

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Please keep in mind any information provided in this bulletin is subject to change and is accurate at the time of distribution.

## SAC Spotlight

October 5th was once again Teacher Appreciation Day and Markville SAC wanted to express their gratitude and appreciation for all the hard work done by the teachers at Markville. As such, teachers came into work to find gift bags containing all sorts of snacks and useful stationary and trinkets to use, along with a customized card written out to each teacher by SAC, MAC and TAC students. It was a small gesture, but it conveyed an important message to teachers at Markville, that they are valued and appreciated!

## Message from Guidance

**FAMILY NIGHT WEBINAR SERIES:** Thank you to the families that attended the **SKILLED TRADES/OYAP** webinar on **October 12th**. This presentation covered 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. Families who missed this great presentation can view it on the [Markville Guidance](#) website on the [Family Night Webinar Series](#) page.

Our next Family Night Webinar will occur on January 25th where the topic will be: **Specialty Programs**.

**PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW NIGHT:** Guidance is available to book appointments for Parent-Teacher Interview Night on October 20th, from 6:30-8:30. Evening Appointment times will be open on TeachAssist on October 13th, until October 19th. Please use the [Parent Portal](#) to book a time, using the email address you have on file.

**UPCOMING COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY FAIRS AND COLLEGE FAIR FIELD TRIP:**

The **Ontario College Fair** is coming up on **October 19th 5:00 - 9:00 pm and October 20th 9:00 am - 2:00 pm** at the **Enercare Centre Toronto**. Markville is providing a **Field Trip opportunity for students to attend this fair on October 20th**. Any interested student can attend and space is still available. Students should come to guidance to pick up a field trip form or see Ms. Li in Room 229. It is a great opportunity to do post secondary research for Ontario colleges.

**Markville's own University and College Fair** is being held at the school on **November 2nd between 6:30 and 8:30 pm**. We have many colleges and universities who will be sending representatives to answer your questions. It is especially important for grade 11 and 12 students and families.

**POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION/PIN DISTRIBUTION:** During the week of **October 17th**, Grade 12 students will receive crucial information sent by the board to their GAPPS email. This will include **OEN#, MIDENT#, and PIN#** (the Pin is specifically for applying to university through OUAC if applicable) All of this information is essential for applications to college and university.

**Grade 12 students will be delivered a GUIDANCE PRESENTATION on November 7th @ 3:30 pm**, to walk them through their **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS**. Please see the [Post-Secondary Planning topics](#) for additional upcoming events.

**FULL DISCLOSURE:** For students in semester 1 enrolled in grade 11 and grade 12 courses, the **FULL DISCLOSURE DATE** is **NOVEMBER 29**. If a student withdraws from a course on or before this date, then the course will not be recorded on a permanent transcript.

**Thank you**

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## School Notices

### Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interview Night will be held on **Thursday, October 20**. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) in person, and learn more about the classroom. To maintain maximum flexibility for families, in situations where a parent is requesting a virtual interview, and little availability remains in the interview schedule, families may explore other dates to connect (phone or video) with teachers.

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 Markville 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 to your email inbox. 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 on Edsby or are not available on October 20th can contact the classroom teacher directly.

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

### **Important Timelines**

October 12 -19	Parents' Night schedule opens at 8:30 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 <a href="#">here</a> .
October 11 - 12	Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents / guardians / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.
October 19	Interview Scheduler closes at 3:00 p.m.
<b>October 20</b>	<b>Parent-Teacher Interviews (in-person) 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</b>

## Upcoming Dates

Oct 20	Parent-Teacher Interview Night (6:30-8:30pm)
Oct 20	Purple Shirt Day (Spirit Day)
Oct 21	PA Day (no classes)
Oct 24-28	Mid-Fall Break (no classes)
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 2	Markville's University and College Fair (6:30-8:30pm)
Nov 2	Grade 9 Take Your Kid to Work Day
Nov 2	Grade 8 Day

## Social Media of the Week



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# YRDSB Communications



## Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter

October 2022

*YRDSB Mental Health services are provided by YRDSB psychology and social work personnel*

### **Student Mental Health and Addiction Strategy: A Holistic Approach to Mental Health, Within Us, Between Us, Around Us**



Dear families, caregivers and beyond,

The York Region District School Board is pleased to share the [Student Mental Health and Addiction Strategy: A Holistic Approach to Mental Health, Within Us, Between Us, Around Us](#) to support the alignment of the Well-Being and Mental Health goals outlined in the [Director's Action Plan \(DAP\)](#) and our ongoing commitment to Student Well-Being and Mental Health.

The strategy was co-constructed based on extensive internal and external consultation with students, parents, staff affinity groups, community

groups, mental health advocacy groups and beyond. The Strategy aims to advance students' mental health and well-being through the promotion of health, culturally responsive and healing-centred engagement, enhancing capacity, prevention of illness, and support when needed. In a way that honours the student's identity and sense of self, fosters inclusion, mattering and belonging and builds community.

Acknowledging that there are many different individual and community understandings of the parts of mental health, the Strategy focuses on three main concepts:

**Within:** can be explained as the gifts and assets of our self/spirit, various intersecting identities, and traditions, as well as our cognitive and emotional well-being;

**Between:** can be explained as the social aspect of the relationships we have with other people, our families, and communities and beyond;

**Around:** can be explained as the families, communities, and learning/social environments that surround us. This also encompasses experiences of different life events, as well as systemic factors such as oppression, colonialization and racism, discrimination and marginalization. In addition, it includes access to culturally representative and responsive support and resources.

Each area, Within, Between, and Around will be enhanced by the implementation of specific priority actions for the system, school/classroom, student, and family/community. To learn more about the specific priority actions, please review the [Student Mental Health and Addiction Strategy: A Holistic Approach to Mental Health, Within Us, Between Us, Around Us](#).

Beginning this October, all students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 will have an opportunity to engage in a class/school-based activity that focuses on the concept of Within. This activity supports educators in intentionally establishing healthy, safe, inclusive, and critically conscious learning environments; centred on the integral parts of identity. Beyond this, the activity creates an opportunity for positive identity formation and affirmation and mattering and explores:

- Belonging, being and becoming.
- What makes me who I am?
- Who/what am I connected to?
- What are my goals, dreams and aspirations?
- What grounds me and gives me confidence and hope?
- Who are my supports, the people that lift me up?

When students know that they matter, belong and are cared for by those around them, they are best able to succeed, thrive, be hopeful and welcome new opportunities and learning. We continue to look forward to a year of learning, discovery, and joy alongside you.

**Additional Resources:**

[YRDSB Mental Health Resource Page](#)

Continue to check out the [YRDSB website](#) for updated information as well as the Twitter account [@YRDSB](#)

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**International Day for the Eradication of Poverty - October 17**

The United Nations (UN) [International Day for the Eradication of Poverty](#) has been observed on October 17 each year since 1993. It is an event to promote awareness of the need to eradicate poverty and destitution worldwide.

Please note the importance of also recognizing [World Food Day](#) on October 16, 2022.

**Community Events**

Outside Awaits!

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October 1 - 31, 2022



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your destinations more  
often this October!**

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