

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

Inspire Learning!



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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YRDSB & York Region Public Health Message

NEW!

Inclement Weather Day Procedures During the Pandemic

In effect for this school year, 2020-2021, the following changes have been made to the YRDSB Inclement Weather Day in consultation with the York Region Public Health. Once an Inclement Weather Day has been declared the following will be implemented in all YRDSB secondary schools:

- School buses will be cancelled
- All secondary schools will be closed to students
- Schools will remain open to staff
- Classes that are on-line will continue as usual
- Classes in a Face to Face model will move to an online synchronous model
- Community classes will move to an online asynchronous model
- Current schedule of the day will be followed
- Student attendance will be recorded as usual

The following items will remain the same:

- Families will be notified of an Inclement Weather Day through local media outlets, the board's website and twitter accounts, and through the board and school's voicemail recordings
- Bussing information will continue to be provided through the Student Transportation Services website and the School Transportation Hotline 1-877-330-3001

As always, we appreciate your patience and flexibility as we continue to adapt to new safety protocols.

School Notices

We are at a critical moment where each of us plays an important role in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

It is important to not only follow COVID-19 protocols in the classroom and the hallways, but also as we continue our day outside of school. For the health and well-being of all of Markville's community, it is important that all students and staff continue to physically distance, wear a mask, and practice hand hygiene as they exit and enter the school and classrooms. Further, a two-meter physical distance from others whether in our classrooms or hallways should continue to be maintained.

We thank all our students as they have done a tremendous job in helping keep Markville a safe place for learning. Let's keep up the effort!

Schedule Change

Rotation 6 started today, **Friday November 27th**. Please check Teach Assist to find out which cohort your child is in for Period 2 Face to Face. Remember you will need your child's password to access Teach Assist.

A few reminders about safe and best practices for student learning and safety:

- If a student does attend school on the wrong cohort day, they will be sent home. Cohorts are created to keep everyone as safe as possible, so this is necessary.
- Afternoon online classes will consist of 40 minutes of synchronous learning with the remaining 10 minutes for independent work and / or time for students to stretch, get a drink, etc.
- Lastly, if a class or entire school needed to be closed due to COVID-19, the expectation is that all students are to connect in their virtual / online learning platforms (Google Classroom, Moodle, etc.) within 24 hours. The student would follow the same schedule in place at the time of the closure.

Time	Rotation 2 Sept. 28-Oct. 9 Rotation 6 Nov. 27-Dec. 14
8:20-10:50 a.m. Face-to-Face	Period 2
10:50-11:05 a.m.	Exit
11:05-12:20 p.m.	Travel & Lunch
12:20-1:10 p.m. Online	Period 1
1:10-2:00 p.m. Online	Period 4
2:00-2:50 p.m. Online	Period 5

Department Spotlight

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT



November 2020 marks the 10th anniversary of Financial Literacy Month in Canada. Learning about financial literacy has always been important but this year has presented a unique opportunity to teach students about financial literacy during challenging times. Markville's business teachers have been working with students to develop their financial literacy, build their business acumen and expose students to real-world experiences.



Our Grade 9 students have been learning about various technological and communication platforms in the Grade 9 Information and Communication Technology course. As our world has had to embrace online communication platforms and virtual working environments this course has helped to reinforce the impact of business communication. Our Grade 10s have been exploring investments and income management by participating in the Junior Achievement Investment Strategies Program that simulates a 6-week Stock Market Challenge.



The Grade 11 and Grade 12 Law classes have been sharpening their debating skills preparing and presenting on controversial topics such as: "Should youth be treated differently than adults in the criminal justice system?" and "Is selective incapacitation an effective policy for reducing crime?" Our Grade 11 Accounting students participated in a CPA High School Workshop presentation by a Chartered Professional Accountant. They were able to hear firsthand about various career opportunities in the field of accounting.



Lastly, on November 21st and November 22nd, 77 grade 11 and grade 12 students competed in DECA's Regional Competition. These students have been working hard and practicing weekly for the past month in preparation for this experiential learning opportunity. The results of the Regional Competition are scheduled to be released this weekend.

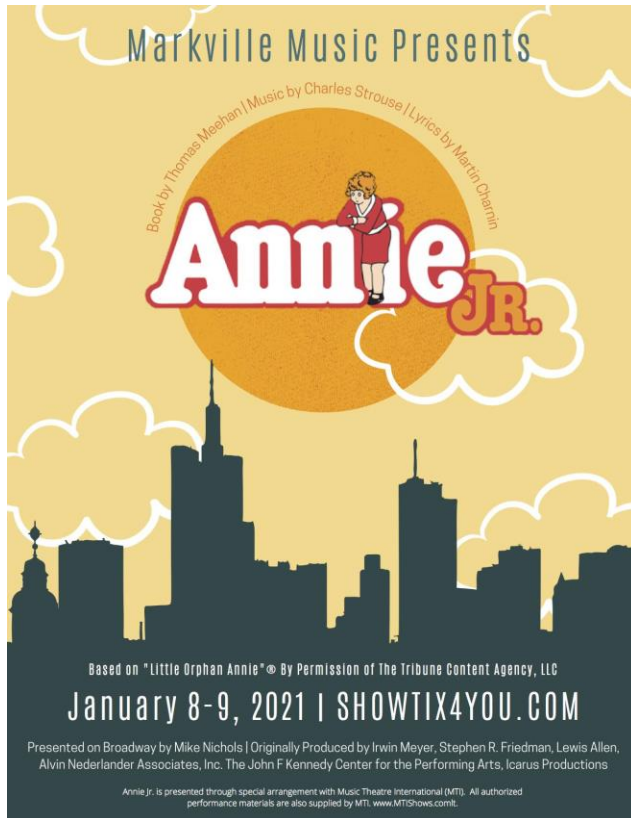
A special thank you to Mr. Rao, Mr. McKillop, Ms. J. Li for assisting our DECA competitors.

Good luck to all participants!

MARKVILLE MUSIC STUDENTS' STAGE

ANNIE JR.

ONLINE JANUARY 8-9, 2021



Markville Secondary School will “stick up its chin and grin and sing ‘Tomorrow! Tomorrow!’” when Markville Music performs *Annie JR.* Based on the popular comic strip and adapted from the Tony Award-winning best musical by Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, *Annie JR.* tells the story of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents.

Markville Music Students have created this 60-minute musical theatre production virtually and remotely, and will be sharing their edited work with you at

ShowTix4U.com on January 8-9, 2021 right from the comfort of your home.

Show times are Friday, January 8 @ 7:30 p.m., Saturday, January 9 @ 2:00 p.m., and Saturday, January 9 @ 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$1.95 CAD, which will cover the cost of royalties and service fees from ShowTix4U and Music Theatre International.

For more information please contact the Markville Music Department at (905) 940-8840 x131, visit markvillemusic.com, or ShowTix4U.com to get your tickets. See you online!

Our direct link to the ShowTix4U page is

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/43037>

Community Notice

Saturday, December 5, 2020

10 AM to 3 PM



EVOLVE is an event designed to prepare rising high-school students for success through exciting workshops and engaging speakers. By teaching youth in grades 7-9 more about the realities of high school, mental health, and volunteerism, we hope to arm them with the knowledge and skills they need to tackle the next 4 years of their lives.

This year, we have a variety of speakers:

- Kelly Hu: Class of 2024 UC Berkeley student*
- Christine Lin: 2020-2021 YRPC Student Trustee*
- Frank Scarpitti: Mayor of Markham*

At MMYC, we hope to positively impact the lives of our local youth, and inspire them to become leaders in their community

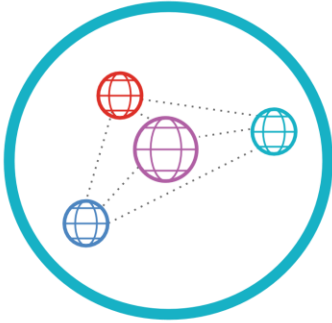
Register at:

bit.ly/mmycevolve



The Markham Mayor's Youth Council is holding a virtual high school preparation conference, **Evolve 2020**, for the purpose of helping students from Grade 7-9 succeed during one of their most important years of youth! With speeches from the Mayor of the City of Markham, the YRPC Student Trustee, and a student from UC Berkeley complemented with multiple enriching workshops and dozens of other ambitious students, the **Evolve** conference will be sure to have the tools and knowledge to help students thrive in high school and increase their chances of **post-secondary** success! Evolve will take place on **Saturday December 5, 2020 at 10 AM to 3 PM via Zoom** Video Communications. Spots are limited so sign up at bit.ly/mmycevolve !

Tech Tip



Thank you for participating in Cyber Security Awareness Month!

Learn... strategies and mindsets for effective research

Explore... resources available within YRDSB and beyond

Reflect... on how different people are represented in the media and the implications of those representations.

Additional Resources

In addition, Cyber Security Awareness Month materials that were shared over the previous four (4) weeks can be found at the websites below:

English Site: <https://www.ecno.org/cyber-security/k12cam2020-en/>

French Site: <https://www.ecno.org/cyber-security/k12cam2020-fr/>

Thank you,

The Digital Citizenship Continuum Team

Tweet of the Week



Community Notice via YRDSB



Parents for Children's
Mental Health
SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, December 14th, 2020 6:30 pm - 8 pm

PARENTS' Support Group-All are welcome!

VIRTUAL MEETING

Topic: ADHD Presentation and Q&A

**Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or
behaviour challenges make parenting difficult? Join us...**

Aurora York PCMH Chapter Meeting
Mon, Dec 14, 2020 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/358202845>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Canada: [+1 \(647\) 497-9391](tel:+16474979391)

Access Code: 358-202-845

New to GoToMeeting? Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/358202845>

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.

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KNOW.ACHIEVE.LEARN.VENTURE.INSPIRE

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING SERIES

Are you a high school student who wants to enhance and learn
new skills to become a future leader?

November 13th: Self-Esteem & Self Confidence

November 30th: Public Speaking

December 4th: Media 101

December 11th: Civics 101

SIGN UP RIGHT NOW!

[HTTPS://STUDENTTRAINING.EVENTBRITE.CA](https://studenttraining.eventbrite.ca)



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Community Notice

2020-2021

WINTER MAINTENANCE NEWSLETTER



WHAT WE DO

1. Watch weather forecast - 24/7



2. Patrol and monitor the streets - 24/7

3. Anti-ice - Salt brine sprayed on primary roads and bridges (weather dependent)

4. Salt trucks - dispatched first to primary and secondary roads

5. Plow & salt the roads - Review table below for snow clearing times

6. Clear the sidewalks - City crews start when sidewalks are 5cm of snow deep

7. Continue to clear snow - Can take up to 16 hours after the snow stops falling to clear all of Markham's streets



8. Respond to service requests - Wait at least 16 hours after the snow stops falling to call the Markham Contact Centre 905.477.5530

WHEN WE CLEAR SNOW

Road Type Use Markham's Winter Maintenance App on markham.ca/winter to find out what type of road you live on.	When does the City start salting? Salt is only effective for temperature -12°C and above.	When does the City plow?	How much snow is that?	How many hours after the snow stops falling does it take to clear an average storm?
Primary	When snowfall begins	3cm	Paper clip	2 hours
Secondary	When snowfall begins	5cm	House key	3 to 12 hours
Local	When road condition is deemed slippery	7.5cm at the end of snowfall	Bank card	12 to 16 hours



Markham is proud to be environmentally friendly in salt usage.

WHAT IT TAKES TO CLEAR SNOW AND ICE



DRIVEWAY OPENINGS: "WINDROWS"



A windrow is the row of snow at the end of a driveway after snow clearing on your street.

Only residents under the Snow Windrow Removal Assistance Program will have one car width of windrow removed within 8 hours after local plow. The Snow Windrow Removal Assistance Program is designed to help persons with disabilities and elderly residents maintain road access from their driveways during the winter season.

Learn more at markham.ca/winter

DID YOU KNOW?

- Markham has a Salt Management Plan that regulates our salt usage, storage and salt transportation.
- Snow is plowed to the right and if you live on an inside corner, you will receive larger amounts of snow. Do not push snow back on the road. It is unsafe and illegal.
- Get the latest City news and emergency alerts delivered to your inbox. Sign up at markham.ca/eNews



Parking on both sides of all City streets is prohibited during snow clearing operations.

Existing parking permits and overnight exemptions held by residents are not valid during snow clearing operations.

Snow clearing begins at the start of any snowfall and continues for up to 24 hours.

Check the status of road & sidewalk plowing in your neighbourhood! DOWNLOAD THE ACCESS MARKHAM MOBILE APP

Features:

- COVID-19 Virtual Assistant
- Recycling and garbage collection schedule with personalized notifications
- 'What Goes Where' search tool to help you dispose of items correctly
- Bikeways, parks and paths
- Signature and community events calendar
- Report a problem
- Your Voice Markham online engagement platform



Winter Maintenance app also available at markham.ca/winter



markham.ca/winter | 905.477.5530 | customerservice@markham.ca



WHO IS A CLOSE CONTACT AT SCHOOL?

CLOSE CONTACT



Someone you were within 2-metres for more than 10 minutes

Someone in your class, on your school bus or in your before/after school cohort



Someone you had close physical contact with, like high-fiving or hugging

A person who accidentally sneezed, or coughed on you while talking in close proximity



NOT CLOSE CONTACT



A person you maintained a proper physical distance of at least 2-metres

Someone who goes to the same school, but is not in your cohort



Someone you were briefly in the same room with and kept a proper physical distance



A person you passed quickly in the hall, or at recess

HOW DOES COVID-19 SPREAD?

COVID-19 is spread through the air by infectious droplets when someone coughs, sneezes or spits when they talk. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, maintain a physical distance of at least 2-metres from others and use a mask or face covering where this is not possible. Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and increase how often you clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces.

For more information, visit
york.ca/SafeAtSchool

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