

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Student Activity Council (SAC) Spotlight



In honour of World Teacher Day this Tuesday October 5th, SAC students worked hard to prepare a teacher appreciation package full of goodies along with a personalized note to each Markville teacher.

What a lovely way to demonstrate their appreciation for the hard work that teachers do!

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents-Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday October 20, 2021, 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. 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 your child(ren)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby have 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 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 will be sent on October 4.** 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 teacher.

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

Important Timelines

- October 13, 2021 Parents' Night schedule will open in Edsby at 8:30 a.m. on October 13, 2021 for booking. Parents/guardians will need to log into their Edsby account to access the schedule. 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 18, 2021 Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents / guardians in the evening / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.
- October 19, 2021 Interview Scheduler closes at 12:00 p.m. (noon)
- October 20, 2021 Teachers will send virtual meeting links to parent/guardians
- October 20, 2021 Virtual Interviews (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)**

Message From Guidance



FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES:

Thank you to the families that attended the *IPP* webinar on September 29th. The slide deck can be found on the Guidance website on the [Family Night Webinar Series](#) page. We were thrilled with the turnout for our very first presentation!

On **October 13th @ 6:30pm**, Guidance will host our next presentation in the

Series: **Skilled Trades/OYAP**. This presentation will cover the Skilled Trades as a post-secondary pathway (specifically the Apprenticeship program and college), and high school pathway programs such as the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship program (OYAP) and Accelerated OYAP.

Guest speaker and MSS Co-operative Education Head, Kimberly Vrensen will identify the Top 5 reasons students should consider a career in the Skilled Trades, and will

highlight the in-demand trades, using current labour market information. The Skilled Trades are receiving unprecedented acknowledgement for high salaries and job security. Come find out what the Trades can do for you and how to get there!

Families can access the link to the presentation in the [Agenda](#), just prior to the beginning of the 6:30 session on October 13th.

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 - evening Appointment times will open on TeachAssist on October 13th. Appointments will be virtual and a meeting link will be sent to your email prior to the appointment on October 20th.

Looking forward to connecting soon!

~Your Guidance Team

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

October 11	Thanksgiving (Holiday) Schools Closed
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 1** 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 4 to 8, 2021

Week 1: Show your devices and accounts some love

Fortifying and locking down our devices and online accounts should always be a priority.

Our devices and accounts are what we use to stay connected, to create and publish content, access online services, and play games. They are the doors to our online presence. We use our devices to authenticate who we are, communicate through email, texting, social media, and other tools, and we also use our devices to store personal information locally or in the cloud.

Many of us have multiple devices and accounts. Some are personal and some are for work, and some personal devices may be shared with other family members. Keeping track of it all can sometimes be challenging but it is important to do so.

This week take stock of your user accounts and devices and learn how to better protect them.

Topics and tips for Week 1 include:

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

- Enable the strongest authentication tools available on your devices and online accounts (e.g. biometrics, multi-factor authentication, and strong passphrases or complex passwords).
 - [Create a strong password or passphrase](#) unique to each account. [Best practices for passphrases and passwords](#).
 - Use [MFA \(multi-factor authentication\)](#) to add an extra layer of protection.
 - Enable [biometrics](#) such as fingerprints or facial recognition as an authentication factor.
 - If you have too many passwords to remember, consider [a password manager](#).
- Keep all [software up to date](#) and enable automatic updates. Learn [how updates secures your devices](#).

- Install [anti-virus / antimalware software](#) on your personal devices and set it to scan on a schedule. Please note Board-provided devices already have anti-virus installed.
- Updating privacy and security settings on your devices and applications.
- [Back up](#) your devices regularly.
- Set age-appropriate parental controls on children's devices and [set screen time](#) and device boundaries. [Talk to children](#) about privacy, safety and [security online](#).
- Know your school's BYOD and acceptable use policies and follow them.

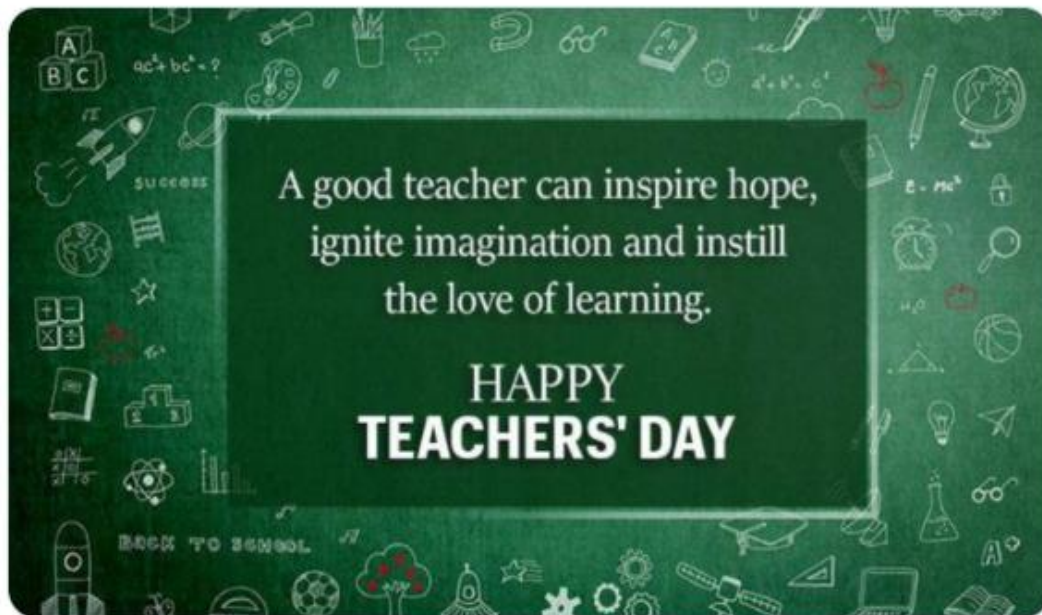
Tweet of the Week



Markville SS
@Markville_YRDSB



Wishing all the amazing teachers @ Markville SS a very happy Teachers' Day! Thank you for all you do!



7:30 AM · Oct 5, 2021 · Twitter Web App

2 Retweets 4 Likes



YRDSB Communications




Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night



Join us on a night to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways and our Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information night if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the skilled trades
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information on this program to better prepare for this pathway, or
- you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9-12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades

Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!

Automotive Service Technician	Baker	Cook
Electrician	Plumber	Carpenter
Child Development Practitioner	Drywall Finisher & Plaster	Motorcycle Technician
Floor Covering Installer	Hairstylist (<i>pending approval</i>)	
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Air Systems Mechanic	Truck and Coach Technician	

Join us on Wednesday, October 27, 2021

at 7:00 PM! REGISTER AT: www.bit.ly/OYAP_OPENHOUSE

7:00 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB and MLTSD

7:30 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs

8:30 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB

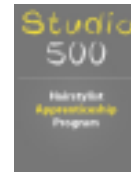
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IGNITE TECHNOLOGY GRANT

For students with SEA Technology

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GRADUATION AWARD

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for students with SEA Equipment



The Ignite Technology Grant is provided in partnership with LearnStyle Ltd.

The Ignite Graduation Award Details:

- Application is open to all Grade 12 students whose anticipated **graduation is June 2022** and who have demonstrated **leadership** and successful application and use of their **SEA technology** throughout their educational career
- Award consists of **\$1000** in discretionary funds to purchase personal technology
- Award winning student will be expected to complete various **leadership and advocacy** opportunities throughout their graduation year

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Update on community vaccination clinics for students eligible for Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal vaccination

October 4, 2021

Due to York Region Public Health's continued COVID-19 response, non-essential Public Health service such as school-based vaccination clinics for students continue to be on hold until further notice.

Starting in November, York Region Public Health will be providing community vaccination clinics for all eligible Grade 7 students who will miss their doses of vaccines usually offered in their school. In addition, all eligible grade 8 and 9 students who missed any doses of these vaccines due to school closures and the pandemic response will also be able to attend a community vaccination clinic to receive their Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV) and Meningococcal vaccines.

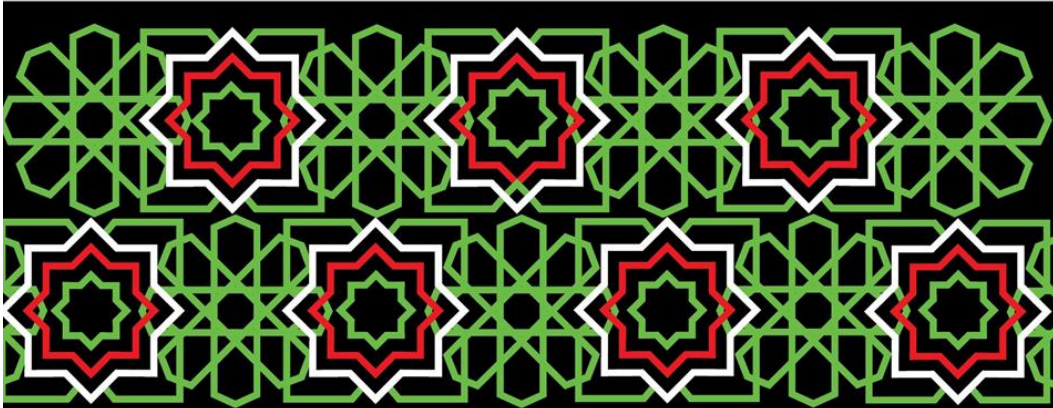
Vaccination Clinics	Clinic Information
Grade 7, 8 and 9 Student Community Vaccination Clinics	Starting in November 2021 - All eligible students will be able to receive any missed doses of Hepatitis B, HPV and Meningococcal vaccines More information will be sent home with students soon about vaccination appointment dates/times and locations.

On September 28, 2021, the National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI) has announced that any vaccine may now be given at the same time, or before/following, a COVID-19 vaccine.

- Clinic information is available at york.ca/immunizations > School Immunization Clinics
- COVID-19 information is available at york.ca/covid19

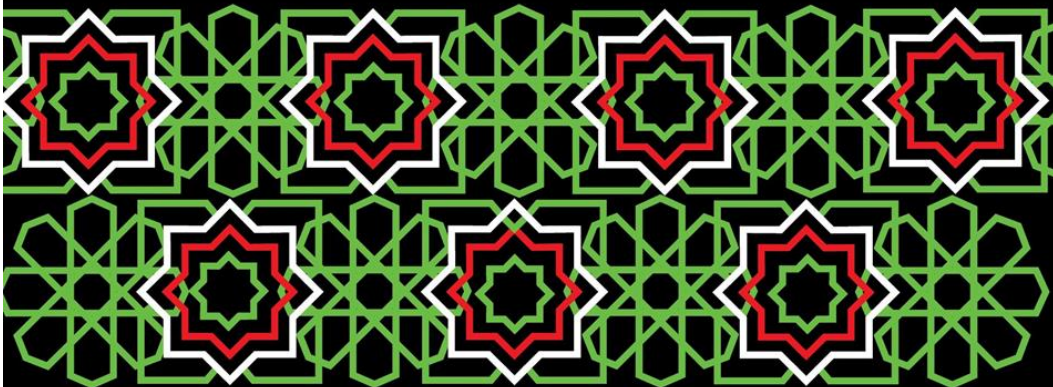
PUBLIC HEALTH
york.ca/immunizations
1-877-464-9675





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October 2021
Register for Educator and Student Events
at tinyurl.com/aemsihm



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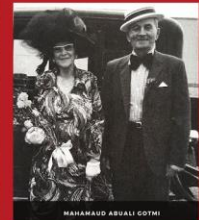
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HISTORY OF EARLY CANADIAN

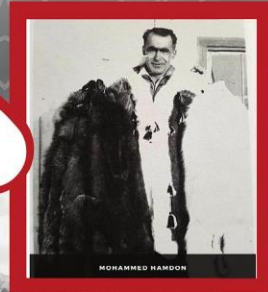
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Although Black Muslims have been present in Canada for hundreds of years, most were undocumented and unrecorded because they were brought to North America through the trans-Atlantic slave trade.



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James and Agnes Love were the first recorded Muslims in Canada. They emigrated from Scotland in 1851 and gave birth to the first recorded, Canadian-born Muslim in 1854.



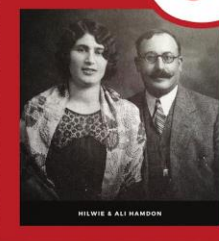
Many Muslims immigrated to Canada from Eastern Europe. The 1871 Canadian Census recorded 13 Muslims and the 1901 census recorded 47 Muslims.

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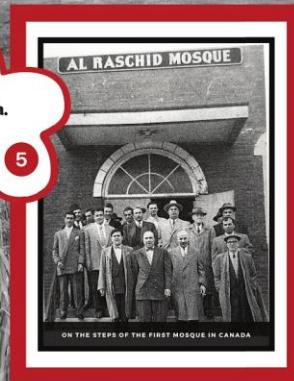
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With the news of the Klondike Gold Rush and the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, many early Muslim settlers moved out west to Alberta.



The Al-Rashid Mosque was the first mosque in Canada. It was built in Edmonton in 1938.

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