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Friday, September 08, 2017

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we start the new school year, we are planning our first **School Council** meeting. As indicated in the letter we shared with you at the end of June, research demonstrates that there is a strong correlation between parental involvement in a school and student achievement and well-being. One of the ways to get involved and engaged is to join the School Council.

Participation in School Council offers opportunities to receive useful information on how to support your children as well as to be able to share your ideas, concerns and questions. Our first meeting of the year will take place on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. in our Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Our main presentation will be dedicated to information about the technological platforms our students use in their courses as active participants in the learning process.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the School Council meeting. Thank you!

Patricia Obadia



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

#### 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 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.**

## TWEET OF THE WEEK

 <a href="https://twitter.com/Markville_YRDSB">@Markville_YRDSB</a>	<p>Markville SS Retweeted  <a href="#">Learning Commons</a>  <a href="#">@msscommons</a></p> <p>You have GOT to check out this new library resource! Library now has a recording kit. #podcast #makerspace #modernlearner</p>	
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## 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.

**Vanessa Wonnacott – Vice-Principal:** Supports students with last names from Lin-Z; is responsible for Field Trips, School Website, 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.

**Diana Inglese – Budget Secretary:** Performs all aspects of budgeting for the school, which includes [Cash On-Line](#) and arranging transportation for students.

**Michael Chung – STAR Rep.:** 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.

**Chris Penny-Allen – 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.

**Bobbi Sabatini – Library Technician:** Manages and maintains the library collections, helps students with circulation, reader's advisory and research. Assists the Teacher-Librarians with programming.

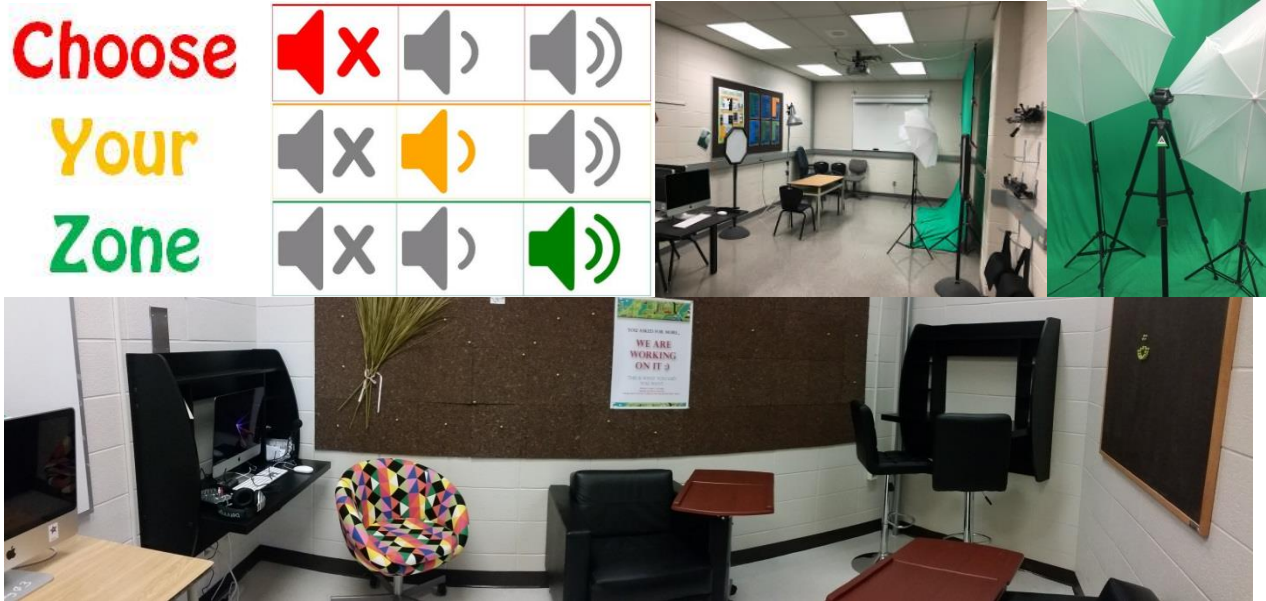
**Patrick Shea – Technology Support Technician:** Makes sure that our computers and school technology are working efficiently.



## MSS LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

There is always so much going on at our MSS Library Learning Commons! Over the past couple of years we have been moving things around, really working on defining different spaces in response to student needs. We have come up with different zones based on the type of work students would like to do while visiting the library.

Students can select between the quiet / study zone, the moderate zone, or the collaboration zone. We also have the Green Screen Studio which can be booked by teachers for classes or groups of students. New this year we have a Sound Studio, a room that can be used for sound recordings using our new podcast kit and recording equipment; or that can be used as a silent study room for up to six students.



Students are able to access the Library page on the school website from anywhere with an internet connection. We have included lots of useful tools, information, and links to great resources. [Click here to get started!](#) Students are able to borrow items in our collection, (books for 3 weeks, DVDs for 1 week, laptops during the school day) all for free with their student card.



## Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, SEPT. 11 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coptic New Year</li> </ul>				

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">National Video Games Day</a></li> </ul>
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAC Retreat (9:15am – 3:00pm)</li> <li>• PPL 2/3/4 Tennis Trip (12:45pm – 2:45pm)</li> </ul>
THURSDAY, SEPT. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grad Assembly (9:45am – 11:00am)</li> <li>• SAC Club Sign-Up (11:05am – 1:40pm)</li> <li>• Major Scholarship Meeting (3:00pm – 4:00pm)</li> <li>• Europe Trip Meeting (3:15pm – 4:00pm)</li> </ul>
FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terry Fox Walk / Run &amp; Activities (Modified Schedule)</li> </ul>

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

 <p>Community Information &amp; Volunteer Database</p>	<p><a href="#">Student Volunteer Opportunities</a></p>	 <p><a href="#">Volunteer Opportunities</a></p>
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Lunch Time Tutoring – Guidance Office, Monday and Wednesday – Periods 3 and 4

After school Tutoring – Rm. 345, Tuesday and Thursday 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 [vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca](mailto:vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca) for students with surnames LIN– Z

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