

# Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin

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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

I am so excited to be able to welcome everyone back, staff, students and families! It has been too long since we heard our students' voices and saw them in the classrooms and the hallways. Yesterday and today, we welcomed our new Grade 9's, some excited, some shy and others testing the waters, unsure of what secondary school is all about. In the afternoon, our teachers, remotely, welcomed all our Grade 10-12 students, while the rest of us will eagerly wait until next Monday and Tuesday to see them back in the building.

We are starting a year like no other. None of us has experienced this before. I know we will have to go through hurdles and successes, that we will make some enhancements and some changes, but I also know that we are in this together, and the safety of our students remains our primary priority.

Markville staff is here to support our students and you, their families, in the best way we can. For those of you who are new to our community and for all others who are returning, please know that the success of our students depends on our joint partnership. When we work together supporting the safety, well-being, and learning of your children, our students, we can achieve success, and enjoy the rewarding experience of watching them grow and develop into the responsible and productive citizens of tomorrow.

While this is a different year in so many ways, some other aspects of the school life remain the same. Our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusivity continues to be strong. Every student has the right to learn and receive the support they need to experience success, and our committed teachers and support staff will continue their dedicated and caring approach to support students' learning and well-being.

New concepts have been introduced to our daily life. We now have cohorts and rotations. Students are

in smaller classes to ensure their safety. They also have the opportunity to work face-to-face in rotations so they can work with all their teachers in the classroom at some points during the semester. However, we will continue to expect students to attend classes diligently, face-to-face and remotely. Students will continue to demonstrate responsibility in all of their classes, completing the assigned work and actively participating. Even though we want students to engage in learning for intrinsic reasons, we know that marks matter, as they always did prior to the pandemic. If you have any questions or concerns, again, contact your child's teacher for clarification.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all the staff who have worked tirelessly to have everything ready to start. As I indicated earlier, this is not our regular year, and sometimes things did not necessarily happen the way we wanted or when we wanted, but I assure you that your children's needs are always our main priority. Our office support staff, our caretaking team, our Educational Assistants, our teachers and our two Vice-Principals have dedicated long days and continue to work tirelessly so that our students are supported and to support each other.

This is the first edition of our weekly e-bulletin. You will continue to receive updates so you can remain fully informed about life at Markville. In addition, please feel free to email your child's teachers or me at [patricia.obadia@yrdsb.ca](mailto:patricia.obadia@yrdsb.ca) if you have any questions or wish to provide any feedback you may have.

On behalf of our Vice- Principals, Ms. McAlpine and Mr. Vlachopoulos, and the rest of Markville Secondary School staff, I wish you all a healthy, safe and fulfilling 2020-2021 school year!

Warmly,

Patricia Obadia

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

As we begin a rather different start to the school year, I want to take this opportunity to welcome all new and returning students and families. Whether you are returning to school in person or participating in remote, online learning, we look forward to welcoming you into safe, inclusive and engaging learning spaces.

Staff members have been working hard over the summer months with the Ministry of Education and public health experts to develop a [reopening plan](#) that prioritizes the health, safety and well-being of our students and ensures that important [health and safety measures](#) are in place.

Please know that whatever learning model you chose, we will continue to provide your children with high quality education, and to support their learning, achievement and well-being. Our school staff are prepared to help your child transition back into our learning environments, and we will continue to partner with families to support your child's success.

We know that families have many questions about what to expect as their children return to school. You can find information about what to expect at the start of the school year on the Board website, including frequently asked questions that you may find helpful at [www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening](http://www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening).

As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The [Board of Trustees](#) makes [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicates with the public, among other [responsibilities](#).

We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

The relationship that we have with families is important, and I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website. You are welcome to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, healthy and successful year ahead.

Ron Lynn

## SAFETY PROTOCOLS

### COVID-19 SELF-ASSESSMENT

Before entering, please assess yourself:

#### COMMON SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 INCLUDE:



**FEVER**  
(Temperature of 37.8°C or greater)



**NEW OR WORSENING COUGH**



**SHORTNESS OF BREATH**  
(Dyspnea)

#### OTHER SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 CAN INCLUDE:



**SORE THROAT OR DIFFICULTY SWALLOWING**



**NEW SMELL OR TASTE DISORDER(S)**



**NAUSEA/VOMITING, DIARRHEA, ABDOMINAL PAIN**



**RUNNY NOSE, OR NASAL CONGESTION**  
Unrelated to seasonal allergies, post nasal drip

**In the last 14 days, have you, your child or other dependants:**

Travelled outside of Canada, including the United States?

Had close contact with a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case?

Had close contact with a person with acute respiratory illness who has been outside Canada, including the United States?

#### IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OR MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19:

- Do not enter and return home immediately
- Seek assessment and testing as early as possible at a COVID-19 Assessment Centre
- Self-isolate for 14 days (including any members of your household or people you had close contact with from 48 hours before symptoms)
- You must also self-isolate if you have been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 14 days; and/or you have returned from travel outside Canada in the past 14 days

#### STAY INFORMED.

york.ca/covid19  
1-800-361-5653

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All staff have received **Personal Protective Equipment or PPE**. At this time we ask all students to wear a mask as well.



## Practices & Policies

### Timetables

Please see the communication below that was sent to families. All students and families can view their timetables on Teach Assist.



**Note: Cohorts (class groupings) have only been made for student's current period one for Rotation One (Sept.14 - Sept.25). As we get closer to Rotation 2 (September 28 - Oct.9) we will inform students of their particular cohort.**

Time	Rotation 1: Sept 14 - 25 Rotation 5: Nov 10 - 26	Rotation 2: Sep 28-Oct 9 Rotation 6: Nov 27-Dec 14	Rotation 3: Oct 13 - 26 Rotation 7: Dec 15-Jan 13	Rotation 4: Oct 27-Nov 9 Rotation 8: Jan 14 - 29
<b>8:20 - 10:50 a.m.</b> Face to Face	Period 1	Period 2	Period 4	Period 5
<b>10:50 - 11:05 a.m.</b>	Exit	Exit	Exit	Exit
<b>11:05 - 12:20 p.m.</b>	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch	Travel & Lunch
<b>12:20 - 1:10 p.m.</b> Online	Period 2	Period 1	Period 5	Period 4
<b>1:15 - 2:05 p.m.</b> Online	Period 4	Period 4	Period 1	Period 1
<b>2:10 - 3:00 p.m.</b> Online	Period 5	Period 5	Period 2	Period 2

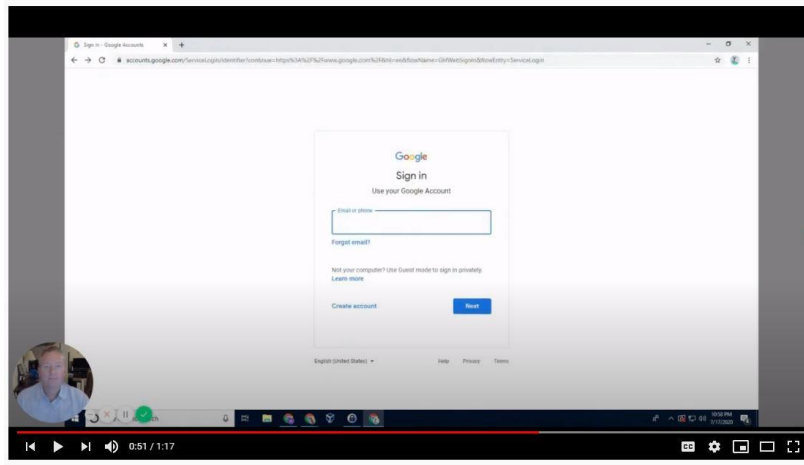
## Semester 1 Timetable

## [Guide to the School Year 2020 - 2021](#)

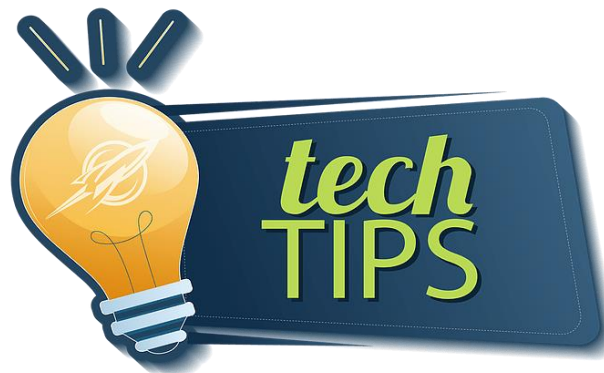
Please note that hard copies will only be available by request. We encourage you to read the guide online supporting our Covid safety measures. If you prefer a hard copy, they are available in the main office.

## Tech Tip

Wondering how to sign into your child's account? Watch this video to learn how to help your child sign in to their gapps account. When signing into Google make sure they use their [studentnumber@gapps.yrdsb.ca](mailto:studentnumber@gapps.yrdsb.ca)



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3\\_uzVSKLoc&list=PLWF58BGycscIAI4ehJPITPKUDk\\_3i7\\_iN&index=2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3_uzVSKLoc&list=PLWF58BGycscIAI4ehJPITPKUDk_3i7_iN&index=2)



# Tweet of the Week



**Markville SS**  
@Markville\_YRDSB

Welcome back Mavericks!! We can't wait to see you back in school! Please review this week's schedule.

<b>Markville Secondary School</b> Supported Re-entry Adaptive Schedule				
Week 1	Thursday, September 10		Friday, September 11	
Time	Grade 9 Cohort A	Grade 10-12	Grade 9 Cohort B	Grade 10-12
8:20 - 10:50 a.m.	Face to Face	Cohort A & B Classes begin at 12:20 p.m.	Face to Face	Cohort A & B Classes begin at 12:20 p.m.
10:50 - 11:05 a.m.	Exit school		Exit school	
11:05 - 12:20 p.m.	Travel and Lunch		Travel and Lunch	
12:20 - 12:55 p.m.	Get ready for online classes	Period 1 (online)	Get ready for online classes	Period 1 (online)
1:00 - 1:35 p.m.	Period 2 (online)	Period 2 (online)	Period 2 (online)	Period 2 (online)
1:40 - 2:15 p.m.	Period 4 (online)	Period 4 (online)	Period 4 (online)	Period 4 (online)
2:20 - 2:55 p.m.	Period 5 (online)	Period 5 (online)	Period 5 (online)	Period 5 (online)

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