

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Schedule Change

Rotation 4 will start on Tuesday October 27th. Please check Teach Assist to find out which cohort your child is in for Period 5 Face to Face. Remember you will need your child's password to access Teach Assist.

Cohort may be different from the last rotation.

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 4 Oct. 27-Nov. 9 Rotation 8 Jan. 14-29
8:20-10:50 a.m. Face-to-Face	Period 5
10:50-11:05 a.m.	Exit
11:05-12:20 p.m.	Travel & Lunch
12:20-1:10 p.m. Online	Period 4
1:10-2:00 p.m. Online	Period 1
2:00-2:50 p.m. Online	Period 2

School Notices

Virtual Parents-Teacher Interviews will be held this upcoming week 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) and learn more about the classroom. 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.

[Edsby](#) is a cloud-based platform that lets families easily reserve times to meet with their child(ren)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby has created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

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 check [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, please follow: [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 did 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 teacher for a telephone interview. Teachers have blocked appointment time slots to accommodate these appointments.

For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit [our board website](#).

Important Timelines

- October 19-22** Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents / guardians / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.
- October 22-27** Parents' Night 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 to be sent to Families
- October 29** **Virtual Interviews (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)**

From YRDSB

Halloween Reminders for Families



This year Halloween will look different for York Region families. In light of COVID-19 precautions, door-to-door trick-or-treating is [not recommended](#) by Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health for modified Stage 2 areas, including York Region.

The health and safety of our students remains a top priority. For students who wish to celebrate Halloween at school, please keep these reminders in mind:

- When planning costumes, no replica weapons of any kind are allowed.
- Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's culture or religious beliefs should not be worn as a costume.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, please be aware that:

- Students will not be able to use washrooms to change into costumes.
- No Halloween masks are to be worn and students should only use single use make-up (no sharing of make-up).
- Students who are required to wear PPE face masks (Gr. 4 - 12) must continue to do so, and students in younger grade (FDK - Gr. 3) are encouraged to continue to wear their PPE face masks.
- Costumes should be of simple design (to limit personal items being brought to school), and treats cannot be shared.

For more information on how to stay safe this Halloween and for alternate Halloween activities, please visit York Region Public Health's [website](#).



The Alliance of Educators for Black Students (AEBS) 2020 Launch: Affirming #BLACKJOY

When: Thursday, October 29, 2020 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Where: ONLINE (The online space will be provided after registration and closer to the date)

In a year that has punctuated the impact of anti-Black racism across systems, people of African descent around the world are choosing to resist through JOY. The Alliance of Educators for Black Students invites all supporters to join in “our joy” at a gathering that will centre the voices of Black Students

Please **register** via our [Google Form](#)

Follow Us On Twitter [@AEBSyrdsb](#)

For additional information, please contact: aebzca@gmail.com

REVISED SYMPTOM CHECK

STOP PLEASE COMPLETE BEFORE ENTERING THE CHILD CARE CENTRE

1. Does your child have any of the following **new or worsening** symptoms?*



IF "YES":

- Your child should stay home to isolate
- Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

2. Does your child have any of the following **new or worsening** symptoms?*



IF "YES" TO 1 SYMPTOM:

- Your child should stay home for 24 hours from when the symptom started
- Your child may return to school/child care if symptom is improving and they feel well enough (no test is needed)
- If the symptom persists or worsens, contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

IF "YES" TO 2 OR MORE SYMPTOMS:

- Your child should stay home to isolate
- Contact your child's health care provider for further advice or assessment, including if your child needs a COVID-19 test or other treatment

3. Has your child travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days? Yes No
4. Has your child been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19? Yes No
5. Has your child been instructed to stay home and self-isolate? Yes No

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO QUESTION 3, 4 OR 5:

Your child must stay home and self-isolate for 14 days from the date of their last travel or the dates of last contact with a case. Follow the advice of York Region Public Health.

*Children who have an existing health condition identified by a health care provider that gives them the symptoms should not answer YES, unless the symptom is new, different or getting worse. Look for changes from your child's normal symptoms.

Stay safe. Stay informed.

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COMING SOON
SECONDARY *Arts* SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHTS

YRDSB OFFERS REGIONAL ARTS SCHOOLS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO ARE COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS



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



Alexander Mackenzie HS
Thursday Nov. 5th



Huron Heights SS
Thursday Nov. 5th



Unionville HS
Tuesday Nov. 3rd



Westmount CI
Thursday Nov. 5th

REMINDER applications open November 9th, due December 1st

YRDSB Secondary Arts School Information Nights Coming Soon!

Student Clubs

GET FIT, FEEL GOOD

JOIN MARKVILLE'S VIRTUAL RUNNING CLUB!

- Starting the week of October 19th
- 3 Days a week
- Google classroom code: kf77q34



Tech Tip



Curio videos can now be viewed with a lesson posted in the Google classroom. Students can click the link and the video will launch without any need to enter any passwords or other authentication. If a teacher instructs students to use Curio.ca as a research tool, the teacher must provide the code **P8UA-CGPM**. The student can create an account using their **@gapps.yrdsb.ca** email to authenticate their subscription access.

There is also access to BBC Channel, National Geographic and News in Review (current edition and archives) within Curio which is from CBC.

Curio.ca is accessible through Markville's library catalogue page.

Tweet of the Week



<https://twitter.com/PattyHajdu/status/1318302706084335622/photo/1>

Community Notice via YRDSB

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.

Fill out an online application at www.rcto.ca/outreach

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.

In order to successfully complete your online application, please include the information as indicated above AND select Mississauga as your center.

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 plus \$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

Working with the **York Region District School Board** we are offering the following packages that will be shipped to your home:

Basic Desktop Package

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

Apply online @ www.rcto.ca using group code: STDDT-84B | UPGRDT-4E8

All systems include our **STANDARD 2-YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY**
(batteries not covered by warranty).



*Computers may not appear exactly as shown



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 For more information, please contact: Mitch Doorey

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