

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

It is difficult to believe that it is October Break already. The first eight weeks of the semester have been very busy at Markville SS, with the return of countless extra-curricular activities including: clubs, athletics, field trips, and school events. These activities are made possible because of the dedication of staff who volunteer their time to create these wonderful opportunities for all students. And on October 7, 2022 SAC organized a well-attended Clubs Fair where students were able to learn about and register for a variety of clubs in the school.

As communicated to all families yesterday, Markville Secondary School's School Council Executive for the 2022/2023 school year is:

Co-Chair: Ms. Naline Ali

Co-Chair: Mr. Ian Turner

Treasurer: Ms. Vincci Zheng

Secretary: Ms. Sarah Ali

Please note the updated School Council Meeting dates for the school year:

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

October Break will occur next week and as a result there will not be any classes between October 24-28, 2022. Students and staff will return to regular classes on Monday, October 31, 2022.

For those who are planning on wearing a costume on Halloween, please note the following:

- In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, it is important that costumes do not trivialize and devalue the lives of Indigenous peoples in Canada.
- Costumes should be respectful of others. Symbols or objects representative of a person's race, culture, ethnicity, or religious beliefs, should not be worn as another person's costume, nor should costumes that caricature social identities through stereotyping.
- No Halloween masks are to be worn.
- No replica weapons of any kind are allowed.

Staff are excited to celebrate Halloween with students. We are excited to have a Staff Halloween Costume BINGO. On October 31, students will have the opportunity to pick up a BINGO card in the atrium of the school which will include a list of staff who are wearing costumes. Students who choose to participate will be tasked with finding those staff members listed on the card who will stamp their card. When the entire card is complete, the student can come to the main office where the first 100 students who submit a completed BINGO card will receive an amazing Halloween prize!

November 2 will be Take Our Kids to Work Day. Grade 9 students will be spending the day at the workplace of a parent/guardian. It also coincides with Grade 8 Day at Markville Secondary School when we will be welcoming grade 8 students and their teachers from our elementary partner schools. Grade 8 students will have the opportunity to experience typical high school classes, take a school tour, and witness a performance organized by SAC, MAC, and TAC. That same evening, in collaboration with Bill Crothers SS and Unionville HS, Markville SS will be hosting a Post-Secondary Fair between 6:00-8:00 pm. All students, families, and community members are invited to attend this event and learn about post-secondary programs available at over 30 colleges and universities in Ontario.

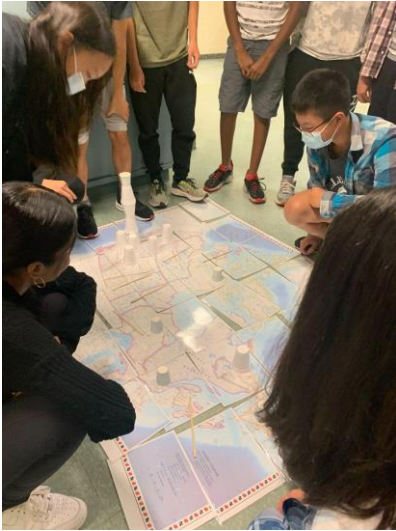
On behalf of the administrative team of Markville Secondary School, I would like to wish all students, families, and staff a safe, restful, and enjoyable October Break. We will see everyone back at school on October 31, 2022.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal
Markville Secondary School


Geography Spotlight



Markville's Geography students in grades 9-12 have had a fantastic start to the school year, participating in a wide variety of experiential activities. Between solving giant floor puzzles, participating in simulation games, working as cartographers and creating commemorative installations, our students have been busy at work! Our grade 9s have been learning how to think and work like real Geographers as they study Canada's physical diversity, while our grade 10s taking our First Nations, Métis and Inuit in Canada course, under the guidance of Ms. Fiorentino, recently

put together an incredible commemorative installation for Orange Shirt Day. This installation was an act to honour students who never returned home from a Residential School. We thank them for paying tribute to and celebrating the resilience of those affected and for creating awareness in our school community about the importance of reconciliation. Our grade 11s and 12s have been exploring a variety of tourism-related geographic issues as well as pressing environmental challenges of our time. We are looking forward to many more hands-on activities and outdoor adventures in the coming months so that students can apply the concepts of geographic thinking they are learning about as they continue to develop their sense of place!





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on September 30th
and every day



Math Contests Information

The Canadian Intermediate and Senior Math Contests are hosted by the University of Waterloo designed to give students the opportunity to have fun and to develop their mathematical problem solving skills.

The contests will be written at school on **Wednesday November 16th, 2022** from **8:30 am – 10:30 am**. Please mark the contest date on your calendar once you have registered.

Please note the registration deadline of **Sunday October 23rd, 2022**. Students interested in participating can register via school cash online. No late registrations will be accepted. Students and parents are encouraged to visit the CEMC (The Centre for Education in Mathematics and Computing) website to peruse old contests and solutions. For more information, visit:

<https://www.cemc.uwaterloo.ca/contests/csimc.html>

Message from Guidance

POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION:

Grade 12 students will have received their **OUAC PIN #** via GAPPs email on October 17th. This PIN # is required for students applying to University programs through the Application site, [OUAC](#). They will also need the School Mident Number, which will have been provided in the same email. Students applying to College programs do not require a PIN, but will need their OEN number from that same email, or any report card. All programs are open for application. We remind Families that they have access to answers to many questions around this, on the Guidance website [Family Night page](#), Series #2 – this page will also provide you access to last week's **OYAP/Apprenticeship** presentation, Series #3. **Grade 12 students will be delivered a Guidance presentation on November 9th @ 3pm**, to walk them through their college/university applications. Please see the [Post-Secondary Planning topics](#) for additional upcoming events.

A reminder that Markville will be hosting our very own **College and University Fair on November 2nd @ 6:00-8:00PM** – an event offered to MSS, BCSS and UHS Families. We hope you can join us! The Break is a wonderful opportunity to **arrange virtual or campus visits** for Gr 11 and 12 students, so that you can have your questions ready.

We hope you are able to have some much-deserved downtime with your families, and safe travels to those of you vacationing.

Have a wonderful and restful MSS Break!
~Your Guidance Team

School Notices

Markville Music presents!

BIG FISH

January 13-14, 2023



Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts

Tickets to our annual Markville Musical Theatre production "**Big Fish**" are on sale. Our show is **January 13-14, 2023** at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing

Arts. Shows are Friday, January 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM, Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 2:00 PM, and Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 7:30 PM.

All tickets are being handled by the box office this year, so you can arrange your tickets by calling 905-787-8811 or visit our landing page on the RHC website below:

https://tickets.rhcentre.ca/Online/default.asp?doWork::WScontent::loadArticle=Load&BOparam::WScontent::loadArticle::article_id=84985468-63C6-47F2-B985-860E0EDB7E1C

The Student/Senior rate is \$15.00 (\$22.61 with RHC taxes and service fees). Adult Tickets are \$17.00. All Ticket prices are subject to taxes and handling.

Looking forward to welcoming you to “Big Fish” in January.

Thank you for your continued support.

Upcoming Dates

Oct 24-28	Mid-Fall Break (no classes)
Oct 31	Halloween
Nov 2	Markville’s University and College Fair (6:00-8:00pm)
Nov 2	Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
Nov 2	Grade 8 Day
Nov 11	Remembrance Day

YRDSB Communications

Tune In YRDSB

Did you know YRDSB has a podcast? From in-depth and honest discussions on issues affecting education to practical conversations like how does French Immersion work, Tune In YRDSB helps you stay connected to what's happening in education.

With the [municipal election](#) approaching on October 24, [listen to our latest episode](#) on the role of trustees, why it's important to vote and to make an informed decision, and more.

In addition, our monthly news wrap up lets you catch up on what's been happening around the Board and what's upcoming in just 15 minutes.

[Tune In YRDSB](#) is available on all major podcast platforms.

Community Events



Ride will happen rain or shine.

Enjoy Markham Cycles's last ride of the season with a Halloween Glow Ride. Join us in costume with your bikes decorated with stickers, reflectors and lights. All ages and abilities are welcome on the ride! This is a family-friendly ride at a child friendly pace. We will be giving away free bike lights for those without.

Small number of bikes are available

to borrow for the ride.

There will be lights and music as we ride around Markham decked out for Halloween. Ride will start at our community bike hub conveniently located beside Centennial GO station just after 6PM. Look for the shipping container with the bike mural in the parking lot! This is our last event before we close for the season! Let's go out with a bang.

Keep updated on our social media by following us @MarkhamCycles on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

Post pictures using the #MarkhamCycles and #CityofMarkham hashtags!

<https://www.markhamcycles.ca/event/halloween-2022/>

