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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Friday, September 07, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

Welcome back to another school year to all of the students and their families who are returning to Markville Secondary School. We also extend a very warm welcome to all of our new students and their families. We are looking forward to working with everyone as they start their journey in our school. Our committed teaching staff are excited and ready to have students in their classes to begin a new, rewarding, and enjoyable school year.

During the summer our custodial staff were extremely busy and worked very hard preparing the classrooms in order to have the building in great shape for the welcoming of our students. We are very thankful for all the work that our support staff and our Field Technology Analyst have done to ensure that our students enjoy classrooms which are equipped with all the resources they need.

The most evident project this summer has been the redesign of our parking lot configuration. It certainly looks fresh, and we are looking forward to working in partnership with all drivers, parents, students, and staff, to ensure the safety of all users. Further signs are going to be installed, as well as some changes to the lanes inside the drop-off / pick-up loop. Thank you for all of your support!

This is the first edition of our weekly e-bulletin. Throughout the year you will continue to receive information from us so you can be fully informed about the excellent activities and events that take place at Markville on a daily basis. Please feel free to email me at patricia.obadia@yrdsb.ca if you wish to provide feedback about this e-bulletin.

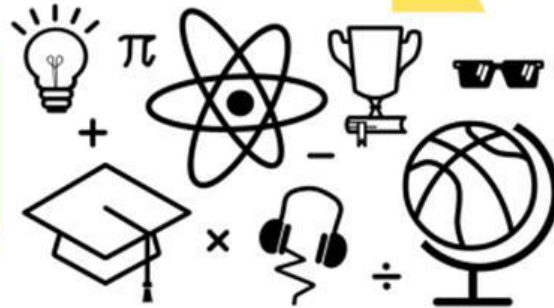
On behalf of the Markville Secondary School staff, I wish you all a fulfilling and successful 2019-2020 school year!

WELCOME BACK!

STUDENTS & STAFF

One person can
make a difference and
everyone should try.

-John F. Kennedy



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

We are extremely proud of our students here at Markville. They all work hard to achieve their goals and show a true passion for their own education. At our graduation ceremony in June the following awards were given out:

- 289 Ontario Scholars (80% and above in 6 Grade 12 courses)
- 53 Students received Special Markville and Community Awards
- Over 60 awards were granted to students for high academic success in Grade 12 courses

Awards of Distinction included:

- James Yuan – YRDSB Markville Top Male Student Achievement Award and the Governor General's Academic Medal (Male student with top Grade 12 marks and highest grade point average in Grades 11 & 12 combined)
- Nina Jiatong Li: YRDSB Markville Top Female Student Achievement Award (Female student with top Grade 12 marks)
- Harris Luo: YRDSB General Proficiency Scholarship (Markville student with highest Grade 12 marks)
- Keshav Chawla: Valedictorian

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE

I am so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families to another school year. 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.

As we start the new school year, I want to highlight the importance of relationships. We want to build and maintain relationships with our families that are built on trust, respect and responsive communication. To support that, I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities, and I encourage you to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website.

In addition, I invite you to share your feedback on our Board policies. Policies govern everything from field trips, school volunteers, equity and inclusive education, student discipline and much more, and we greatly value input from families on these important matters. We regularly post on our website the [policies that are under review](#) and available for comment as well as information about how to share your feedback. I hope you will take a look.

I know school staff are excited to welcome back students, and I look forward to meeting more of our families throughout the upcoming school year. I encourage you to build a relationship with the staff members and community at your school. There are so many [different ways to get involved](#) and support your child's education. I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Ron Lynn
Trustee, Markham Wards 2, 3 and 6

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR & DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Dear families,

We are so excited to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at York Region District School Board. We hope that you are looking forward to a year of learning, growth and discovery. It is important to us that all of our students and families know that they are a valued part of our school community. Each and every child has important and unique contributions to offer and we aim to create learning environments where they feel safe, respected and supported in making those contributions.

It is a privilege to work alongside families to support your children in exploring their interests, learning more about the world around them and reaching their full potential. We are more successful in doing that when there are strong connections between our schools and families, and we hope you will find opportunities to build those important connections throughout the year.

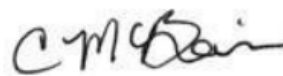
Our work to provide your child with the best possible education is guided by four priorities set out by the Board of Trustees in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership. [Our plans](#) are available on the Board website or you can make a request through your school office.

As part of our commitment to build collaborative relationships, we will continue to keep you informed about our work at the board and important news and events through our website, social media and through your school. We look forward to connecting with you, and wish you a happy, safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,



Louise Sirisko
Director of Education



Corrie McBain
Chair of the Board

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

In an effort to support our students and families in Mental Wellness, please [click here](#) to access an informational document outlining various signs, strategies, and community Mental Health resources. Of course, please always feel free to connect with a Caring Adult at MSS for support, as wellness in ourselves and our loved ones 'takes a village.' This document is also available on our school website under [News & Events](#) and the link will be included in each weekly e-bulletin going forward.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

PARKING LOT

Our parking lot went through a major transformation over the summer. Consultants listened to the safety concerns of parents / guardians, students, staff, and community members and came up with a

redesign to address these issues. The parking section is now self-contained, so anyone coming to park at the school will not have to cross traffic to get safely to the school doors. The new drop off circle is meant for short term pick-ups and drop offs only. To reduce congestion, we always recommend that students walk or bike to school – even when it’s raining! If this is not possible, consider a pick up point away from the school such as the Centennial Community Centre. Alternatively, delaying your pick-up by even 10 minutes can make a huge difference. Students need time to gather their belongings and speak to friends at the end of the day, so try coming to pick them up at 3:15 or later and there will be much less traffic which is safer for drivers and students. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we all adjust to the new traffic flow.

CASH ONLINE

Markville uses an online platform for easy payments of school activities. Parents can register for a cash online account by clicking [here](#), or by visiting the [school website](#) and clicking on the cash online link. Once you are registered for an account, you will receive email notifications when new items are available for purchase. This includes the yearbook, field trips, school activity fee, Phys. Ed. clothing, and more. For more information about cash online, please go to:

www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/

HEALTH CARE PLANS

If your son or daughter has a prevalent medical condition (anaphylaxis, asthma, diabetes, and/or epilepsy), please ensure that a current Health Care plan form is completed and returned to the main office. Health care plan forms for each medical condition can be picked up in the main office.

ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION POLICY

Markville Secondary School's teaching community believes we can positively affect student achievement by being consistent and transparent with our assessment and evaluation practices and strategies. Consistency, simply put, is a key component to our student achievement. *Growing Success* states: 'Teachers' professional judgements are at the heart of effective assessment, evaluation, and reporting of student achievement' (8). Students are responsible for providing evidence of their learning within established timelines. They are expected to submit work on time, attend all classes, and complete all assessments and evaluations on due dates. We believe that communication between parents/guardians, students, and teachers is a supporting component of student success.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Markville's first school council meeting will be held on Monday, September 16 at 7:15 p.m. in the Library Learning Commons (Room 201). All parent / guardians are welcome to attend.

Elections will be held for parent / guardian representatives on the school council at the September 16th meeting. If you are interested in declaring your candidacy or nominating a candidate for a position (Co-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) please refer to the nomination form sent home in the Parent / Guardian Start-up package. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



[@Markville_YRDSB](https://twitter.com/Markville_YRDSB)

Wishing our Markville community of students, families, staff members, & friends a relaxing, safe, long weekend.



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, SEPT. 2 nd	• LABOUR DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF				

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? Come visit the Guidance Office, or check out these helpful links:



[Student Volunteer Opportunities](#)



[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Lunch Time Tutoring – Library Learning Commons, Mondays and Wednesdays – Periods 3 and 4
After School Tutoring – Room 345, Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:00pm – 4:00 pm

If you have any questions, please email your child's vice-principal: michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames A – LIM, or kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames LIN– Z

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