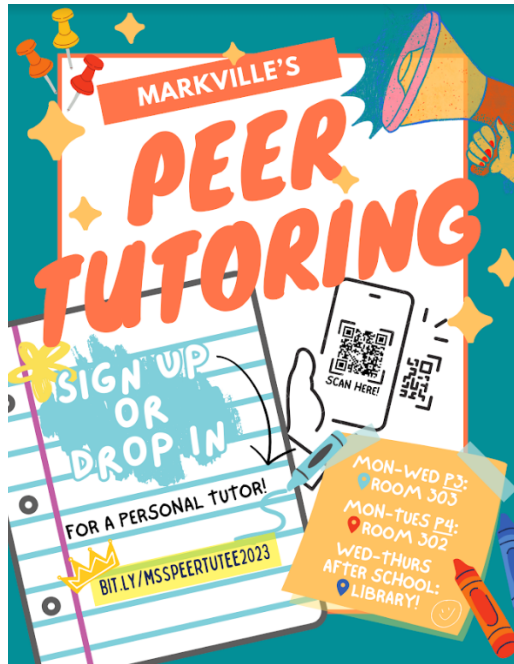
We would like to remind you of our [Community Opportunities Site](#) linked to our school home page where students, families and all community members can access up-to-date information about workshops, seminars, scholarships and more.

The screenshot shows the Markville Secondary School website. At the top left is the York Region District School Board logo with the tagline "Inspire Learning!". The school name "Markville Secondary School" is prominently displayed. A navigation menu includes links for "Markville S.S.", "School Information", "News & Events", "Departments", "Specialty Programs", "Parents", "Students", "Guidance", "Library", and "School Council". A search bar and a "Google Translate" button are also visible. The main content area features a calendar for November 3rd and 6th, a photo of students with the caption "Grade 8 Information Sessions", and contact information for the school. A "Community Opportunities" icon, which depicts hands joined in a circle, is highlighted with a yellow arrow pointing to a callout box. The callout box contains the following text:

Clicking on this **Community Opportunities** icon will bring families to a webpage with up-to-date links to YRDSB sponsored events and resources for students, families and community members.

**\*\*\*UPDATED WEEKLY\*\*\***

## Message from Peer Tutoring and Student Success



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, NOVEMBER 6**. 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 students.**

To request a **weekly 1-on-1 tutor**, submit an application at [bit.ly/msspeertutee2023](https://bit.ly/msspeertutee2023). Look for the Peer Tutoring posters around school and follow [msspeertutoring](https://www.instagram.com/msspeertutoring) on IG for updates!

## YRDSB Communications

### Chinese Heritage Student Support Group

The YRDSB Community Care Social Work series will provide a language specific Chinese students virtual group to build community, support mental health, and promote healing.

The first session in the series is offered for YRDSB students of Chinese Heritage . Students are invited to join this cultural specific students support group and engage meaningful conversations that help co-construct more inclusive, student-centered school environments. This will be a free virtual students group.

- **“SKY LANTERN”** ,  
Grade 6-8, Deliver in English, Mandarin and Cantonese, 4-8 sessions in total  
First round: Jan 15th, 2024, Every Monday, at 4:00pm; 45 mins each  
Second round: March 1th, 2024, Every Monday at 4:00pm; 45 mins each

VIRTUAL EVENT. (link will be provided upon registration)



RSVP by emailing the Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage) at [charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca](mailto:charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca)



**Keep the Door Open: Understand Your Child's Inner World**  
敞開孩子的心房/敞開孩子的心房

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will share tips on ways that lead your child to open their inner world and take care of their emotional wellbeing under the influence of both traditional Chinese culture and Western culture.

本次研讨会将探讨传统华裔文化和西方文化的影响下如何有效地关爱和照顾孩子的心理健康。

這次的講座將探討傳統華裔文化和西方文化的影響下如何有效地關懷和照顧孩子的心理健康。

To register for a Mandarin session:

[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan QR code



To register for a Cantonese session:

[點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan the QR code



**Parents, Guardians, Caregiver and Students**

Join us to learn and share with your community how the families are supported!

Date: **Tuesday, Nov 21st, 2023**

Time: **6:00pm-7:00pm (Mandarin 普通话)**

**7:00pm-8:00pm (Cantonese 粵語)**

Location: **Virtually**

**Presenters:**

**Hannah Xu (MPH)**

Hong Fook Mental Health Association  
Youth Program Worker

**Charmaine Tong (M.S.W., R.S.W.)**

York Region District School Board  
Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage Community)

**For more information, please contact:**

Community Care Social Worker (Chinese Heritage)

Charmaine Tong

[charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca](mailto:charmaine.tong@yrdsb.ca)

This free session is brought to you in partnership with Hong Fook Mental Health Association and Community Care Team of York Region District School Board

**Mandarin Session Link:** [点击这里报名普通话讲座](#)

**Cantonese Session Link:** [點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#)

## Community Events



The poster features a green background with a large Sankofa symbol. At the top left is the YRAACC logo, and at the top right is the Sankofa Mentoring logo. The main title is 'SANKOFA MENTORING UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE INFO SESSION' with 'FREE' in a red starburst. Below the title are three questions with icons: a graduation cap for the first, a brain for the second, and a graduation cap for the third. The date, time, and location are listed on the right. At the bottom left are contact details for YRAACC, and at the bottom right is the YSI logo. Two photos of graduates in blue gowns are included.

**YRAACC**  
York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities

**SANKOFA MENTORING**  
Cultural IDENTITY Program

# SANKOFA MENTORING UNIVERSITY & COLLEGE INFO SESSION

**FREE**

**BFCN**

Date: Saturday Nov. 11th, 2023  
Time: 10:00 Am to 1:00 pm  
Location: Bur Oak Secondary School  
933 Bur Oak Ave. Markham Ontario

 Want to get an understanding of the College and University process and system?

 Want to know what mindset you should have going into College and University?

 Want to know what opportunities exist to get into University or College?

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

 <https://yraacc.ca>

 [gmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca](mailto:gmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca)

 647-425-5700

**YSI**

York Region Alliance of African Canadian Communities (YRAACC) and the Sankofa Mentoring Program invite Black students, parents, and friends to an in-person college and university information session.

Theme: How to Successfully Prepare for University and College

Do you have questions on how to successfully navigate the University and College application process?

Come and join us for a special information session where the following topics will be covered:

- Hear from past Sankofa Mentees sharing their University and College experiences
- Navigating the registration process for University and College
- How to access scholarships and grants
- Robust Question and Answer Session

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023
- Time: 10 am to 1 pm
- Location: Bur Oak Secondary School, 933 Bur Oak Ave., Markham, Ontario

Guest Speakers:

- Cheryl Yarde founder of BFCN
- Khalil-Najir Miles 2<sup>nd</sup> year university student
- Nephertari Marshall 3<sup>rd</sup> year university student
- Teniola Adeniyi-Raheem gap year student

Registration is open now:

<https://forms.gle/Bk4Ku1whU9WFpj6u8>







**All the services you need... All in one place!**  
Settlement Services, Languages Classes,  
Employment Supports, Accreditation Information  
...and much more!

## Mindsafe Family Community Wellness Event: Navigating the Digital Age & Mental Health

**Pre-registration available for a chance to win a gift basket which may include: a Portable Charger, Wellness Stickers, Notebook and Pens**

We welcome **all youth and families** to a safe space where they can socialize with their peers and engage with the community while developing an awareness of mental health and the importance of promoting wellness, especially during this challenging time. Families will be provided with resources, knowledge, and effective wellness strategies to use in their daily lives.



**Substance Abuse    Addiction    Mental Health Support    Cyber Safety    Parenting**

**Saturday, November 25th, 2023  
10:00AM-2:30PM**

**Richmond Hill Welcome Centre  
9325 Yonge Street, Unit 31A  
Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0A8  
(Northeast Corner of Yonge & 16th)**





**Welcome Centre - Richmond Hill  
South Hill Shopping Ctr, 9325 Yonge Street  
Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0A8  
Toll-free: 1-877-761-1155  
[www.welcomecentre.ca](http://www.welcomecentre.ca)**

**York Region Transit Routes:  
85 RUTHERFORD/16TH  
99 YONGE or VIVA BLUE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
Tel. 647-209-1883  
Email: [infoyc@cicscanada.com](mailto:infoyc@cicscanada.com)

**Raffle Prize!**



 **Please use this link to register:**  
<https://bit.ly/mindsafeevent> 

Welcome Centre Lead Agencies: COSTI Immigrant Services • Catholic Community Services of York Region • Centre for Immigrant and Community Services • Job Skills • Social Enterprise for Canada — in collaboration with other service providers.

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## "Mindsafe Family Community Wellness Event: Navigating the Digital Age & Mental Health"

### Event Details:

**Date:** Saturday, November 25th, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM

**Location:** Richmond Hill Welcome Centre, 9325 Yonge Street, Unit 31A, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 0A8 (Northeast Corner of Yonge & 16th)

**Eligibility:** All families interested! No restrictions on who can attend!

**Event Highlights:** This year, our **focus is on cyber safety, general mental health and wellness, self-care, positive parenting, and other topics.** During the day of this event, the engaging guest speakers will captivate the audience, and there will be an enjoyable activity for everyone to learn and enjoy! The **event is free**, and attendees have the **chance to win a wellness gift basket by pre-registering.** Prizes will also be available for attendees who drop in. Refreshments will be provided.

Register for the event through the following link: [Event Registration Link](#) or by scanning the QR code on the flyer.

**CICS**  
Centre for Information and Community Support

**WELCOME TO ALL**

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[www.cicscanada.com](http://www.cicscanada.com)



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**Raffle Prize!**



**Drop-in Guests can also still win other prizes!**

**Please use this link to register:**

<https://bit.ly/mindsafeevent>



**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

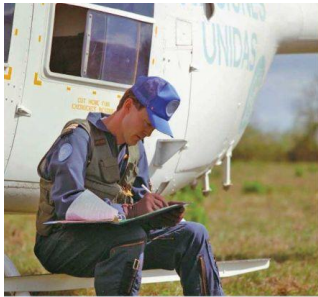
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# This Month in November



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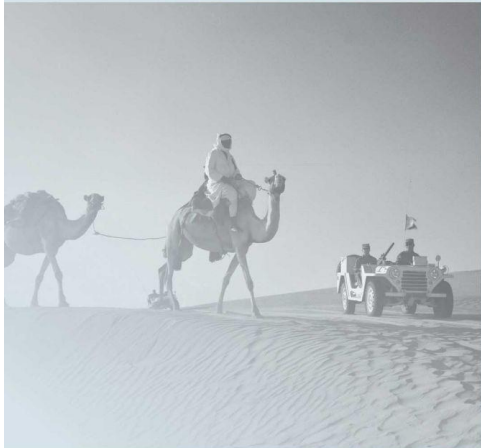


## Veterans' Week

November 5-11

## Semaine des vétérans

5 au 11 novembre



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# PEACE75PAIX

Canadian peacekeeping around the world  
Maintien de la paix du Canada dans le monde

## The Americas/Les Amériques

Haiti/Haïti  
Nicaragua  
Guatemala  
Honduras  
El Salvador  
Costa Rica  
Dominican Republic/  
République dominicaine

## Africa/Afrique

Rwanda  
Eritrea/Érythrie  
Ethiopia/Éthiopie  
Somalia/Somalie  
Congo  
Sudan/Soudan  
South Sudan/Soudan du Sud  
Mali  
Western Sahara/  
Sahara-Occidental  
Uganda/Ouganda  
Senegal/Sénégal  
Sierra Leone  
Mozambique  
Namibia/Namibie  
Nigeria/Nigéria  
Liberia/Libéria  
Angola  
Central African Republic/  
République centrafricaine  
Ivory Coast/Côte d'Ivoire

## Europe

Bosnia-Herzegovina/  
Bosnie-Herzégovine  
Croatia/Croatie  
Cyprus/Cyprus  
Macedonia/Macédoine  
Kosovo

## Middle East/Moyen-Orient

Egypt/Égypte  
Israel/Israël  
Syria/Syrie  
Lebanon/Liban  
Yemen/Yémen  
Kuwait  
Iran  
Iraq

## Asia/Asie

South Korea/Corée du Sud  
India/Inde  
Pakistan  
Vietnam  
Laos  
Cambodia/Cambodge  
East Timor/Timor-Oriental  
Afghanistan  
West New Guinea/  
Nouvelle-Guinée occidentale

VETERANS' WEEK 2023  
NOVEMBER 5 TO 11

### In the service of peace

2023 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United Nations peacekeeping. Canada has a long history of helping defend and maintain peace around the world. More than 125,000 Canadian Armed Forces members have served in international peacekeeping efforts in dozens of countries. We recognize and remember their courage, service and sacrifice.

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For more information, visit [veterans.gc.ca](https://veterans.gc.ca).

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SEMAINE DES VÉTÉRANS 2023  
5 AU 11 NOVEMBRE

### Au service de la paix

L'année 2023 marque le 75<sup>e</sup> anniversaire des opérations de maintien de la paix des Nations Unies. Le Canada a une longue histoire d'aide à la défense et au maintien de la paix à travers le monde. Plus de 125 000 membres des Forces armées canadiennes ont servi dans des missions internationales de maintien de la paix dans des dizaines de pays. Nous reconnaissons et nous nous souvenons de leur courage, de leur service et de leur sacrifice.

Toutes les images ont gracieusement été fournies par le ministère de la Défense nationale.

Pour en savoir plus, visitez [veterans.gc.ca](https://veterans.gc.ca).

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