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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Friday, September 20, 2019

### IMPORTANT RESOURCES

#### LITERACY – OSSLT

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test ([OSSLT](#)) is a province wide test administered by [EQAO](#) (Education Quality and Accountability Office). Every student must successfully complete the OSSLT as a graduation requirement. This year, our Grade 10's and previously eligible students will be writing the OSSLT (Literacy test) on March 31st, 2020.

Markville SS is dedicated to supporting your child in a variety of ways as they prepare to take the Literacy test this spring. This month, all Grade 10 students completed a Literacy task in class, which introduced the OSSLT to them and covered topics such as key terms and question types that they may come across on the Literacy test. Students also learned helpful multiple choice question strategies and hints on reading graphic texts. All Grade 10 students were also invited to join the "Literacy at Markville Secondary School" Google classroom where they can find extra practice resources and receive regular communication from our Literacy team.

[Click here](#) to view the Literacy Task lesson that was presented this week in grade 10, period 2 classes. Literacy Tasks will be posted to our [website](#), on the new [Literacy Resources](#) page, under the [News & Events](#) tab.

#### 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](#).

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### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)



## English as a Second Language Classes for Adults

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# Classes Available!

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# Many locations!

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Markham, Newmarket and Stouffville

For more information

Call **905-731-9557 / 905-305-4122**

### PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW NIGHT – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup>

Parent-Teacher Interview Night will be held on Thursday, October 10. 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 Monday, September 16, 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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| <b>October 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | Interim Report Cards sent home.  |
| <b>October 4<sup>th</sup></b>  | Parents' Night schedule is opened for booking at 9:00 a.m., an invitation to book appointments through <a href="#">Edsby</a> will be sent to your email inbox. |
| <b>October 10<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Parents' Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)</b>  |

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Looking forward to #Markville's #TerryFoxRun this year on Sept 20th. Whole school will be running or walking! <http://terryfox.org/register>



## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### GRADE 9 DAY AT CAMP GREEN ACRES

(Hosted by Markville's Transition Activity Council)

On Monday, September 16th, our Grade 9 students attended **Camp Green Acres** for a fun-filled day of active icebreaker and team building activities! Our Gr. 9 students were led by our amazing TAC (Transitions Activity Council) mentors! Even after a full day of activity, the energy and spirit of our students did not wane... group cheers were heard loud and clear until the 3pm bell back at Markville! Thank you to our amazing Grade 9s, supervising staff, and TAC mentors for making "Gr. 9 Day at Camp Green Acres" an unforgettable event. Gr 9 students: don't hesitate to reach out to your mentors if you need support or if you just want to chat! TAC would like to wish all grade 9 students a wonderful school year!



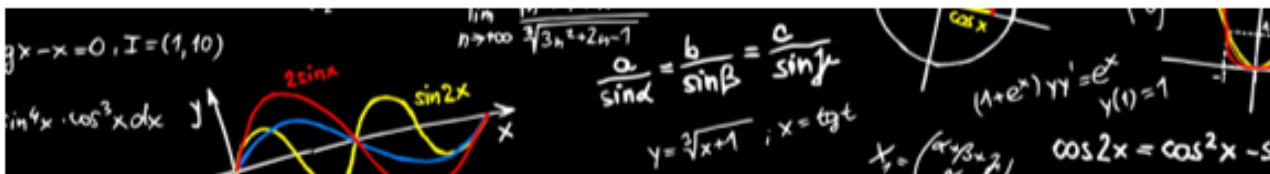


### MATH DEPARTMENT

The Mathematics department is pleased to run several math contests for students in Grades 9-12. In November, the Canadian Open Math Challenge (a qualifier contest for students to place on the national team that competes in the Olympiad), the Waterloo Canadian Senior (Grades 11/12) and Waterloo Intermediate (Grades 9/10) Math contests will be written. Registration and payment for these contests are currently available through Cash Online.

In February the Pascal (Grade 9), Cayley (Grade 10) and Fermat (Grade 11) contests will be written and finally the Euclid (Grade 12) followed by the Fryer (Grade 9), Galois (Grade 10), and Hypatia (Grade 11) contests will be written in April. Registration and payment for these contests will be available through Cash Online soon.

Although reminders and announcements are made prior to each math contest, students sometimes forget that they have registered. Please encourage your child to mark these important dates in their calendar.



### Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, SEPT. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</li> </ul>				
TUESDAY, SEPT. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety Week (Sept. 24 – 27)</li> </ul>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SHSM(Specialist High School Major) CPR / First Aid</li> <li>Grade 9 Library Orientation (Period 5)</li> </ul>				
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety Week (Sept. 24 – 27)</li> </ul>				

THURSDAY, SEPT. 26 <sup>th</sup>	• Safety Week (Sept. 24 – 27)
	• Grade 9 SAC (Student Activity Council) Elections
	• SAC (Student Activity Council) Executive Elections
	• Grade 9 Library Orientation (Period 5)
FRIDAY, SEPT. 27 <sup>th</sup>	• Safety Week (Sept. 24 27)
	• Grade 9 Library Orientation (Period 5)
	• Varsity Boys Soccer
	• Swim Team Tryouts (2:30pm – 4:00pm)
	• <a href="#">Ontario University Fair</a> at the Toronto Metro Convention Centre (Sept. 27 – 29)

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

	<a href="#">Student Volunteer Opportunities</a>		<a href="#">Volunteer Opportunities</a>
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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](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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