

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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November 6th 2020

### Schedule Change

**Rotation 5** starts on **Tuesday November 10th**. Please check Teach Assist to find out which cohort your child is in for Period 1 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 1 Sept. 14-25 Rotation 5 Nov. 10-26
8:20-10:50 a.m. Face-to-Face	Period 1
10:50-11:05 a.m.	Exit
11:05-12:20 p.m.	Travel & Lunch
12:20-1:10 p.m. Online	Period 2 •
1:10-2:00 p.m. Online	Period 4
2:00-2:50 p.m. Online	Period 5

## School Notices

### Remembrance Day



Markville will be holding a “Virtual” Remembrance Day Presentation Nov 11-12 for students during their Face-to-Face classes this year. Cohort B will view the presentation in class on Wednesday, November 11th. Cohort A will view the presentation in class on

Thursday, November 12th.

The presentation will begin on both days at about 10:30 a.m. and will take us to the end of the period.

### PA Day



There is an upcoming PA Day, Friday, November 13th. There will be no face-to-face or virtual classes on this day as teachers and school staff will be engaged in professional training.

### Take Our Kids to Work Day



We want to thank all who were part of running the Virtual Take Our Kids to Work Day. We wish to thank the Pathways team, Curriculum and Instructional Services, in partnership with the Learning

Partnership.

### Literacy At Markville



This week, our students in grade 10, period 4 classes participated in a Literacy task that focused mainly on teaching students the key terms and question types that they may encounter on the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) The lesson also helped students learn various techniques for answering multiple choice questions and strategies for reading graphic texts. The focus of these tasks is to prepare students for the OSSLT and offer helpful strategies that they can apply to their everyday learning in all of their classes.

Any student scheduled to write the OSSLT in the spring and is not in a grade 10 class during this period has been instructed to access the lesson and activities in the

“Markville Google Classroom”.

The OSSLT is a standardized test that is a graduation requirement. In March 2020, due to school closures, the OSSLT did not run. Students who were meant to write in March 2020 **(and are not graduating in 2020-2021)** are scheduled to write the test this spring along with the current first time eligible students. **In a recent memo, the Ministry of Education indicated that the literacy graduation requirement will be waived for all students graduating during the 2020-21 school year.** We are monitoring updates from the Ministry of Education on the status of this year’s test and will communicate any updates with you as we get them.

## Virtual Meetings



### Virtual Compassionate Schools—Markville

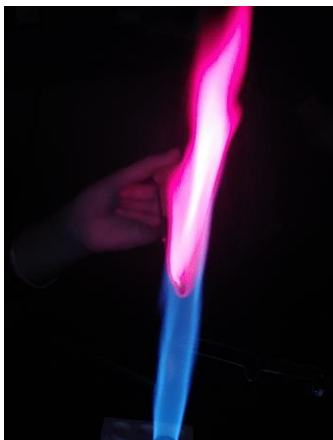
Our goal is to connect (virtually) with isolated Seniors in the Markham area. Through virtual chats, virtual activities, virtual performances, letter writing and other outreach initiatives we can connect with our local Seniors.

We will meet every Wednesday from 11:15— 11:45 am.

Join the Google Classroom— mfy4e4x

ALL Welcome

## Science Department Spotlight



With the start of another school year, Markville's Science department has been excited to have the opportunity to teach our students virtually and to engage in learning within our physical classrooms. During face-to-face learning, our department has tried to squeeze in many labs, demonstrations, and hands-on learning experiences. Sometimes it is hard to tell who is more excited, our students or our teachers!

As usual, our students are focusing on curriculum expectations and learning skills. However, the science program at Markville SS has always been enhanced by extra-curricular opportunities and beyond-the-classroom activities. Despite the current environment, we strive to continue with this extra engagement. Students in our grade 11 Chemistry course will be virtually connecting with the City of Markham to learn more about water ( $H_2O$ ). The program provides a general overview of Markham's waterworks system, as well as background on the community's role in efficiently using and protecting water resources. Some of the grade 9 classes will be participating in the Let's Talk Science Living Space collaborative inquiry in which our students will be introduced to computational thinking and coding with micro:bits. Additional experiential learning in the grade 9 classroom will occur when students examine data collected by astronauts aboard the International Space Station.

Teachers and students have started to organize extended-learning opportunities through HOSA, and Eco-Club. The Eco-Club is highly motivated to help Markville SS achieve an EcoSchools certification of platinum again this school year. As part of the certification process, students will be increasing their environmental literacy by attending virtual environment workshops held by community partners and preparing for the annual Envirothon, a competition about the environment. As the year progresses, we will continue to provide our students with updated information with regards to the UBC's Michael Smith Challenge, the University of Toronto's National Biology Competition, the University of Waterloo's Chem 13 News Contest and Avogadro Chemistry Contest, as well as the OAPT and SIN contests. In addition, we continue to support the SHSM sectors of Environment and Health and Wellness.



## Tech Tip



Welcome to Week 2 of the four-week K-12 Cyber Security Awareness Month (CSAM) campaign, running from October 26 to November 20.

November 2-6

Week 2: Why Me?

- Cyber Threats:
  - [How cyber threats work](#)
  - [Cyber security for kids: how parents can talk with their children](#)
  - A brief overview of [cyber criminal's favourite tactics](#)
  - [Cyber Security Quiz](#) for Students
- Malware and Ransomware:
  - [What is malware and how can you protect yourself](#)
  - Know the difference between the types of [Malware](#)
  - [What is Ransomware and how to stay cyber secure](#)
  - How can [backing up your data](#) help you to reduce the risk of loss in the event of Ransomware
  - See how Teachers, Staff and Students can be Targets of Ransomware ([Word](#) / [PDF](#)) (custom content)
- Identity Theft:
  - [Identity Theft and You](#)
  - Take the [Privacy Quiz for Youth](#) (online quiz)
  - [Privacy Settings: Check and adjust your privacy settings](#) (video)
- The Long Game:
  - Hackers and cybercriminals may be playing the long game ([Word](#) / [PDF](#)) – (custom content)

**Stay Cyber Safe!** Thank you to YRDSB IT staff for these great tips!

## Tweet of the Week



## Community Notice via YRDSB



Parents for Children's  
Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

**Monday, November 16th, 2020 6:30 pm - 8 pm**

*PARENTS' Support Group-All are welcome!*

**VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Topic: Anxiety in COVID times with Guest Speaker**

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

Aurora York PCMH Chapter Meeting  
Mon, Nov 16, 2020 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

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

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/264461077>

**You can also dial in using your phone.**

Canada: [+1 \(647\) 497-9373](tel:+16474979373)

**Access Code:** 264-461-077

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

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/264461077>

**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](http://www.pcmh.ca).

**Next Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2020 6:30 pm – 8 pm. (Flyer will be sent out late November.)**

# Youth Racial Justice Summit

ON EDUCATION

[youthracialjusticesummit.eventbrite.com/](http://youthracialjusticesummit.eventbrite.com/)

10am, 2pm

Nov. 14th and 15th



## Youth Racial Justice Summit

ON EDUCATION

nov. 14

Disrupting the School to Prison Pipeline 10am to 12pm

Building an Anti-Racist Curriculum 2pm to 4pm

nov. 15

Foundations of Community Organizing 10am to 4pm

Introduction to Policy and Advocacy 2pm to 4pm

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# SANKOFA

## VIRTUAL SATURDAY MORNINGS

### STORYTELLING & POETRY PROGRAM

Rooted in African & Caribbean Art  
**Free...For Black Students Grades 5-7**

**Every Saturday From Nov.14th 2020 -  
Mar. 27th 2021 (11:30am - Noon)**

**"Until the lions have their own historians, the  
history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter."**



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**Black Foundation of Community Networks**  
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## Friday Focus Parent Forum

### **A Monthly Workshop Series for Black Parents**

#### **WORKSHOP #1: I AM FOCUSED**

**A workshop on scheduling tools and techniques  
to help you and your family get focused and  
ready for success!**

**Friday, November 13  
7 PM - 9 PM  
Online (Zoom)**

Register at [bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopNovember13](https://bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopNovember13)

# RCT



Renewed Computer Technology

## DO YOU NEED A COMPUTER?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with access to affordable, renewed computers to help meet education and career goals. Working with the **York Region District School Board** we are offering the following packages that will be **shipped to your home**:

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are a low-income individual

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household every one year.

Apply online at this link:

[https://form.jotform.com/2030\\_25281499254](https://form.jotform.com/2030_25281499254)

using group code: **STDDT-84B | UPRDGT-4E8**

All systems include our **STANDARD 2-YEAR  
DEPOT WARRANTY**

batteries not covered by warranty.



\*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

#### Basic Desktop Package

**Fee - \$60 plus \$0 shipping**

**Group code: STDDT-84B**

Dual Core

4 GB RAM

160 GB Hardrive

Includes: Windows 10

Monitor, Microsoft Office, Power Supply, Sound Card



#### Upgraded Desktop Package

**Fee - \$200 plus \$0 shipping Group code: UPGRDT-4E8**

i5 (minimum spec)

8 GB RAM

500 GB

Includes: Windows 10

22" Monitor, Microsoft Office, Power Supply, Sound Card,  
Ethernet



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# APPLICATION CHECK-LIST

**Group Code:** STDDT-84B (Desktop) | UPGRDT-4E8 (Upgraded Desktop)

Fill out an online application at <https://form.jotform.com/203025281499254> In order to successfully complete your online application, please include the respective Group Code as indicated above. AND select **Mississauga** as your centre

Note: After we receive payment, it will take approximately 2-3 weeks to have them shipped to your home

**Proof of Financial Status:**(one of the following) - Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment - Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance) - OSAP Statement of Funding

- Refugee Payment Received from government - Letter from school supporting the application - EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career

**\*Please Note:** York Region District School Board is NOT responsible for: repair, replacement, or ongoing maintenance of the refurbished equipment provided by RCT through this program; verification of valid licenses installed on refurbished equipment provided by RCT through this program; loss of data or damage to devices.

**Payment:** \$60.00 for a regular desktop, \$200.00 for an upgraded desktop, \$0 shipping fee - Credit Card - via phone or online

- Certified Cheque - OW and ODSP cheques, please make out to: Renewed Computer Technology - Western Union Cheque, Bank Draft, or Money Order
- NO CASH
- NO personal cheques

**Cheques should be made to:**

Renewed Computer Technology – Applicant name must be added in the memo field

**Please note:** You must meet the qualifications and may be required to provide proof of income to the contact representative

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