

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Letter for Families

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that the Fall season and the month of October are upon us while we are still enjoying summer-like temperatures.

The next Professional Activity Day of the 2023-2024 school year is scheduled for Friday October 20. There is no school for students on this day. Please see an overview of the PA Day plan for your information.

Half Day Morning Session:

Topic: Curriculum Implementation Learning

Entity Hosting: All Regular Start and Early Start Secondary Schools

Presenters/Facilitators: School Administration and Board-based Personnel

Description: Equitable Assessment Practices Professional Learning Series #1

Details: School teams will engage in professional learning facilitated by school administrators focusing on:

- identifying the tenets of equitable assessment; and
- exploring concrete shifts and changes to classroom assessment, evaluation and communication practices.

Topic: SIP/Department Meetings

Details: School teams will engage in school improvement planning facilitated by school leaders. Topics will vary by subject and may include:

- embedding equitable assessment practices into subject evaluations;
- subject specific integration of high-impact instructional practices to support student improvement in alignment with the curriculum;
- developing resources and learning plans to consolidate foundational knowledge and skills in de-streamed grade 9 courses including English, Math and Science and across the curriculum;
- data analysis for school improvement; and
- curriculum implementation of new curriculum.

Half Day Afternoon Session:

Topic: Literacy/Mathematics Instructional Strategies

Entity Hosting: All Regular Start and Early Start Secondary Schools

Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s): School Administration and Board-based Personnel

Description: Planning with Multilingual Language Learners at the Forefront

Details: The purpose and goals of the STEP Framework are introduced, followed by time to explore both the structure and components within the Oral, Reading and Writing ESL Continua. The module focuses on:

- foundational principles in teaching multilingual language learners
- introduction to STEP Framework

Topic: OCT Professionalism Module

Details: Staff will engage in learning regarding professionalism key messages through the OCT Professionalism Module.

Topic: SIP/Department Meetings

Details: School teams will engage in school improvement planning facilitated by school leaders. Topics will vary by subject and may include:

- embedding strategies to support teaching multilingual language learners into the curriculum;
- embedding subject specific high yield strategies into instruction and assessment; and
- data analysis for school improvement.

Additional professional learning activities for educational assistants, office support staff, caretaking staff and library technicians will be available.

Please call the main office if you have any questions about the October 20 P.A.Day.

Sincerely,

Administration

Culture and Food in Italy and Spain



Culture and Food in Italy and Spain

Designed by Aleem Ebrahim | 10 days | May 2024

The experience of a lifetime is waiting for you. Every detail from the cities you'll stay in to the cultural discoveries you'll make have been customized by your teacher for your group. Take a look at your personal itinerary for a sneak peek of what's in store.

[Culture and Food in Italy and Spain - May 2024 - Educational Tours](#)

Tues. Oct 3rd: Student meeting, 3:10 PM, library

Wed. Oct 11th: Parent meeting, 8:00 PM, Cafeteria

Message from Student Services

From Student Services:

“Hello families from your Markville Student Services department. Our Special Education Resource Teachers (SERTs) and Support Staff have been working hard to ensure our students have a smooth September. This includes developing the 2023-24 Individual Education Plans. Families of students with exceptionalities can expect this year’s IEPs to be sent home with students or digitally by October 11, 2023.

If you are a family member of a student who may be struggling in their classes and is not currently in our Student Services family, and would like to investigate the path towards an Individual Education Plan and class accommodations, feel free to reach out to the Student Services Head John Shep (john.shep@yrdsb.ca).”

All the best,

John Shep
Head of Special Education, Markville SS

“These are all people you’ve helped a little bit, instilled a little bit of self esteem, a little more confidence and maybe helped them on their way through life. That to me is the biggest responsibility.” – Peter Manning.

Student Activity Council

Dear Families,

After a week-long frenzy of interviews, applications and campaigning, the results are in! Our new Student Activity Council 2023/2024 is complete. A big thanks to all the candidates for their spirit and tireless efforts, and congratulations to our new team!

SAC Execs:

- Soham Shorey (President)
- Amy Huang (Equity & External Affairs)

Technical Position

Jr. Content Creator - Chloe Zhu

Jr. Event Coordinator - Tracy Zheng

Grade 9 Reps

Addison Louie

James Ho

Message from Guidance

FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES:

On **Wednesday, October 11th @ 6:30pm**, Guidance will present *Skilled Trades Apprenticeships/OYAP (Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program)*, with our very own MSS Co-op Head, Kim Vrensen. *As always, the link to this webinar will be added to the [Agenda](#) just prior to the event.* We do highly encourage families interested in OYAP and the Skilled Trades to attend, as there is an abundance of anecdotal information, however for those who will be unable to make the presentation, the slide deck will be posted 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: **January 24th** on *Specialty Programs: Co-Op / SHSM / Dual Credit/ AP* (Gr 10 & 11 focus).

UPCOMING UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE FAIRS:

The **Ontario College Fair** is also coming up on **October 18th 5:00 - 9:00 pm** and **October 19th 9:00 am - 2:00 pm** at the **Enercare Centre Toronto**.

The **OYAP Apprenticeship Information Night** is **October 26th @ 7pm**. Please see the attached details below.

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/sites/default/files/2023-10/Accelerated%20OYAP%20and%20Apprenticeship%20-%20Information%20Night%20OCT%2026%2C%202023%20%282%29.pdf>

The **Ontario University Fair** runs **October 21st and 22nd between 9:30 am - 5 pm** at the **Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre**.

Also mark your calendars for **Markville's University and College Fair**, *this year being hosted at Unionville High School*. It is being held at the school on **November 6th between 6:00 and 8:00pm**. We have many colleges and universities who will be sending representatives to answer your questions. It is a much more intimate venue than the Toronto Fairs. We share this fair with Bill Crothers Secondary School and Unionville High School. It is especially important for grade 11 and 12 students and, of course, their families.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS:

Parent-Teacher Interview Night is October 18th from 6:30-8:30. Evening appointment times will be available via TeachAssist to book appointments beginning on October 10th. Those appointments will open up the same day that Edsby does for Teacher sign-up. Please use the [Parent Portal](#) to book a time, using the email address you have on file. If you have any issues, as of October 10th, please call 905-940-8840 x 187 and ask for a booking.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

~Your Guidance Team



MSS Mental
Health Resource

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

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

Markville Guidance Website Wellness Page:

<https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/markvilleguidance/wellness>

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

Oct. 9	Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes)
Oct. 10	Photo Day (Missed)
Oct. 11	Parent Meeting Italy and Spain 2024 (8pm) Cafeteria
Oct.10-12	Interim Report eDistribution
Oct. 18	Parent-Teacher Interviews (6pm-8pm)
Oct. 20	PA Day
Oct. 23-27	October Break (no classes)

YRDSB Communications



LEN

We are excited to invite all Latine/o/a/x identifying families and staff to join us for a

Latin Heritage Month Meet-and-Greet

Bienvenidos! The York Region District School Board's Latine Educators Network is hosting its first meet and greet for all Latine/o/a/x families and staff.

You can look forward to community booths hosted by CCSY (Catholic Community Services of York Region) as well as music, fun activities for the whole family and an opportunity to meet other Latine/Latino families.

Please join us on
October 19, 2023
from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
at
Julliard Public School
61 Julliard Dr, Maple, ON L6A 3W7

For questions, please email
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La red de educadores latinos del YRDSB (LEN) estamos muy orgullosos de invitarlos a su primer encuentro para educadores, personal y familias latinas de la región de York, en celebración por el mes de la Herencia Latina.

Latin Heritage Month Celebration and Meet and Greet

El CCSYR (Catholic Community Services of York Region) tendrá puestos de información de los servicios que ofrece y también habrá música y actividades para toda la familia. Esta será una gran oportunidad para conocernos mejor como comunidad latina en la región de York.

Este encuentro será el

October 19 2023

de 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

tendra lugar en

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¡Esperamos su asistencia!

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