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Friday, September 14, 2018

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

WALKING OR CYCLING TO SCHOOL

As we start the 2018-2019 school year, we would like our families to remind and encourage students to consider **walking or cycling to and from school**. There are many benefits to walking and cycling to school. It:

- Improves student academic performance by making students more alert and better prepared to learn.
- Contributes to the daily goal of 60 minutes of moderate or vigorous activity for students, improving their health and overall fitness.
- Reduces traffic congestion and improves safety for everyone in school zones.
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing students for their future.

For those who can't walk or cycle to school every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week can still provide benefits. You can also consider parking a block away from the school and letting students walk the rest of the way. Include active travel as part of your family's daily routine!

Please also be aware of some unique parking lot issues at Markville. We have a gaggle of geese who have been visiting throughout the day and can sometimes block certain areas of the parking lot. Please have patience and respect the local wildlife. Parents and Guardians are reminded that the 4 accessible parking spaces are only to be used with a valid accessible parking permit. These spaces are not to be used as regular parking spots when picking students up at the end of the day. We have both students and parents who are in genuine need of these reserved spots and ask that they remain clear for those that do require them. Please do not block these spots so drivers are able to access them.



STUDENT VERIFICATION FORMS

Student verification forms were handed out this week. Please look over the information, make any corrections necessary, and return the forms as soon as possible. These forms are very important for student safety as they have the most up to date contact information for parents, guardians, and emergency contacts. Thank you for your cooperation!

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW NIGHT & EDSBY

Parent-Teacher Interview Night will be held on Wednesday, October 17. Markville Secondary School will be using [Edsby](#), an online platform, to manage our Parents' Night scheduling.

Families will need to create an [Edsby](#) account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. An invitation to [Edsby](#) will be sent through email on **Tuesday, September 18**, to parent/guardians without an [Edsby](#) account. Instructions on how to create an account will be included. Please check your junk mail folder if you do not receive an invitation.

Important Timelines

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| October 3rd | Interim Report Cards sent home. |
| October 4th | Parents' Night schedule is opened for booking at 9:00 a.m., an invitation to book appointments through Edsby will be sent to your email inbox. |
| October 17th | Parents' Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.) |

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Markville's first school council meeting will be held on Monday, September 17th at 7:15 pm in the Library (Rm 201). All parents / guardians are welcome to attend.

Elections will be held for parent/guardian representatives on the school council at the September 17th 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.

GRADUATION ASSEMBLY

The Guidance Department held a graduation assembly this week for Grade 12 students who are intending to graduate this year. There are more options than ever for students to succeed and prepare for their futures and Grade 12 is a busy year! [Click here](#) for a link to the presentation.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Interested? This is just ONE of the amazing opportunities just for YOU! Club Sign up day is almost here!



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

The staff in the **Main Office** at Markville SS would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and our respective roles:



Patricia Obadia – Principal	Responsible for Professional Development, Budget, Health & Safety, and School Council, among other aspects of school life.
Michael Vlachopoulos – Vice-Principal	Supports students with last names from A-Lim; is responsible for Student Council, Community Liaison, EQAO – Mathematics, along with supporting the principal with other aspects of school life.
Kathy McAlpine – Vice-Principal	Supports students with last names from Lin-Z; is responsible for Field Trips, School Calendar, EQAO – OSSLT, along with supporting the principal with other aspects of school life.
Daniela DiStefano – School Office Supervisor	Manages the Main Office and ensures that students and parents/guardians feel welcome when they come to Markville S.S.
Sarah Best – Assistant Office Supervisor	Takes care of student registrations, student & teacher schedules & timetables, report cards, and Ministry verifications.
Eunice Chan – Budget Secretary	Performs all aspects of budgeting for the school, which includes Cash On-Line and arranging transportation for students.
Michael Chung – STAR Representative	Organizes the school schedule daily, making sure all classes and supervision schedules are covered to ensure continued student safety and success.
Amanda Diamond – Reception	Welcomes and provides assistance to students and visitors when they arrive at the office; also helps with attendance.
Adriana Vargas – Attendance Secretary	Keeps attendance records up to date to ensure the safety of all our students.
Darlene Bradler – Guidance Secretary:	Creates a warm and welcoming environment for students and parents in the Guidance office. Maintains student records and transcripts.
Bobbi Sabatini – Library Technician:	Manages and maintains the library collections, helps students with circulation, readers' advisory, and research. Assists the Teacher-Librarians with programming.
Patrick Shea – Technology Support Technician	Makes sure that our computers and school technology are working efficiently.

Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, SEPT. 17 th	• School Council Meeting (7:15pm – 8:30pm) in the Library (Rm 201)				
TUESDAY, SEPT 18 th	• Club Sign Up during Periods 3 and 4 (11:05am – 1:40pm) in the Atrium				
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19 th	• Yom Kippur				
THURSDAY, SEPT. 20 th	• Girls Field Hockey Tournament				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Girls Golf Tournament SAC (Student Activity Council) Retreat We Day (YAC - Youth Activists Club) Guidance Grade 9 Visits (8:20am – 9:35am) Guest Speaker – York Environmental Stewardship (2:00pm – 3:00pm)
FRIDAY, SEPT. 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHSM First Aid Training Guidance Grade 9 Visits (8:20am – 9:35am)
MONDAY, SEPT. 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P.A. DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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

	Student Volunteer Opportunities		Volunteer Opportunities
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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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