

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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## 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.

## Learning Model Changes

In September, we shared that we would provide families further information to support switching between in person and remote learning models prior to mid-semester. Students learning remotely may request to return to face-to-face learning by contacting the school. Changes will be facilitated within 1-2 days. Transportation for Community Classes may require additional time to initiate.

Requests may also be made to move from in-person learning to remote learning. Please contact the school to request a switch to remote learning. Staff from the school will make arrangements to contact you to review the request and share information about the hybrid learning model.

- Learning model changes for students affected by COVID-19 will be facilitated within 2-3 school days.
- Model change requests will be facilitated as soon as possible and prior to mid-semester reporting.

After mid-semester reporting, students and families may request a short-term COVID-19 related model change or a long-term model change for other circumstances by contacting the school. Families can continue to access COVID-19 related information from the Board at <http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening> including [frequently asked questions](#).

## Eco Spotlight

Markville's EcoClub (Environment Club) has had a successful start of the year. After the club fair, fifty new members joined the EcoClub. So far the EcoClub has organized two successfully attended events. Take Me Outside Day was on October 20<sup>th</sup> this year. It is a day when staff and students are encouraged to go outside to spend time in nature and connect with nature. The EcoClub organized a school walk

during the day and set up a nature scavenger hunt during lunch. Upon completion of the scavenger hunt, students were given an opportunity to spin for an environment themed prize.



The EcoClub also organized a gardening event after school on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Many students volunteered their time and efforts to help beautify the school's gardens after almost two years of neglect due to lockdowns and restrictions during the pandemic. Weeds were pulled and tulips bulbs were planted.



Future events that the EcoClub will organize are recycling campaigns and virtual speakers / environment presentations, the latter being given by local conservation authorities, community partners and post secondary institutions to increase environmental awareness.

The EcoClub will continue to work with staff and students this year at the school to maintain the school's platinum status, a level of certification awarded to schools by EcoSchools Canada.



## Student Activity Council Spotlight



There was a festive and spooky vibe at Markville this Friday Oct 22nd courtesy of MSAC's Halloween carnival: A Nightmare on Carlton Road! The atrium was adorned with streamers, balloons and spooky decor. During lunch, students got to show off their creativity in SAC's costume contest, hunted for pumpkins hidden around the school, and played one of SAC's many

Halloween minigames! What a fun and cheerful way to start the fall break!







## Message from Guidance

**FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES:** The next Family Webinar evening will be on **November 8th @ 6:30** (a Monday for this one!), where Guidance will discuss all things **College and University**. This webinar is geared towards **Gr 11 families**, however, any grade may attend. This presentation will cover all of the need-to-knows regarding what is required to apply to College & University, as well as Guest Speaker, Tong Xu from Seneca College, to discuss Degree programs at College and the College-to-University pathway.

Guidance will also provide a Webinar on **Wellness** on **November 24th @ 6:30 p.m.** As always, the links to these events will be available just prior to the event on the Family Night [Agenda](#).

**IMPORTANT:** We are transitioning to the Zoom platform for our presentations. This requires a set up for those at home **PRIOR** to the meeting. To ensure that you are

able to access the meeting, please see instructions on how to [create a Zoom Account](#). Additionally, for those who would like to utilize **Closed Captioning in a Preferred Language**, please see the additional [instructions](#). It is a MUST that families enter Zoom via their Chrome Browser. A video of how to add Closed Captioning can also be viewed [here](#).

**POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION:** Students were provided their OUAC/OCAS PIN/OEN #s to student GAPPs accounts on October 22nd. Students should be actively creating accounts, exploring and submitting. The deadline to apply to university is January 13th, 2022, and the deadline to apply to college is February 1st, 2022.

**Grade 12 students will be delivered a Guidance presentation on November 8th @ 3pm**, to walk them through their college/university APPLICATIONS. Please see the [Post-Secondary Planning topics](#) for additional upcoming events.

**INDIVIDUAL PATHWAY PLAN (IPP):** In September, Guidance presented on the benefits of the [Individual Pathway Planner](#) (IPP) in assisting students and families with exploring career options and post-secondary direction. YRDSB has created an [IPP activity](#) for students to engage with the My Pathway Planner. This would be a great activity for students who have not yet explored the platform!

Have a great weekend!  
~Your Guidance Team

## School Notices

The Secondary School Professional Activity (PA) Day originally scheduled for November 19, 2021 is changing and will now occur on November 15, 2021. Secondary schools will be closed to students on November 15, 2021 and reopen on November 16, 2021. A regular school day is scheduled for November 19, 2021, and students are expected to attend.



The lost and found is located in front of the caretaking office. If you are missing items, please check the box. Unclaimed items will be donated to a charity.

## Upcoming Dates

Nov. 8	Indigenous Veteran's Day
Nov. 11	Remembrance Day
Nov. 12	Term 1 ends
Nov. 15	PA Day
<b>Nov. 15</b>	<b>School Council Meeting (Virtual) 7:00 p.m.</b>
Nov. 18	OSSLT & Asynchronous Day
Nov. 19	Instructional Day

## K-12 Cyber Awareness Month



Welcome to **Week 4** of the four-week K-12 Cyber Awareness Month (CAM) campaign, running from **October 4 to 29, 2021**.

This year's campaign theme, "**Cyber awareness as self-care**", has the objective of helping everyone in K-12 education – teachers, staff, students and parents – be safer and more secure online. The campaign provides resources to help everyone understand pertinent cyber threats and know a few simple steps to protect themselves, their workplace, learning space, and their devices.

The campaign is divided into weekly themes which highlight different aspects of cyber security, online privacy and online (cyber) safety, as all three areas are of equal importance to K-12. For each weekly theme, resources from multiple reputable sources are provided.

All listed resources are also available in [French](#).

**October 25 to 29, 2021**

**Week 4: Be mindful of your online presence and digital footprint**

***It's important to manage your online presence and digital footprint!***

This past year, kids have faced unique challenges, as many of their in-person activities have been replaced with an increased use of technology. This has resulted in an unprecedented increased online presence and digital footprint for most of us, adults, and kids alike.

Everyone should assume that what is shared online will remain online forever. Every action you take online, and information posted about you contributes to your “digital footprint” which can straddle our personal, student and professional lives. Improving our awareness of the traces of data we leave online and recognizing how our individual digital footprints vary can help to improve the protection of our data online.

**Topics and tips for Week 4 include:**

*Access the embedded links to find out more (links will take you to different websites):*

- Understand what you post shapes your [online reputation](#) and becomes part of your [digital footprint](#). Always strive to [establish a positive presence online](#).
- Minimize the risk of being a target of online harassment. [Avoid sharing too much information online](#) and [be safe on social media](#).
- Know that posts are [not always private](#).
- Delete accounts (and associated information) that you no longer need – old accounts and data can be a risk.
- Navigate safely. Take the [quick self-assessment on Internet Safety](#).

**Videos**

*The CAM videos created by ECNO and the Ministry of Education.*

[Week 4: Be mindful of your online presence and digital footprint - Amara](#)

Stay Cyber safe!

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## COMING SOON SECONDARY ARTS SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS

PLEASE VISIT YOUR REGIONAL ARTS' PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
ON PROGRAMS, INFORMATION NIGHTS AND HOW TO APPLY



[Alexander Mackenzie HS](#)

November 9th



[Huron Heights SS](#)

November 10th



[Unionville HS](#)

November 10th



[Westmount Cl](#)

November 2nd



YRDSB OFFERS REGIONAL ARTS SCHOOLS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS  
WHO ARE COMMITTED TO EXPLORING AND DEEPENING THEIR  
UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARTS

**REMINDER** Edsby Registration Opens November 10, 2021  
Closes December 6, 2021

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## Tweet of the Week





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Remember to Fall Back in Time!

 Change your clocks back by 1 hour on November 7th!

 Remember to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors

 And to install your winter tires.

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