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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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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](#).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

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. Please update the main office by email: markville.ss@yrdsb.ca if any of the following apply:

- **The student still has one or more of the above conditions**
- **The student no longer has any of these conditions**

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 parents / 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.



Parents for Children's Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, September 16th

PARENTS' Support Group-all are welcome!

**Topic: IEP Individual Education Plan (guest speaker)
Being "identified" in the school system, understanding the
process, and how to advocate for your child.**

**Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or
behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?**

Future Meetings 3 rd Monday of each month	No meetings July and August Monday, October 21- Depression & Anxiety – How can parents help Monday, November 18 – open discussion & sharing resources Monday, December 16 topic to be announced
	6:30-8:00 pm No pre-registration is needed. All are welcome. Sorry no child minding available. Young children cannot safely be left unattended.
Where	*NEW*Aurora Kinark Office 218 Earl Stewart Drive, Unit 7, Aurora, ON L4G 6V7. One block south of St. John's Sideroad. One block west of Bayview Ave. Lots of free parking

Benefits of PCMH Support Group:

- meet other parents with children who have similar challenges
 - find encouragement and emotional support
- learn strategies to help your child or youth at home/school
 - learn how to access resources in the community

PCMH is the only provincial, family-led, non-profit organization that provides a voice for families who face the challenges of child and youth mental health issues. PCMH provides support, education, and linkage between families, communities, agencies and government. PCMH believes in the promotion of family-centred principles of care. PCMH envisions a future in which children and youth with mental illness enjoy a high quality of life in welcoming and supportive communities. For more information and resources, please visit www.pcmh.ca.

SEPTEMBER ECO THEME – LITTERLESS LUNCH

Each month, YRDSB (York Region District School Board) has an ECO theme, a guideline for being kinder to the earth. This month, the ECO theme is Litterless Lunches. We encourage all students and staff to try to bring litterless lunches to school. Use re-useable containers, lunch bags, and refillable drink bottles to do your part. The school has recycling bins and green bins in many locations around the school for easy access.



TWEET OF THE WEEK



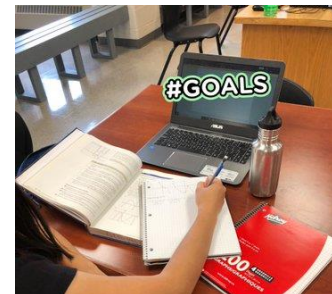
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Your MSS Library Learning Commons is once again running a supervised study hall after school from 3pm to 4pm daily. Exceptions include Fridays when we close at 3:30pm. Follow us for any changes to this schedule.



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Markville S.S. has a lot to offer for students looking to join a club and / or organization. There will be a club sign up day next Friday, September 13th in the Atrium. Students who wish to start a new club have been asked to fill out [this form](#). Here is an example of clubs that have run in the past here at Markville:

NAME OF CLUB	DESCRIPTION
3D Printing Club	Students will learn the basics of 3D modeling and printing. They will explore this awesome new process by turning their concepts from digital to reality.
ABC+ (Anti-Bullying Club+)	Students will be addressing school / adolescent issues such as Bullying, MADD, Anxiety / Depression / Stress, numerous different 'awareness' campaigns (Movember, breast cancer, self-harm, etc.), holiday drives, etc.
Ambassadors Club	Help with Parent's Nights, University Night, and fundraise for certain organizations throughout the year.
Art Club	Explore different art and craft activities or use as open studio time to work on projects of choice
Audio-Visual Club	Students offer tech assistance (lighting, sound, screen, etc.) for school events
Brain Bee	The Brain Bee is a club designed for students who are interested in the study of the brain and neuroscience. Students represent Markville to compete regionally.
Breakfast Club	Students run the Markville Nutrition program, promoting healthy snacks and breakfast to all students 3 days a week.
Classics Club	Our club members will be training for Certamen - the Semi-annual buzzer competition in history, Roman life, mythology and vocabulary. This is an 8-week commitment involving 1-2 meetings per week, independent and small group training.
Computer Engineering/ Robotic Club	Robotics with VEX
Computer Science Club Beginner Coding	The Beginner Computer Science Club introduces students to basic programming in C++. Club members participate in club meetings once a week in preparation for the Junior CCC.
Computer Science Club Advanced Coding	The Advanced Computer Science Club explores complex algorithms and high level concepts. Club members participate in club meetings once a week in preparation for the Senior CCC.
Computer Science Game-On	Learn to develop games with a game engine.

DECA	Students prepare for business case study competition
Drama Club	Drama Club meets once a week to rehearse and perform mini skits and improvisation activities. Students develop their public speaking skills, and ability to perform in front of an audience. Typically, the club works towards producing and performing a production at the end of second semester.
Eco Club	Students have an opportunity to address environmental issues.
ESL Buddy Club (English as a Second Language)	Students participate in activities to encourage conversational English
Fitness Club	Work-out in the fitness room.
French Peer Tutoring Club	Senior French students tutor Gr. 9 & 10 students on written and oral activities with a focus on their speaking/pronunciation. All students are welcome to practise their spoken French.
Fuze Dance	This club will promote an appreciation for dance at Markville. Students will learn choreographed dance moves, improve their dance skills and confidence. Students will be a part of a fun learning environment that will encourage teamwork.
HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America)	Similar to DECA, science-minded students prepare for competitions
La Bonne Vida: International Languages Club	A club for all students interested in learning basic phrases in a variety of languages, including French and Spanish. Participants will view short movies and prepare and sample foods from different cultures. They will participate in cultural events. Some events will be connected to community service and giving back to the local community.
LICA	A club for students who can support each other for better wellness and volunteer in helping people in need
MAC (Markville Athletic Council)	Council of students who promote Markville Athletics and provide school wide activities that focus on health / wellness and active lifestyles (e.g., Inside Ride, Dodge Ball Buy In, Mental Health Week, Terry Fox Walk / Run, Athletic Banquet). Applications to MAC were due in May of previous year, (grade 9s apply in September).
Markville Gazette Newspaper Club	Newspaper Club The student-run Markville Gazette is produced twice a year and features student writing and reporting on a variety of issues.

MCL (Markville Community Leaders)	Students connect with local initiatives and organizations that offer volunteer opportunities. This club is suitable for students who have yet to complete their 40 hours of volunteer work or those who would like to gain more experience applying their leadership, time-management, problem solving and teamwork skills.
Peer Tutoring - After School	Students tutor students in all subject areas
Peer Tutoring - Library	Students tutor students in all subject areas
Philosophy Club Thought Café	Students engage in discussion of ideological ideas which affect our thinking, understanding of society and our place in it.
Physics Club	Explore cool topics, and content beyond the scope of the curriculum. The Markville Physics Club is going to demonstrate and discuss different aspects of physics through fun experiments and short lessons. Possible topics that can be covered include torque, thermodynamics, fluid dynamics, momentum, and topics in AP Physics. In this club, preparations for physics contests will also be carried out, such as the OAPT Physics Contest, and the Sir Isaac Newton Physics Contest. In addition, we will also be assisting students with physics problems.
Pride Markville	This club is for all members and allies of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. We promote equity and inclusion with a particular focus on the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Our goal is to make Markville a safe and welcoming place for all students, staff and visitors.
Project Ethos (Bilingual Public Speaking Club)	This fun bilingual speaking club is capped at 20 students. This club is perfect for students at both ends of the spectrum in terms of levels of confidence and ability. We build capacity and courage to speak and present in front of large groups. Students will develop and refine an array of public speaking skills that include: - one minute improvisations - one to six minute prepared speeches - mindful use of body language and facial expression to reinforce intended messages. - oral presentation skills combined with use of technology Interested members will have opportunities to compete in French and/or English through outside service organizations such as the Lion's Club, Optimist International and The Royal Canadian Legion.
Rock Climbing Club	Rock climbing at The Hub (Woodbine & Hwy 7). Open to all levels of experience.

SAC (Student Activity Council)	A group of elected students who plan activities for the school including semi-formal, spirit events and other fun activities
Science Tutoring Club	Extra help for students in Science. (Oct - Jan, Mar - Jun)
Sew Creative Craft Club	Students will learn how to make their own clothes, jewelry, crafts or costumes, read patterns and use a sewing machine. (Lots of other crafts too).
Student Translators	Students translate throughout the year for parents, students, and teachers
TAC (Transitions Activity Council)	Student mentors organize and run all transitions related events (ex. Gr. 9 Day, Camp Green Acres, Gr 8 Day/Night, etc.). Students will develop leadership skills and have the opportunity to support incoming Markville students!
TED Ed Club	Learn how to develop your passion into a TED Ed talk.
Toastmasters	This is a prescribed program developed by Toastmasters International (www.toastmasters.org) that focuses on building communication and leadership skills. It consists of 8 sessions which will be held once a week during Period 3 Lunch.
True Vine	Christian fellowship
YAC (Young Activists Club)	A club that looks at social issues at a local, national and global level and helps!

Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, SEPT. 9 th	Teddy Bear Day				
TUESDAY, SEPT. 10 th	TAC (Transitions Activity Council) Green Acres Training				
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11 th	Make Your Bed Day				
THURSDAY, SEPT. 12 th	Day of Encouragement				
FRIDAY, SEPT. 13 th	Clubs & Organizations Sign Up Day				
	Hoe Down – Community Class (9:30am-1:30pm)				
	Guidance Graduation Assembly (9:45am-10:45am)				
	Major Scholarship Meeting (3:00pm-4:00pm)				

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



[Student 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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