

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

Inspire Learning!



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Student Voices

Congratulations



Markville student, **Sharon Sun**, tied for second place with a score of 92% in last Spring's Grade 11 [Ontario Business Educators' Association](#) Accounting Contest. Truly an outstanding achievement! On behalf of our Business Studies department, and all staff, we congratulate you, Sharon!

School Council Notice

School Council: We welcome all parents and guardians to our virtual meeting on Monday, October 19th. Information on how to join the meeting was sent out to all families, yesterday, Thursday, October 15th. The meeting will run from 7PM to 8:15 PM.

"Education is a partnership involving parents, students, teachers, principals, community and school boards. School Councils provide advice on school matters and help to strengthen the important relationship between schools, parents/guardians and their communities."

This is just one way families can get involved to support students and schools. Learn about other things you can do to engage with your child's learning at home and at school." <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/SchoolCouncils/Pages/default.aspx>

School Notices

Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held **virtually** on **Thursday October 29, 2020** from **6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) during this scheduled time. We regret that for health and safety reasons, we are unable to host an event at the school as we normally would; however, we look forward to meeting with you virtually.

- Families can use Edsby, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their child(ren)'s teacher(s) on Parents' Night. You will receive an invitation to sign up for a meeting time once the schedules are available.
- Families that already have an Edsby account may use their previously created account. The username is the full email address that is on file at your child(ren)'s home school and the password is the one created at activation. If you have forgotten your password, you can find [resources on the Board website](#) to help, including how to reset your password.
- Families who **do not have** an Edsby account will need to create one to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. **An up-to-date and valid email address must be provided to your child's home school.** For help creating an Edsby account, [instructions can be found on the Board website](#). An email from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account was sent on **October 13**. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.
- If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office. Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact the teachers. For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit [our board website](#).

Important Timelines Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents / guardians / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process. 

October 19-22

October 22-27 Schedule opens at **9:00 a.m.** for booking. Log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found [here](#).

October 27 **Interview Scheduler closes at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**

October 28 Virtual Meeting Links will be sent to Families

October 29 **Virtual Interviews (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)**

Practices and Policies

Bits & Pieces

As we continue to navigate our way through our 'new normal', we would like to communicate a few reminders about safety and best practices for student learning:

- 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 needs to be closed due to COVID-19, the expectation is that all students and teachers will 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.



Department Spotlight

Markville's Geography Department

Markville's Grade 9 Geography students have had an awesome start to the school year by getting outside the first day of classes to explore their local environment. Students took short daily exploratory walks around the school grounds looking for examples of both physical and human geography that we see in our everyday lives. Between spotting blue spruce trees, built infrastructure, colourful trees and various types of rocks, these students have shown that geography at Markville isn't something we just study but we actually 'do.' Students also engaged in outdoor "Station Rotation" activities that combined using their visual literacy skills and concepts of geographic thinking. We look forward to many more outdoor lessons so that all of our students get the chance to explore their natural surroundings in an effort to develop their sense of place - one of Geography's main goals!



Think Like a Geographer



What's where?



Why there?



Why care?

Tech Tip



The 20-20-20 Rule

After 20 minutes of computer screen usage it is good to use the 20-20-20 rule. The 20-20-20 rule is when you find a focal point to look at for 20 seconds that is 20 feet away after 20 minutes of looking at a computer screen. This will help decrease the tired feeling at the end of the day.

Tweet of the Week



Markville SS
@Markville_YRDSB

Thank you Ben. Our pleasure!



Ben Smith @atBenSmith · Oct 13

It was my pleasure this morning to speak (virtually) to students from @Markville_YRDSB in #Markham.

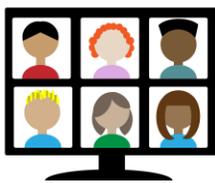
We spoke about my journey growing up with a learning exceptionality, how I got my start in public service- and how with relentless drive and hard work, anything is possible.



9:14 AM · Oct 15, 2020 · Twitter Web App



From Our Board



To support the learning needs of teachers and students engaged in synchronous learning, YRDSB has approved another digital tool for video conferencing. Teachers who choose to use this newly approved classroom tool will begin instruction next week on how to manage synchronous Zoom learning sessions safely and effectively. This means

zoom

Zoom is now available for teachers to use with students.

COVID-19 UPDATE:

Revised School Screening Every day, parents/guardians and students over 18 are responsible for reviewing and adhering to the checklist from York Region Public Health. This checklist has been recently updated to reflect the Ontario government's [revised COVID-19 Screening Tool for Children in Schools and Child Care](#).

Please note that the new screening guide applies to children only; the adult screening guide has not changed. Thank you for working with us to protect the health and safety of students, staff and families and to reduce the spread of COVID-19.



Community Event

Ontario College Virtual Fair

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rI4GIGGH1Oc&feature=emb_logo



Ontario College Virtual Fair

November 4 Wednesday 4PM to 8PM	November 5 Thursday 9AM to 1PM	This year's fair is virtual! We are excited to deliver a fully interactive, online experience. Create your own avatar and navigate the virtual event, speaking with college faculty and staff. Everything you need to learn about college in one place!
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