



# P A R E N T BULLETIN

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 2

Staff Meeting 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

### October 3

Grade 9 Welcome Camp at Green Acres  
ALL DAY

Senior Girls Basketball at Thornlea SS  
2:25 pm to 5:00 pm

Senior Boys Volleyball at Bill Crothers HS  
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Senior Boys Soccer  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

### October 4

AWH4M1 to TIFF Lightbox  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Junior Boys Soccer at Bur Oak S.S.  
2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

### October 5

2016/2017 Subject Awards Celebration

Senior & Junior Girls Basketball  
3:00 pm to 4:45 pm

Junior Boys Volleyball at Maple H.S.  
2:15 pm to 5:15 pm

Senior Boys Soccer at Richmond Hill H.S.  
2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Swimming at Markham Pan Am Centre  
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

YRAA Tennis Championships  
(Senior at Marilyn Redvers Tennis Centre)  
7:15 am

YRAA Tennis Championships  
(Junior at U of T Scarborough Campus)  
7:15 am

### October 6

UHS Hosts Senior Boys Volleyball Tournament  
ALL DAY

### October 9

Thanksgiving (No School)

### October 10

AWQ201 class to World Press Exhibit at The  
Distillery District 9:00 am to 1:50 pm

Junior and Senior Girls Basketball  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

### October 11

Fire Drill

Cross Country at Boyd Conservation Area  
8:30 am to 2:10 pm

Junior Boys Volleyball at Bur Oak SS  
2:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Junior and Senior Boys Soccer  
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Post Secondary Fair at Markville Secondary  
School 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

### October 12

Swimming at Markham Pan Am Centre  
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Junior & Senior Girls Basketball  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

### October 13

Interim Report Cards Distributed

Junior Boys Volleyball at Maple High School  
2:15 pm to 6:15 pm

**PARKING ENFORCEMENT ALERT**  
(see attached memo from the City of  
Markham)

### Parking Reminder

Please be aware that the parking  
spaces next to the portables are  
student parking only.

Check out the latest school announcements by following us on twitter [@UHSupdates](https://twitter.com/UHSupdates)

## Guidance News

### Scholarship News

Grade 12 students interested in obtaining information regarding scholarship opportunities as asked to join the Guidance Moodle at <http://moodle2.yrdsb.ca>

Upcoming scholarship dates:

#### Loran Award

School sponsored scholarship applications due: **Monday October 2nd by 3pm in Guidance**

Direct pool application due: **October 25th**

#### University of Toronto Book Award

Due to Guidance: **Monday October 16th by 3pm**



## Grad Email

Grade 12 students are encouraged to join the UHS Graduation Mailing List to receive important up-to-date information about graduating and post-secondary planning through the grad email. Please email: [UHSgrads@gmail.com](mailto:UHSgrads@gmail.com) with your name and state 'I want to join the mailing list'.

## Student Life Expo Event

Student Life Expo—October 28-29 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre

SLE is a space for students and parents/guardians to meet in-person with recruiters, industry representatives, professionals, career advisors, government reps (OSAP, DND, RCMP, Service Canada), from Canada and abroad, to discover Universities, Colleges, Skilled Trades, Gap Year programming, scholarship info, experience programs, volunteering, gov't programs and many other pathways opportunities and career planning resources all in one convenient location.

See flyer attached.

## Post Secondary Info

- On **Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> during periods 1 - 5**, the Guidance department will be holding information presentations for grade 12 students who are planning on applying to Ontario Universities this school year. Students are asked to attend during their lunch or study period. Students will not be excused from their classes to attend these sessions. If any clarification is required, students can visit the Guidance Office.
- Post-Secondary Information Fair at Markville S.S.  
Wednesday October 11, 2017  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



# PARENT BULLETIN

## SHSM Opportunities

We have two exciting regional ICE opportunities to offer to SHSM students.

Click here for the pdf: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0BzvaAj4cOD30c1VUVXZJWIZvbGc>

Would you like to work with university researchers and innovate around improving transitions to post secondary?

Would you like to work with doctors and patients and innovate around improving patient recoveries?

### Overview:

ICE Training is an experiential opportunity in which students across schools connect with community partners and use a design thinking process to solve a real-world, sector-specific challenge.

### Goal of ICE Training:

ICE Training will provide SHSM students with a process and set of tools that help them develop the mindsets and skills related to innovation, creativity and entrepreneurship.

To sign up for this event go to <http://bit.ly/SHSMICETrainingRegistration>.

You are encouraged to pick one and register as soon as possible because registration spaces are limited. Registration Deadline is October 6th for both sessions. Students will be notified with confirmation and further information once the deadline has passed.

Thank you,

SHSM Regional Team

## School Council Meeting Dates

Monday September 18th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Monday October 30th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Monday November 27th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Monday January 15th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Monday February 12th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Monday May 7th, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Hope to see  
you there!**



# PARENT BULLETIN

## After School Literacy Program

This program is available to all students who are eligible to take the OSSLT test.  
(OSSLT administration date: April 10, 2018)

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is a requirement for students who wish to graduate with a secondary school diploma. As a school, we are taking many steps to assist our students in completing the test successfully. One way that we have chosen to assist some of our students is by offering an after school literacy program to reinforce reading and writing skills.

The after school literacy program consists of ten (10) sessions of one and a half (1.5) hours each to receive intensive practice with reading and writing skills and strategies. At the end of the sessions, each student will complete a checklist of strengths and needs.

Program Start Date: October 16, 2017

Program End Date: November 20, 2017

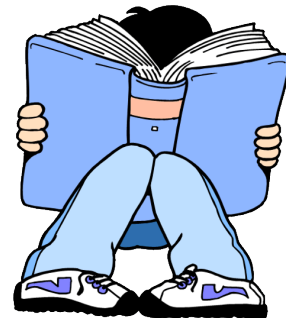
The program is scheduled every Monday and Wednesday starting at 3:30pm and ends at 5:00pm.

(Note: a minimum of 12 students is necessary for this program to be offered)

There is no cost for students with Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status. For international students, there will be a cost of \$102.80

If you would like your child to take the after school literacy program, please register through School Cash Online

If you have any other questions, please contact Mr. Fung by email.  
(raymond.fung@yrdsb.ca)



## Backpack Drive



Community Council is organizing the annual BACKPACK FOR KIDS DRIVE until **October 4th**. Our goal is to collect a minimum of **150** backpacks. These backpacks will be donated to the children of families who use **The York Region Food Network**, and this year our backpacks will be distributed in Markham by the **Markham Food Pantry**.

We are asking that all homeroom classes buy and fill as many backpacks as possible with school supplies. **PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO HOMEROOM CLASSES WHO COLLECT THE MOST POINTS FOR BACKPACKS!**

## Gr. 9 Camp Day is Tuesday October 3rd!

**Camp Green Acres 11123 Kennedy Rd. Markham**

1. On Tuesday morning all grade 9's will meet in the cafeteria at 8:35am, don't be late!
2. **Wear your coloured team Tshirt so you can find your teammates in the cafeteria**
3. Once you have your team, you will get on your bus with your team and your team leader
4. Teachers will take attendance on the bus, so make sure you are on the right bus! Look for the bus number.



### Other Reminders

- Lunch is provided
- **Wear running shoes (no open toe shoes or sandals) and active clothing for a day of games and activities. Bring a water bottle.**
- **Dress for the weather, camp day will happen rain or shine!**
- If you have an epipen for allergies, make sure to bring it with you
- **Avoid bringing electronics** or backpacks as you will have to carry them around all day, just bring what you need and what you can carry easily. Everything else can stay in your locker.

To Whom It May Concern,

**Welcome back!**

Children's safety is an important priority for the City of Markham. We are reaching out to all Markham schools to bring their attention to the significant number of complaints the City receives each year regarding parking and unsafe vehicular traffic in school zones throughout our municipality.

In October 2015, the City implemented the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS). Under AMPS, the City's Parking Enforcement Officer are permitted to issue a Penalty Notice for failing to comply with the **Parking Control Bylaw 2005-188**, and can serve it using a variety of methods. **Please note**, officers may conduct enforcement at school zones by recording license plates, without stepping out of their vehicle and mail Penalty Notices to the registered owners of improperly parked vehicles.

To start, we would like to ask for your assistance this year, as in past years, to share the information provided in this document with the parents of your students, as well as students and staff, who drive to school and to remind them of the requirement to **park in the permitted areas of your school only**.

Enclosed you will find a list of common parking violations and general parking information, which is intended to ensure that Markham's school zones are safe for all students, staff and residents.

We kindly remind you that complaints regarding "moving violations" i.e. U-turns, speeding, aggressive driving etc. should be directed to the police.

**School staff** who are interested in feedback regarding signage, education, school parking lot and the Amps Parking Bylaw please contact Trudy Jay at 905 477 7000 ext. 4262 or [tjay@markham.ca](mailto:tjay@markham.ca) directly.

If your school requires additional parking for **special events** (i.e. graduation, fun fair) please contact the City of Markham administration office at [parkingadmin@markham.ca](mailto:parkingadmin@markham.ca).

General inquiries and parking complaints, including on street parking, from concerned **residents/parents** should be directed to the Contact Centre at 905 477 7000 ext. 2050.

For all, general information regarding parking please feel free to visit the City of Markham website at [www.markham.ca](http://www.markham.ca).

Sincerely,

Trudy Jay  
Parking Coordinator  
City of Markham

## Common Parking Violation Education

Many schools send out parking regulation reminders to parents/caregivers/students via email or school newsletters. In addition, students who drive to school may benefit from reminders during school announcements and assemblies. For primary and elementary schools, teachers can plan a "field trip" to show students the signs and explain their associated meaning. Students that are made aware of parking signage at an early age are more likely to relay this information to their parents, grandparents and caregivers.

Drivers should be reminded park in **permitted** areas only, which may include:

1. The school parking lot in accordance with signs posted; or,
2. Streets that do not have **prohibited parking** or **prohibited stopping** signs posted.

In addition to the most common parking violations listed below, drivers should ensure that they are not stopped or parked so as to block a fire hydrant, intersection, bus stop, private driveway or sidewalk.

### Fire Route



These signs are posted to alert drivers that the area is a **Fire Route**. Fire Routes are the roads, laneways, or driveways that provide access to a building and may also include areas within a parking lot. A driver is **in violation** of this parking regulation if he/she is stopped or parked in a Fire Route even if their engine is running, hazard lights are flashing, or there is someone in the car.

When this sign is displayed, drivers are permitted to immediately drop off/pick up individuals – **there cannot be a delay**. For example, when a parent is dropping off their child to school, the child should get out of the vehicle and the parent should immediately drive away. Similarly, when a parent is engaged in picking up their child, the child should already be waiting at the curb for their parent. After the child gets into the vehicle, the parent must then immediately drive away.

When this sign is displayed, drivers are not permitted to:

1. Sit and wait in the car for their child (even for a few minutes); or
2. Leave their vehicle (even to quickly drop off their child's lunch).

### Prohibited Parking



These signs are posted to alert drivers that **parking is prohibited**. A driver is **in violation** of this parking regulation if he/she has stopped the vehicle but the engine is running, hazard lights are flashing, or there is someone in the car.

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### Accessible Parking



These signs are posted to alert drivers that a **parking spot is reserved for individuals with Accessible Parking Permits only**. Drivers are not permitted to park or stop their vehicle in these spots unless the driver has a **valid** Accessible Parking Permit and it is properly displayed. The permit **must** also be used by the person it was issued to.



## Prohibited Stopping



These signs are posted to alert drivers that **stopping is prohibited**. They are often posted on surrounding streets from schools and may indicate the times of day that a driver is not permitted to stop their vehicle - drivers must continue to drive with the flow of traffic.

When this sign is displayed, drivers are not permitted to:

1. **Stop** their vehicle to let people in or out of their vehicle; or
2. **Sit and wait** for their child to get into the vehicle.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How close to the curb should drivers park?

Drivers should park within 6 inches or 15 cm away from a curb; however, the City's Parking Enforcement Officers exercise discretion and will typically only issue a Penalty Notice to a vehicle that is parked more than 12 inches or 30 cm away from a curb.

### 2. How close to an intersection can drivers park?

Drivers shall not park a motor vehicle: on a highway within 9 m (30ft) of any intersection; on a highway within 15m (49 ft) of any signalized intersection

### 3. How far should drivers park away from a fire hydrant?

When parking their vehicle near a fire hydrant, drivers should maintain a distance of 10 feet or 3 metres away from the fire hydrant.

## Common Parking Definitions

Below you will find some of our common definitions from the City's Parking Control By-law # 2005-188. The complete [Parking Control By-law](#) can be found online at the City's website.

**“Fire Route”** means any roadway, driveway, lane, ramp or other means of vehicular access to or from a designated building which is designated as a fire access route by the City's Fire Department and shall include any part of a parking lot set aside by visible markings or markers for the purpose of vehicular movement.

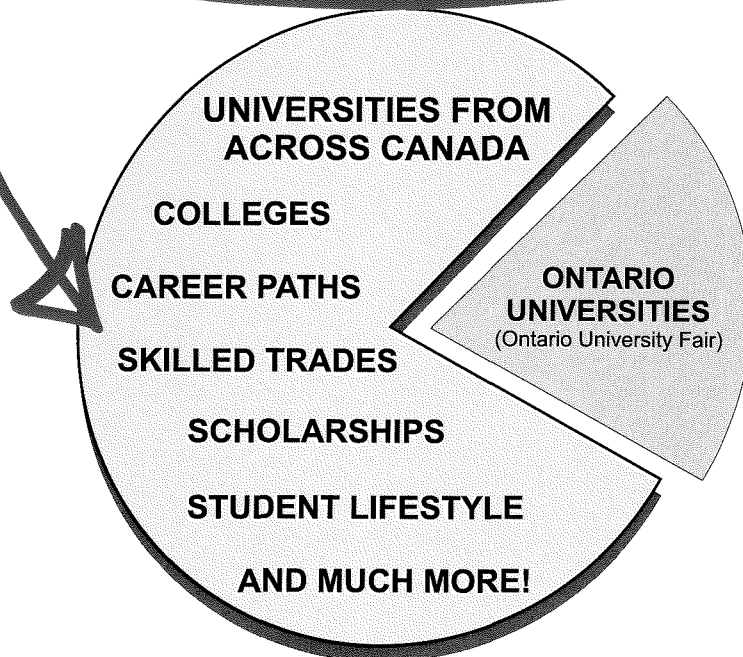
**“Park” or “Parking”** means the halting of a vehicle, **whether occupied or not**, except when halting temporarily for the purpose of and while **actually engaged** in loading or unloading goods or passengers.

**“Stop” or “Stopping”** means the halting or leaving of a motor vehicle, even momentarily, **whether occupied or not**, except when necessary to avoid conflict or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or of a traffic control sign or signal.



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***PEO York Chapter is Proud to Present:***

# **AMD Engineering Mathletics 2017**



## **YORK REGION STUDENTS:**

You are invited to exercise your math abilities in a contest and apply your math skills to solve engineering problems for FUN & PRIZES.

**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

**Sir William Mulock Secondary School**

**705 Columbus Way, Newmarket, Ontario L3X 2M7**

**AMD Engineering Mathletics has two levels of competition:**

- Junior level **(9:30 AM to 1:00 PM)** – Open to students that are currently in grades 7 or 8 – based on grade 7 curriculum)
- Senior level **(2:00 PM to 5:30 PM)** – Open to students that are currently in grades 9 or 10 (based on grade 9 curriculum)
- Each level includes an AMD session with an opportunity to win additional prizes

Registration fee is \$15 per entrant. Online registration starts on Saturday September 30 at 8 AM and ends when all seats are sold or Saturday October 21 at 5 PM whichever comes first.

For additional information and registration link go to the following link:

**<http://www.peoyork.com/eng-mathletics>**



**York Regional Police  
in partnership with  
Cosmo Music present:**

# **Voices Over Violence Contest**

**Friday, November 25, 2016**

**Doors open at 1 p.m.**

**Cosmo Music**

**10 Via Renzo Dr., Richmond Hill**

Musicians 24 years and younger are invited to submit an original song on the theme of ending youth violence.

Twelve entries will be selected to perform live at the Voices Over Violence event, where a panel of judges will select the top three winners.

Submissions will be accepted until Wednesday, November 16 at 4 p.m.

For more information on how to enter, visit [yrp.ca/vov](http://yrp.ca/vov).

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