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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Friday, September 07, 2018

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

- *Ada Yeung*  
(YRDSB School Trustee Wards 3 and 6)  
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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to another school year to all of the students and their families who are returning to Markville Secondary School. I would also like to 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 is excited and ready to have students in their classes and start a new rewarding and enjoyable school year. During the summer our custodial staff was extremely busy and worked very hard preparing the classrooms, and having 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 Technology Support Technician have done to ensure that our students enjoy classrooms which are equipped with all the resources they need.

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 wonderful things that happen at Markville on a daily basis. Please feel free to email me at [patricia.obadia@yrdsb.ca](mailto:patricia.obadia@yrdsb.ca) if you wish to provide feedback about this bulletin.

On behalf of the Markville Secondary School staff, I wish you all a fulfilling and successful 2018-2019 school year!

- *Patricia Obadía*  
Principal, Markville SS

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

### TERRY FOX WALK / RUN SCHOOL WIDE FUNDRAISER – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Terry Fox carved a path into the hearts of Canadians 38 years ago through his commitment, leadership and innovation. The Terry Fox Foundation invites students from across Canada to follow in his footsteps and be innovators themselves, just like Terry was. For more information on who Terry Fox was and the story of the Marathon of Hope, please visit <http://www.terryfox.org/> or watch this video [ESPN- Terry Fox](#) (9 min).

On Friday, September 14, 2018, through the hard work and organization of Markville's SAC (Student Activity Council), MAC (Markville Athletic Council), TAC (Transitions Activity Council) and the Grade 12 Leadership Class, Markville will host our own school wide Terry Fox Walk / Run and Fox Fundraiser.



#### Goals of Terry Fox Walk / Run:

- \* To broaden social awareness: Students will become positive agents of change in the fight against cancer
- \* To unite, just like Terry did: Students will form teams in a strong show of solidarity, while continuing Terry's legacy
- \* To celebrate and have fun: School spirit will soar through positive team building as they work towards a goal
- \* To fund Canada's most promising research: 82 cents of every dollar raised goes to fund innovative cancer research

#### What will happen on Fri. Sept. 14th?

- \* This will be a modified schedule day with all periods being approximately 55 min. followed by the Run / Walk / Fair which will take place after 1:00pm.
- \* Students are encouraged to fundraise at least a "Toonie for Terry" in their period 5 classes or set up their own fundraising page at <http://www.terryfox.ca/MarkvilleSSMarkham>. Prizes will be given to Top Student Fundraiser as well as Top Fundraising Class.
- \* Students who would like to RUN the 5 km can buy a 'Terry Fox Run Ticket' starting September 6 in atrium at MAC table for \$5 or pay cashonline. We will have teachers posted throughout the route at intersections to ensure student safety.
- \* Students choosing to WALK will walk a 3 km route with their Period 5 teachers (waivers signed in registration package). Period 5 teachers will take attendance before the walk and after the walk. We will have teachers posted throughout the route at intersections to ensure student safety.

\* After the Terry Fox Walk / Run, there is a "Fox Fundraiser" brought to you by SMACT (SAC (Student Activity Council), MAC (Markville Athletic Council), and TAC (Transitions Activity Council)) in the courtyard and on the large field with great events such as: Minute to Win It competitions, Rep Your Grade, Photobooth, Bake Sale / Freezie Sale, Ice Cream Truck, Wax It Event will ALL proceeds going to the Terry Fox Foundation.

**We are looking forward to a great event!**

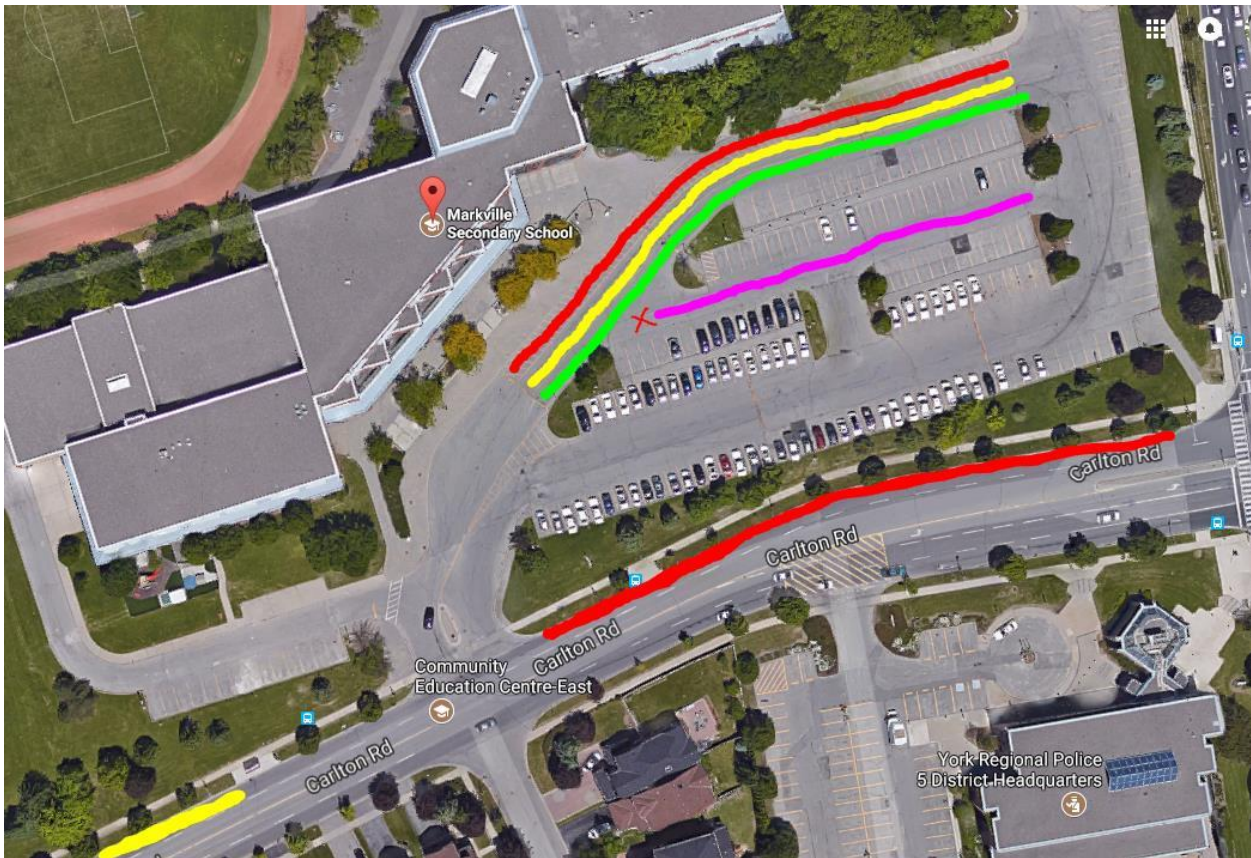
A 'Welcome to Families' letter was shared electronically with parents this week from the Director of Education, Louise Sirisko, and the Chair of the York Region District School Board, Corrie McBain. This letter outlines the four main priorities of the new Multi-Year Strategic Plan. A link to the letter can be found by clicking [here](#).

### **PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE**

While a healthy mind is essential for success, we also promote a healthy body; therefore, we would encourage you to let your child(ren) walk to and from school each day. If this is not possible, and to ensure the safety of our students, staff, parents, and other community members, we ask that you follow these simple rules:

1. Follow the traffic flow of the parking lot as dictated by the pylons. Pylons should never be moved.
2. All pick-ups should occur near the front door of the school and not at random spots throughout the busy parking lot.
3. There are three lanes for traffic and they should be used as follows:
  - Lane closest to the school is for **buses and taxis and emergency vehicles only**
  - Middle lane is for picking up and dropping off, preferably from the side of the vehicle closest to the school building
  - Outside lane is for through driving – no stopping for any pick-ups or drop-offs
4. Student parking should be in the spots that face Carlton Road.
5. The center area of the parking lot is for **staff parking only**.
6. Visitors to the school may park in the visitors parking area and are asked to come into the main office to register as a visitor.
7. Please be aware of others while navigating the parking lot. Watch for students and staff crossing before moving your vehicle.

**Please help us by working together so that we all remain safe.**



Red – no parking at any time

Yellow – designated drop off / pick up areas. Also consider a pick up point further away from school.

Green – through driving only, for those vehicles leaving the parking lot or going to the daycare.

### 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/](http://www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/)

### SCHOOL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

York Region District School Board offers a voluntary school accident insurance plan for families who wish to purchase it. This is offered for those who do not have medical or dental plans, have limited plans, or have children who are very active in sports and activities. Please click [here](#) for more information and details about how to purchase the plan.

### 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 17 at 7:15 p.m. in library. All parent/guardians are welcome to attend.

Elections will be held for parent/guardian representatives on the school council at the September 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Parent/Guardian Start-up package. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

### BICYCLE RACKS

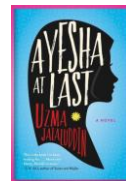
We encourage our students to ride their bikes to school. A reminder that students should only be using the bike racks on the east side of the school. Students should not be locking their bikes to trees, railings or sign posts. We have advised students, through morning announcements, that locks will be removed from bikes left in these locations.

### TWEET OF THE WEEK



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

Our own Uzma Jalaluddin! Congratulations for Ayesha at Last being selected to become a movie! We are so proud of you!!



### DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### GRADE NINE DAY AT CAMP GREEN ACRES

On Tuesday, September 4th, our Grade 9 students attended **Camp Green Acres** for a fun-filled day of active icebreaker and team building activities! Our Gr. 9s were accompanied by our wonderful TAC (Transitions Activity Council) Mentors and grade 9 teachers. Despite a full day of activity, the energy and spirit of our students did not wane... group cheers were heard loud and clear up until the 3pm bell! Thank you to our amazing Grade 9s, teachers, and TAC mentors for making "Gr. 9 Day at Camp Green Acres" an unforgettable event. Gooooooo Mavs!



### Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, SEPT. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rosh Hashanah				
TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Rosh Hashanah				
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<a href="#">National Video Games Day</a>				
THURSDAY, SEPT. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 9 SAC (Student Activity Council) Elections (8:30am – 9:30am)				
	Graduation Assembly (9:45am – 11:00am)				
	Major Scholarship Meeting (3:00pm – 4:00pm)				
FRIDAY, SEPT. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Fox Walk / Run (modified schedule) Period 1 (8:20am – 9:15am) Period 2 & Announcements (9:20am – 10:20am) Period 3 (10:25am – 11:20am)				

	Period 4 (11:25am – 12:20pm) Period 5 (12:25pm – 1:35am) Terry Fox Walk / Run / Fundraiser (1:45pm – 3:00pm)
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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](mailto:michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca) for students with surnames A – LIM, or [kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca](mailto:kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca) for students with surnames LIN– Z

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