

# 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.

## Message from Our Trustee

September 2024

Welcome to the start of the 2024-2025 school year. We are so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning students and families to a new school year.

### How Trustees Help

As school board trustees, we have a number of [roles and responsibilities](#), including setting policies and budget and advocating for quality public education. My responsibilities also include communicating with the public. I will continue to keep you informed throughout the school year through these regular newsletters. You can also reach out to me directly. Learn more about [how we can help](#) and [how you can reach me](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

You can also stay up-to-date with school board news and events through school communications, social media (X [@YRDSB](#) and [Instagram @yrdsb.schools](#)), our [newsroom](#) and Board podcast [TuneIn YRDSB](#).

### Our Priorities as a School Board

One of our responsibilities as a Board of Trustees is also setting the Multi-Year Strategic Plan. This plan outlines the priorities that will guide our work as a school board for the next several years. We want to thank the many students, family and staff members and community partners who shared feedback in the spring that was used to inform the development of the plan. Some key themes emerged in the feedback that families will see reflected in the plan, including a clear focus on student achievement and well-being. We look forward to sharing more with you very soon.

### A New School Year

The start of a new school year is a time of transition - whether your child is starting elementary or secondary school for the first time, entering a new program, moving to a new school or beginning a new grade. The caring, dedicated and professional staff members who work in our system are here to help support your child through this transition. Please feel free to reach out to your child's teachers or the school to speak about your child's transition and the supports that are available.

We also recognize that transitions can take place throughout September. Elementary schools may be required to adjust some classes due to enrollment changes and class size restrictions. In secondary school, schools may also see timetable requests and adjustments in the first few weeks. These are occurrences that happen each fall and schools do their best to be responsive and to minimize the effects of any changes on students.

### **Partnerships with Families**

We value the essential partnership between schools and families and want to ensure that families are aware of the many resources available. Our [family resources page](#), available from the homepage of [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca), gives you quick access to platforms that we use, tips and information, the [Guide to the School Year](#) and [student learning resources](#). It also includes resources for [newcomers](#), [translation information](#) and much more. We are also working on a dedicated new family portal to make it easier for families to engage with their child's education. To ensure you receive notifications and updates, please make sure the school has your up-to-date email address. If you are not receiving emails, please contact your school to confirm. More information will be shared in the coming months.

I wish you and your family all the very best for a safe, successful and enjoyable 2024-2025 school year, and look forward to communicating with you in the months ahead.

Ed Law

Markham Wards 3 and 4

## **Message from Guidance**

### **Timetable update:**

Guidance reviewed timetable change request submissions/waitlists multiple times to see if anything could be done to meet students' wishes. At this time, the process has been exhausted and no further changes are possible. Students will be able to book towards the end of September to examine Semester 2 options for change, as soon as the overall timetable needs have been assessed. Guidance is open on Monday for social/emotional needs, as well

as pathway planning. Of course, urgent social/emotional needs *never* require an appointment and students are encouraged to come right in.

### **VERY IMPORTANT INFO DATES...**

**Grad Assembly for Gr 12 students** will occur on **September 10 in P5**, where Guidance will answer ALL burning questions regarding graduation and post-secondary next steps. Please encourage your Gr 12 child to attend this event if they have a spare in P5. See below for the Family Night version of this information.

**Scholarship Meeting for Gr 12 students** will occur on **September 10th @ 3:30** for those who are interested. The location will be posted to students in the Guidance Google Classroom.

**Family Night Webinar #1** (virtual) will take place on **September 11th @ 6:30** for *families new to MSS to provide info and answer questions*. This [Agenda](#) will always have the links to the Family Night presentations.

**Grade 9 Classroom Visits** will take place between **September 16-20** to provide MSS info and answer questions for our newest Mavs.

**Gr 11 & 12 Post-Secondary Research Snack'nLearn** (virtual) will occur on **September 23 @ 3:30** in the Guidance Google Classroom, and will **walk Gr 11s and 12s through exactly where and how to research post-secondary options**.

**Family Night Webinar #2** (virtual) will take place on **September 25th @ 6:30** for *Gr 11 and 12 families regarding College and University application information*. The Agenda will again host the link prior to the presentation and ALSO shows upcoming dates for Webinars on *Apprenticeships, OYAP/Co-op/Specialty programs, Course Selection*, etc.

Lots of info coming down the pipeline:) Have the best weekend!

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>

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## School Notices

### Upcoming Dates

Sept 17th	School Council Meeting 7pm (Library)
Sept 27th	PA Day
Oct 14th	Thanksgiving Holiday (School Closed)

### Community Opportunities Site!

***We would like to remind you of our [Community Opportunities Site](#) 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.***



Secondary

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### Markville S.S.

#### Friday, 3 November

7:45am SR Boys Volleyball Tour

12:00pm Cross Country Team OF

#### Monday, 6 November

Guidance Event: Gr 12 Post Second

1:40pm Varsity Hockey Game @

2:20pm SR Boys Volleyball Play

#### Wednesday, 8 November

OSSLT Days (Library)

Sem 1 Term 1 Ends

8:00am JR Boys Volleyball Tour

Google Calendar



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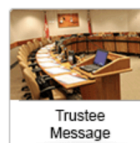
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Bell Times: 8:20 AM - 3:00 PM



School News



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Parents/Guardians: Enter your e-mail address to **subscribe** to electronic communications of a commercial nature.

You may also choose to [unsubscribe](#) at anytime.

Clicking on this **Community Opportunities** icon will bring families to a webpage with up-to-date links to YRDSB sponsored events and resources for students, families and community members.

**\*\*\*UPDATED WEEKLY\*\*\***

## YRDSB Communications

■ 2024 GIVE-Fall flyer internal.pdf

■ YRT Student Traffic Safety.pdf

## Community Events at Markham Public Library



### University and College Fair

Sep 21 | 12 - 3 PM  
Milliken Mills Library



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<https://markham.bibliocommons.com/events/669196bbdc7aecb6cebd064a>



### Academic Stress: Tips to Help You Succeed for Teens

Sep 17 | 6 - 7 PM  
Online Event



<https://markham.bibliocommons.com/events/6645213493f4b96c515f8f60>