Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

It seems like it was only yesterday when we were bidding farewell to Summer Break and welcoming the 2024/2025 school year, yet the eagerly awaited October Break has arrived. It's been a very busy first half of the semester with classes, extra-curricular activities, and school events well underway.

Here is a summary of the events that took place in September and October:

September 5: Photo Day September 11: Grade 9 Camp Day September 23-26: Terry Fox Week September 27: PA Day September 30: Orange Shirt Day September 30: Clubs Fair October 10: Parent-Teacher Interview Night October 10: Parent-Teacher Interview Night October 14: Thanksgiving Day October 16: Fall Celebration Benefit Concert October 21: PA Day

Here is a summary of the upcoming events in November:

October 28 to November 1: October Break November 6: Take our Kids to Work Day

November 6: Grade 8's Visit to Markville SS

November 7-16: London, Paris, Amsterdam Trip

November 8: Vaccine Clinic (Grade 12 students)

November 9: DECA Regional Competition

November 14: MSS/BCSS/UHS Post-Secondary Fair at Bill Crothers SS

November 15: PA Day

November 18 to December 6: Grad Photos November 21: SAC Semi-Formal

The above list does not include all the countless extra-curricular activities, including clubs, athletics, and school events that are all part of a vibrant student life at MSS. I would like to extend a sincere message of gratitude and appreciation to all staff who volunteer their time before, during, and after school to ensure that these valuable opportunities are available to all students.

Earlier in October you should have received communication from the school about two important topics: After-School Supervision and the School Year Start-Up Forms.

After-School Supervision: Student safety and well-being is very important, including at the end of the school day. Students who choose to remain at school after the 3:00 pm dismissal bell, must be supervised by a staff member in band/repertoire class or a school-related extra-curricular club, athletics, or a school event. Students who are waiting to be picked-up by a parent/guardian can do so but should be picked-up no later than 4:00 pm when the main office closes. Students who are unsupervised after 4:00 pm will be asked to exit the building and proceed home. If students need help or support getting home or contacting a family member, they are welcome to come to the main office anytime before 4:00 pm.

School Year Start-Up Forms: At the start of each school year, schools share with families a package of information about the school with a link to the <u>Guide to the</u> <u>School Year</u> booklet, and some forms you need to complete. As we are now approaching the month of November, you should have already completed these forms. If you have not completed these forms yet, please complete and submit the <u>School Start-Up Forms</u> as soon as possible.

It is important that these forms are completed as there are both mandatory and optional forms. Please complete a separate form for each child attending Markville Secondary School. The forms should be completed for all students and are available in many languages. If you prefer to complete the forms on paper or have questions about the information in the forms, please contact the school.

Among the many components of the Start-Up Form, students participating in any school clubs (non-athletic), Curriculum-Connected Excursions/community Walks, Special Activities (e.g. school fair), School Dances, and/or Intramural Sports <u>must</u> have a parent/guardian complete the Start-Up Form and provide consent to participate. Additional or other permission and consent forms may be required for specific clubs or activities (e.g. Intramural Sports).

The first School Council Meeting of the school year took place on September 17. The executive members of this year's School Council are:

Co-Chairs: Ms. Sarah Ali, Ms. Vincci Zheng, Mr. Rajiv Prakash Vice-Chair: Mr. Ian Turner Treasurer: Ms. Flora Wen Secretary: Vacant (An election will be held at the November 19 School Council Meeting)

Please note the remaining School Council Meeting dates for the school year: Tuesday, November 19, 2024 Tuesday, January 21, 2025 Tuesday, March 18, 2025 Tuesday, May 20, 2025

October Break is next week and as such there will not be any classes between October 28 to November 1, 2024. Students and staff will return to regular classes on Monday, November 4, 2024.

On behalf of the administrative team of Markville Secondary School, I would like to wish all students, families, and staff a safe, restful, and enjoyable October Break. We will see everyone back at school on November 4.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu Principal Markville Secondary School

Message from Guidance



This is a mental health resource that will appear in the E-Bulletin weekly that was created by past and present Markville students.

MSS Mental Health Resource

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zxvp0ngpV22ikM7Fow2FNIMxX2wErCF5/view?usp=sharing

Markville Guidance Website Wellness Page: https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/markvilleguidance/wellness

TRANSLATE A DOCUMENT USING GOOGLE TRANSLATE - How-To Video

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

Oct 28th to Nov 1st	Fall Break Week
Nov 6th	Take Our Kids to Work Day

Community Opportunities Site!

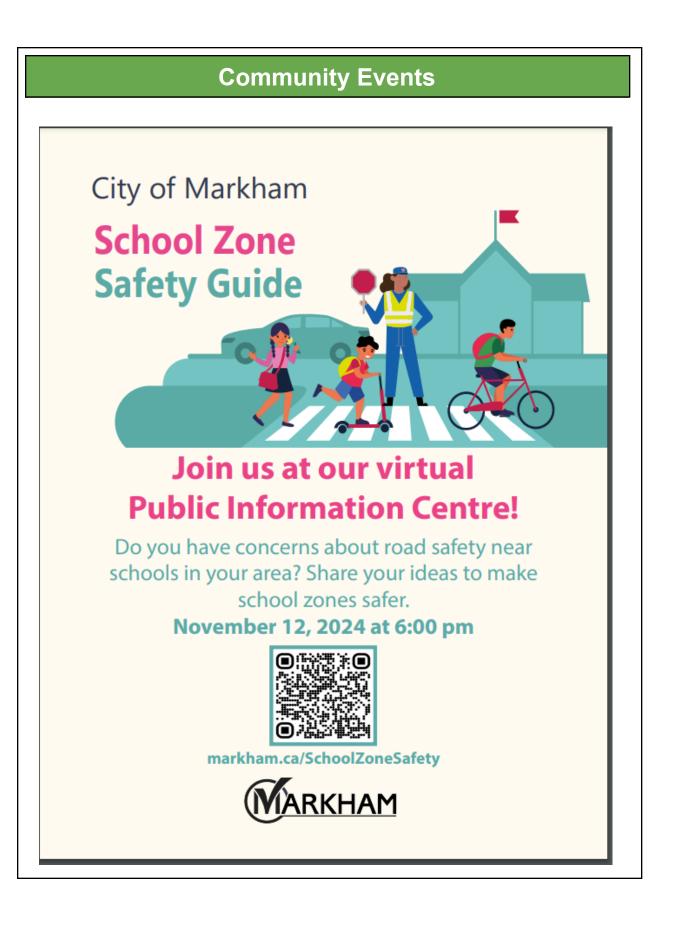
We would like to remind you of our <u>Community Opportunities Site</u> linked to our school home page where students, families and all community members can access up-to-date information about workshops, seminars, scholarships and more.

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Students ages 5-17 are invited to participate in The Supreme Court of Canada's art contest, celebrating the SCC's 150th anniversary. For contest rules visit: <u>https://www.scc-csc.ca/150/art%20contest.html</u>



Markham School Zone Safety Guide – Provide your input at the Virtual Public Information Session

Join the project team at the **Virtual Public Information Centre** on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6 pm EST.

Register here(External link).

Markham School Zone Safety Guide – The City wants to hear from you! Your opinion matters in making school zones and routes safer! Share your thoughts on the challenges of travelling to and from school, and how the City can improve safety in the neighbourhood.

Please take a moment to complete the survey(External link).

Together, we can create a safer environment for school communities!

