

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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**November 17th, 2022**

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

## Phys Ed Spotlight



Physical Education Dept. brings Jungle Sport to our gymnasium...

It is the goal of the Physical Education Department at Markville S.S. to have a significant impact on the quality of physical activity and wellness inside and outside the school. Traditionally, Physical Education classes tend to go out for field trips, but this year, with the support of our administrators and Phys. Ed. teachers, we were given the

opportunity to bring Jungle Sport to our school.

Jungle Sport is a combination of climbing, ropes course, and playground, all designed to get teens to enjoy being active. Imagine an entire gym full of kids being inspired, and motivated, working on team building and taking leadership to new heights.

Jungle Sport certified instructors led the week-long program and kept changing things up every day to introduce different challenges and adventures.

The benefits of climbing are incredible. Not only does it give students an entire body workout, but it also helps burn up to 800 calories an hour!

We look forward to continuing our strong commitment to providing diverse programming and opportunities for all our physical education students.



## Message from Guidance

Hello Markville Families,

### **VERY IMPORTANT FOR GRADE 12 STUDENTS APPLYING TO COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY**

Midterm Grades are being sent to both the Ontario Colleges Application Centre (ontariocolleges.ca) and the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC) on Friday, November 18th. The YRDSB transferred to a new timetable and mark data platform this year.

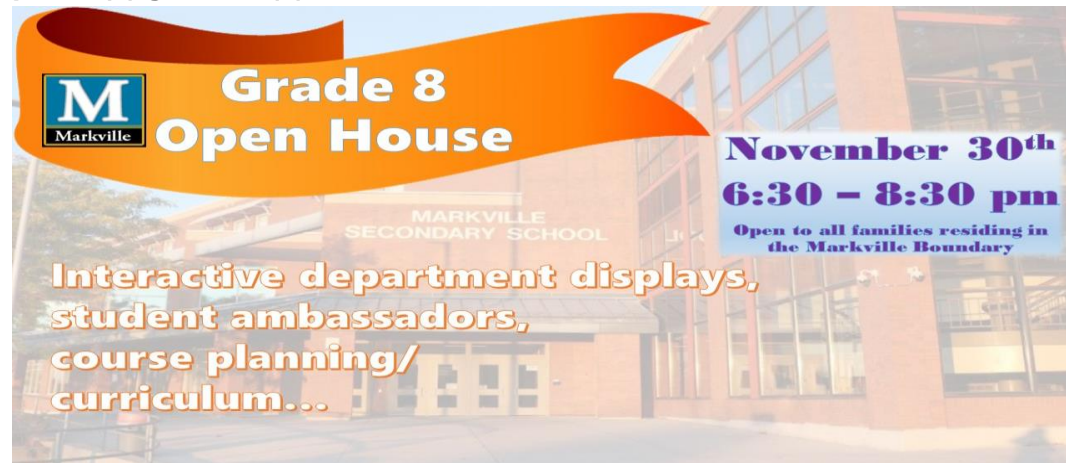
**Therefore, it is extremely important that all students check their OCAS and/or OUAC accounts and look for the following:**

1. You have applied using your legal name
2. Your account indicates that you will receive your OSSD by June 2023
3. All courses that you have taken are on your account
  - all courses since grade 9 for college admission
  - all grade 11 and grade 12 courses that are designated as “M” or “U” courses for university admission
4. All grades that are posted for each course are correct
5. Your semester 2 courses that are currently on your Markville timetable are showing as projected courses
6. Semester 1 current midterm grades appear and are correct
7. No dropped course(s) from this semester is appearing on your account
8. You have ensured that courses that you are taking outside of Markville i.e. private school or other school board are included

If anything does not appear correct, **please come to guidance immediately and a counsellor will help you.**

### **GRADE 8 PARENTS NIGHT**

On **Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30-8:30 pm**, Markville is hosting our Annual Grade 8 Parents Night to welcome new grade 8 students and their families into our building. Please spread the word. **However, please note that Markville is closed to transfer students for the 2023-2024 school year and all applicants must be living with their parent(s)/guardian(s) within our boundaries.**



## **School Notices**

This letter below about the OSSLT was sent to families on November 8, 2022

Dear Families,

As per the Ministry of Education, students are required to work towards the literacy graduation requirement through participating in the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) or the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC). The York Region District School Board has decided that previously eligible Grade 11 and 12 students, and all grade 10 students will write the OSSLT between November-December 2022. Students who are unsuccessful on the test this Fall will have another opportunity to write in the Spring.

All grade 10 students will write the test in their period one homeroom class, over 2 days, between **Monday, November 28, 2022 - Thursday, December 1, 2022**. The previously eligible grade 11 and 12 students will write the test (both sections) in one continuous sitting on **Friday, December 2, 2022**. The test will begin promptly at 8:25 am. (Please note that students who are not writing the literacy test will attend their regular classes on these days). The OSSLT is a graduation requirement for all

students working towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. Students receiving special education support will be provided with the necessary accommodations, as per their IEP, for the test. Please be aware that ALL students are entitled to extra time.

There will be preparation activities taking place to support student success. Students will engage in practice activities leading up to the test and complete a practice test that is also accessible from home by accessing EQAO's website at [eqao.com](http://eqao.com).

Additionally, in the coming weeks, individual letters will be sent to each family whose child is writing the OSSLT with necessary accommodations based on a student's IEP. If you have any questions, please contact the main office at 905-940-8840 or the Literacy Lead Teacher at [amanda.millington@yrdsb.ca](mailto:amanda.millington@yrdsb.ca).

We wish all of our participating students much success on the Fall administration of the Ontario Secondary Literacy Test.

Sincerely,

Barb Caravella

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Vice-Principal

Literacy Lead Teacher

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**Upcoming Dates**

Nov 22	Markville's Birthday Celebration
Nov 22	School Council in Library (7:00-8:30 pm)
Nov 28 - Dec 2	OSSLT Week
Nov 30	Grade 8 Open House



# Social Media of the Week

2021-2022

# WINTER MAINTENANCE NEWSLETTER






## WHAT WE DO

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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	When does the City start salting?	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?
Use Markham's Winter Maintenance App on <a href="http://markham.ca/winter">markham.ca/winter</a> to find out what type of road you live on.	Salt is only effective for temperature -12°C and above.			
<b>Primary</b>	When snowfall begins	3cm	Paper clip 	2 hours
<b>Secondary</b>	When snowfall begins	5cm	House key 	3 to 12 hours
<b>Local</b>	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](http://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](http://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](http://markham.ca/winter)



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# YRDSB Communications

## Parent/caregiver series supporting students of African Caribbean Canadian Heritage.

The series, *Moving Forward Hand in Hand*, will provide a number of parent/caregiver in-person and web events to build community, support mental health, and promote healing. The first session in the series focuses on “**Understanding the Impacts of Anti-Black Racism on Children and Youth Mental Health**” and will be offered in person on November 23rd and repeated on November 30th. These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian of students who identify as Black.

For more information on event registration, dates and locations, please review the [flyer](#)

Register by November 20th, 2022



## Introduction to Mental Health

### 認識心理健康/ 认识心理健康

This session in Mandarin and Cantonese will help you gain an understanding of mental health, mental health issues, associated stigma and coping strategies and community resources.

這講座將讓大家了解什麼是心理健康、心理健康問題、相關的謬誤、應對策略和社區資源

这讲座将帮助大家认识与心理健康相关的一些常识和误区以及应对策略和社区资源

To register for a Mandarin session:

[点击这里报名普通话讲座](#) or scan the QR code



To register for a Cantonese session:  
[點擊這裡報名粵語講座](#) or scan QR code



## Parents, Guardians and Caregivers

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

Date: **Tuesday, November 29, 2022** Time: **7-8:30pm**

Location: Google Meet link will be provided upon registration.

### Presenters:

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

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

**Hannah Xu** (MPH)

Hong Fook Mental Health Association Youth Program Worker

### For more information, please contact:

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Inclusive School and Community Services Community & Partnership  
Developer Pauline Guo  
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This free information session is brought to you in partnership with Hong Fook Mental Health Association, Community Care Team and Inclusive School and Community Services of York Region District School Board





**HONG FOOK**  
MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

## Community Events



You're invited! Bring your crew and join us in celebrating the start to the most wonderful time of the year with our iconic holiday tree lighting ceremony that will delight the senses and warm the heart.

Hosted by Leslie Yip from A1 Radio, enjoy the magical countdown and lighting of the holiday tree, festive musical performances and lots more surprises and delights!

**Friday, November 18: 6:30 PM  
– 7:30 PM.**  
**Pre-show starts at 6 PM.**

**Centre Court on the lower  
level in front of Uniqlo.**

In the spirit of the holiday season, CF Markville will be hosting CTV's Toy Mountain Toy Drive!

If you would like to donate, please bring a new toy item to the celebration benefiting The Salvation Army.

We look forward to celebrating the magic of the holiday season with you.

# 48th Annual Markham Santa Claus Parade



**Sat., November 26 • 11 AM to 1 PM**

**Main Street Markham**

**(between Hwy. 7 East & 16th Ave.)**

**[markham.ca/SantaClausParade](http://markham.ca/SantaClausParade)**

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