

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Student Activity Council (SAC) Spotlight

It's an exciting time at Markville as clubs and extra-curricular activities are beginning to emerge. To help clubs promote and advertise, and to show our students the wide array of clubs Markville has to offer, Markville SAC launched their annual club fair on Oct 12-14. This was a virtual event, running from 5:00 pm -7:00 pm each evening where executive members from each club used their ten minute time slot to showcase their club and promote new members to join. The turnout was fantastic, with over one hundred students in attendance each evening, to get information about their clubs of interest. What a wonderful way to get involved, connect with peers, learn new skills and have fun!

Message from Guidance

FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES: Thank you to all those who attended the *OYAP* presentation on October 13th. The slide deck can be found on the Guidance website on the [Family Night Webinar Series](#) page. Families can access the list of upcoming presentations in the [Agenda](#), with our next being *Post-Secondary Information Night* on **November 8th @ 6:30**.

Interested in more information on the Skilled Trades?

YRDSB is holding an **Information Session for students and parents** interested in the skilled trades and the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) on **Wednesday October 27th @ 7pm**. Please register @ www.bit.ly/OYAP_OPENHOUSE, and see the [flyer](#) for more information.

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION: On **October 22nd**, Grade 12 students will receive an email to their GAPPS accounts containing the information needed (**OUAC/OCAS - PIN #s & OEN**) to apply to Ontario colleges and universities.

Stay in the know!...

College Mondays: Panelists from all colleges are holding [virtual sessions](#) on Mondays

OUAC Fair: [Next event](#) -Tuesday, October 26th, 5-8 pm - Now with 2 Extra Sessions!

Continue to dive into Scholarship research using **Scholarship Search Engines:** Grade 12 students can create an account with any of the following search engines:

www.scholarshipscanada.com

<https://yconic.com/>

www.canlearn.ca

www.scholartree.ca

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW NIGHT: Guidance is available to book appointments for **Parent-Teacher Interview Night on October 20th, from 6:30-8:30.** Please use the [Parent Portal](#) to book a time, using the email address you have on file. Appointments will be virtual and a meeting link will be sent to your email prior to the appointment.

Kindly,
~Your Guidance Team

Markville Transition Activity Council



Hey Mavs! Are you a grade 9 or 10 student looking to make new friends?

Do you want advice on how to survive high school? Do you want to play games and show your TAC mentors what you've got? Do you want a chance to win a PRIZE?!

If so, be sure to join TAC's virtual **SpecTACular Social** on **Monday, October 18th from 4-5 PM!** Sign up at bit.ly/SpecTACularSignups. For more info, check out [@markvilletac](#) on IG. See you there!

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

October 15	Asynchronous learning activities – Schools closed to students
October 18	Interim Reports will be distributed electronically
October 20	Parent Teacher Interview Night

K-12 Cyber Awareness Month



Welcome to **Week 2** 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 11 to 15, 2021

Week 2: Pay attention to your home network and Wi-Fi connections

Safe and secure Wi-Fi connections are just as important as having secure devices and online accounts.

Nowadays most devices are connected to the internet through our home network, our school or office network, a data plan, or a public Wi-Fi hotspot. Many of the applications installed on our devices require an internet connection to access online

services and function properly. Our devices will often look to connect to available Wi-Fi hotspots irrespective of whether that Wi-Fi connection is safe or not. It is up to the device user to ensure appropriate security and safety measures are taken when connecting to public Wi-Fi hotspots or deciding not to connect.

Topics and tips for Week 2 include:

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

- [Secure your home network](#) and actively managing it. Considering upgrading your network router every 3-5 years to take advantage of improvements in security features.
- Take stock of devices connected to your home network and monitoring for unusual activity.
- Setup a guest network for your friends and visiting family members to separate their access and activity from all your home devices.
- Setup a separate network for your smart devices, so if compromises occur, the threat remains isolated from your personal devices that contain personal and sensitive information.
- Kid-proof your home Wi-Fi network to make it safe for children.
- [Avoid untrusted public Wi-Fi access](#); use a personal data plan or personal hotspot or use a [VPN](#) when having to connect through an untrusted Wi-Fi hotspot.

Videos

The CAM videos created by ECNO and the Ministry of Education. With simple yet effective animations, and close captions/subtitles embedded into the videos. They can be found at the below links:

[Week 2a – Pay attention to your home network and Wi-Fi connections with Sam](#)

[Week 2b – Pay attention to your home network and Wi-Fi connections with William](#)

YRDSB Communications



**Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) invites
you to our
2021-2022 Launch:
Affirming Black Identities**

When

Monday, October 25, 2021 (online)

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm (EST)

[Registration](#)

More than a racialized identity referring to people of African descent, to be Black is to evoke an embodied experience with shared histories and cultures. Blackness is the epitome of agency and resistance. It is the awakening of the critical consciousness required to counter anti-Blackness through positive affirmations, Black cultural pride and liberatory spaces. Black identities are not homogeneous. Rather, the diverse ways of knowing and of being Black span the vastness of the African continent and her diaspora. Thus, to affirm Black identities is to value the humanity, diversity and lived realities of Black people. Please join AEBS in *Affirming Black Identities* throughout the York Region District School Board and beyond.

For additional information please contact aebzca@gmail.com



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