



[Friday, March 24, 2017](#)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

On March 30th, 2017, Grade 10 students at Markville S.S. and across the province will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). It will also be written by students who were previously eligible but have not yet written the test or who were unsuccessful on their first attempt. The OSSLT is administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario, in order to determine whether students have acquired the minimum literacy skills expected by *The Ontario Curriculum* across all subject areas up to the end of Grade 9.

Please note that this date is the only opportunity for students to write the OSSLT. Students who are absent will have to wait until the next school year to write.

Students who are expected to write the OSSLT received information letters prior to the March Break. These letters indicated the room in which they will be writing the OSSLT. In addition, an information assembly will be held Tuesday, March 28th for all students writing. The assembly will provide an overview of the day, key reminders for the OSSLT, and an opportunity for students to ask questions.

For the benefit of students writing the test, we wish to provide a quiet and focused environment for completing the OSSLT; therefore, students who are not writing the OSSLT will come to school approximately three and a half hours later than usual. After completion of the OSSLT, all students will follow a modified schedule with shortened class periods (as outlined below).

Modified Schedule for the OSSLT Day:

8:20am - 11:45am	OSSLT (only students writing will be in school)
11:45am - 12:25pm	Lunch Period
12:30pm - 1:15pm	Period 1 class
1:20pm - 2:05pm	Period 2 class
2:05pm - 2:10pm	Announcements
2:15pm - 3:00pm	Period 5 class

*****Please note: Community classes will run on the regular school day schedule (8:20am – 3:00pm)**

The staff and students at Markville S.S. have been working diligently to prepare for the OSSLT over the whole school year. In grade 10 classes, monthly literacy tasks (from October to February) and this month's Literacy Blitz (6 sessions) have reminded students of the types of questions and the level of answers expected on the OSSLT. We anticipate another year of fantastic results – last year 96% of our first-time eligible students were successful!

Good luck to all students writing the OSSLT on March 30th!

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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Welcome #Spring. We've been waiting for you.



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT NUTRITION PROGRAM

Markville's Breakfast Club is running the school nutrition program in which students continue to actively promote healthy snack options. The club members have been volunteering their time to promote wellness and healthy living to the Markville school community. We are extremely fortunate and grateful that we can provide healthy snacks (such as bananas, milk and apples) 3-4 days each week. Snacks are available to all students at 8am and at the beginning of period 3. In the morning, a variety of breakfast and snack food options ranging from hot oatmeal, milk and cereal, muffins, to pancakes are offered. Wednesdays have come to be known as "milk days" - students line up in front of the Family Studies room for chocolate milk like never before.

March is Nutrition month, and club members highlighted the significance of nutrition to health and well-being. Every day of the month, a nutrition tip was shared with the school on the morning announcements.

On March 10th, students made fresh fruit smoothies (banana/strawberry, and pineapple/mango) during their lunch break and handed them out to students. They used this event to highlight the importance of antioxidants and other nutrients in fruits. It was a great promotion indeed!

Thank you to everyone for supporting and helping Markville stay healthy in mind, body and soul.



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, MAR. 27 TH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHSM & Co-op Trip – Customer Service and Leadership (9:00am – 2:30pm) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guest Speaker – Markham Small Business Centre (12:30pm – 1:30pm) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mock Trial Club (1:00pm – 9:00pm) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disney Parent Meeting (6:00pm – 7:00pm) 				

TUESDAY, MAR. 28 TH	• OSSLT Assembly (9:45am – 11:00am)
	• Guest Speaker – Factory Farming Awareness Coalition (1:45pm – 3:00pm)
	• Mock Trial Club (2:30pm – 9:00pm)
	• Guest Speaker – Dennis Beck, Guest Conductor (5:30pm – 9:00pm)
WEDNESDAY, MAR. 29 TH	• Music Alive Concert (8:30am – 11:30am)
	• Drama Production Auditions (12:25pm – 1:40 pm) & (3 :00pm – 4 :15pm)
THURSDAY, MAR. 30 TH	• Grade 10 OSSLT – Modified School Schedule
	• Medieval Times Trip (9:30am – 2:30pm)
FRIDAY, MAR. 31 ST	• York Region Programming Contest (8:00am – 3:00pm)
	• Guest Speaker – York University (9:50am – 3:00pm) in Room 215
	• Guest Speaker – Government of Canada (1:45pm – 3:00pm) in Room 143
	• Dragon Boat (3:00pm – 5:00pm)