



DECEMBER 2, 2014

This is just a brief newsletter to quickly inform you of a few happenings in the school and to remind you to include our website as a favourite. <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/johnmccrae.ps/Pages/default.aspx> Please visit our website daily for the most up to date events taking place in the school. See the high-light reel and click on it and you will find more details about events and important initiatives. See "Classrooms" for details regarding classroom programming. See "Council" for the dates of School Council meeting dates and minutes.

Dear Families,

On December 19th, after more than 25 years of teaching for the York Region Board of Education, Mr. Jean Doucet will be retiring. During his career as both a core french teacher and a teacher of French Immersion, Mr. Doucet has brought the richness of the French language and culture to hundreds of students. At John McCrae, Mr. Doucet has been a champion of Equity in his work with students to celebrate our Diversity as a leader with our board initiative "Together We're Better" and Markham's initiative "The Many Faces of Markham". Mr. Doucet was a leader for staff as the Elementary Teacher's Federation of Ontario representative for several years. Mr. Doucet willing participated on many of our multi day field trips to various Outdoor Education facilities in the province including: Ganaraska, Camp Couchiching and Camp Olympia. Finally, Mr. Doucet brought his love of running to the students of John McCrae. Having run in several half and full marathons himself, Mr. Doucet happily coached scores of children each year from grades 4-8 to participate in Area and Regional Cross Country running competitions. We congratulate Mr. Doucet on his retirement and thank him for his continued commitment to student achievement and well-being

Sincerely,  
Ms. Hall

**Principal:** Ms. Lori Hall  
**Vice Principal:** Ms. Lindsey Rhomey  
**Office:** Ms. Allum, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Leung

**Superintendent of Schools:**

**Mr. Daniel Wu : 905-940-7800**

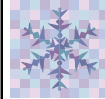
**School Trustee:**

**Mr. Billy Pang : 647-461-9965**

**School Council Co-Chairs:**

**Ms. Jackie Harris and**

**Mr. Roy Pedropillai**



**Holiday Concerts:**  
Thursday December 11th

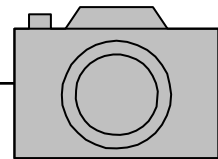
**Kindergarten Registration for September 2015 will Commence January 16, 2015 at 8:30 am at John McCrae P.S.**

Registration forms are available on YRDSB's website: [www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca). Children who turn four or five years old during 2015, live within our school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. For more information please visit the YRDSB website or contact John McCrae at 905-294-9122.



All Kindergarten students and Ms. Rossi/Ms. Martin's students will perform from, 5:00-6:00 pm. All other students in grades 1-3 will perform from 7:00-8:00 pm .

**Photos during performances and assemblies**



Our student performances at our assemblies and concerts are considered public performances and hence photos may be taken. If you do not wish your child to be in any of these photographs, please let us know before the performance. Please obey our Ontario Laws of Privacy and Confidentiality and do not post any of the photos of our school staff or students on the internet.



**PARKING LOT -- do not enter between 8:45am and 9:15am and 3:15pm and 3:45pm.**

For the safety of students and staff there is no parent /guardian/caregiver parking permitted in the parking lot during arrival and departure times during the school day. If you or the guardian/caregiver needs certain special accommodations please contact the school office and we would be happy to discuss how we can assist.

**Winter weather has arrived.....if you have gently used winter jackets, snowpants and/or boots please drop them off at our school office. We will gladly take your donations and keep them on hand for use here at John McCrae P.S.**



Congratulations to our amazing school council — our Pizza/Sub day lunches are running again. Through their hard work, our school will raise approximately \$8 000 and that money will go to enhanced school materials, such as iPads and books for our library. A very special thank you to Mr. Michael Chun who created the online order system that many of our parents were able to use. For those families without access to a printer, Mr. Chun created a manual form. In all, we have over 300 orders each day. Many thanks to our parent volunteers who came in and assisted with the distribution of the pizza and subs. If any one else is interested in coming and assisting with our pizza sub lunch distribution from 12:00 please contact Ms. Murphy in the office at 905-294-9122 ext 181.

Our next school council meeting will be: Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Website page:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/johnmccrae.ps/SchoolCouncil/Pages/default.aspx>



**Secondary School — Grade 8 Information**  
**Evening Sessions for September 2015**  
**Enrolment**

Markham District H.S.	December 11, 2014 , 7 p m
Markville S. S.	January 14, 2105, 7 pm
Stouffville DHS	January 14, 2015, 6:45 pm
Bur Oak S. S.	January 15, 2015, 7 pm

Next Pizza/Sub  
 lunch: Dec 11th,  
 Jan 8th



**French Immersion Information Sessions and Registrations**

Information sessions for the French Immersion (FI) program will take place at Sam Chapman P.S. on January 15, 2015 at 7 p.m. FI registration will begin January 16, 2015. In order to streamline the registration process, parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2015, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can visit or call our school office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. The Office Index Card must be signed by Ms. Hall, our principal. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Sam Chapman to register between January 16 and February 13, 2015. This eliminates the need to provide duplicate enrollment information or to pre-register.

YRDSB's FI Accommodation Plan provides long-term consistency and equity of access to all students in York Region and will enable YRDSB to continue to offer the FI program to all who wish to enrol. The FI program will be offered in Dual Track or Single Track settings, in a variety of configurations. In order to meet community needs and optimize available space in our schools, a community's Grade 1-8 FI program may be provided over more than one school during the course of a student's FI education. This will allow flexibility in addressing community needs and the opportunity to use existing space in schools. More information is available on the Board's website: [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca). Please note: Some of the FI accommodation plans will require facility modifications or the development of new schools and will require short-term transition plans that might include overflow while we work toward the long-term vision. Overflow refers to situations in which the Board directs students to attend a school other than their community school or optional program for a specific period of time, as defined in Policy #108.

