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Friday, September 29, 2017

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Markville S.S. the safety of all our students and staff is paramount. This is particularly important in emergencies when having all necessary information may translate, at times, into life-threatening situations. In order to ensure that your son or daughter is supported in every possible way, we ask that you share with us any medical condition that can impact their academic, physical, social and/or emotional performance at school. This may include conditions such as severe allergic reactions, concussions, asthma, seizures, etc. Please contact the Main Office at 905-940-8840, and someone will be glad to assist you with this.

Thank you for helping us support your children.

Patricia Obadia
Principal

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Regional Municipality of York is undertaking a Schedule 'C' Environmental Assessment Study of McCowan Road, between Steeles Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive, in the City of Markham. This study will identify possible improvements to McCowan Road to address the current and future transportation needs and opportunities for pedestrians, cyclists, public transit users, and motorists.

You are invited to attend an open house and comment on the information and potential improvements presented for McCowan Road. The open houses will be held at:

Centennial Community Centre, Lounge

8600 McCowan Road, Markham
Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Father Michael McGivney Catholic Academy, Cafeteria

5300 14th Avenue, Markham
Thursday, October 5, 2017

Visit anytime between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at either of the two open houses.

The information presented at the open houses will also be published on the study website at www.york.ca/mccowanroad and on York Region's Facebook and Twitter social media channels.

Additional comments and questions can be submitted to roads.ea@york.ca

Our Guidance Department will be hosting a College and University Fair at Markville SS on
Wednesday, October 11, 2017 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Join us to learn about your students post-secondary options from over 25 Colleges and Universities!

AGENDA

- **6:00pm – 8:00pm: School Marketplace**
 - Visit individual booths and speak with representatives
- **6:15pm: College Presentation**
 - A general overview of College planning, opportunities, and next steps
- **6:30pm: University Presentation**
 - A general overview of University planning, opportunities, and next steps
- **7:30pm: Financial Planning / OSAP Presentation**

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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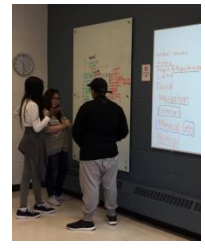
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DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

GEOGRAPHY

Grade 9 students taking Geography this semester have been busy starting the year off exploring the wonders of geologic time through the use of Virtual Reality! We have taken a few virtual field trips already and plan for several more! All grade 9 students are heading to the Toronto Zoo in early October to learn about endangered Canadian wildlife through a zoo-wide scavenger hunt. Students will be making connections between what they are learning in class and what they see and experience while out in the field.



Our Grade 12 Geography students have been busy exploring the many facets of globalization and have been making great use of our new modern learning space in the Geography Department. They have been able to use the many writing surfaces and open space to participate in simulations, seminar round-table discussions and many more exciting activities.



Finally, the Geography Department's Young Activist Club (YAC) participated in We Day Toronto on September 28th! Owing to the amazing contributions that YAC has made to making positive change both locally and globally, we were rewarded with a set of tickets to this exciting event. This year is looking like another great opportunity to activate our school into taking action to truly make a difference!

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

All Grade 9 classes were invited to participate in an interactive orientation to the Library Learning Commons using the app Aurasma this week. This orientation is part of the transition process from elementary school to high school. Students used a device to make things come to life in the Library. They learned how and where to find resources both here in the collection as well as online from home.

Students were able to discover on their own the learning zones and resources available to them. We encourage all students to explore what we have to offer, from the green screen studio, podcast kit, online databases, DVDs, printing, puzzles, silent study space, collaboration space, books, and much, much more!

If you would like to see an example of how the Aurasma app works, follow these simple instructions:

Download the Aurasma app (it's free)


Sign up for a free account and follow us – look for msslibrary

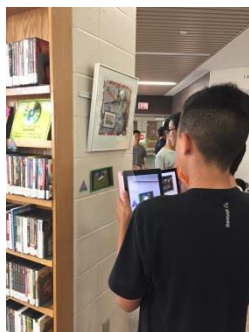
OR – if you would prefer not to have an account, you can sign into our general library one:

Username: GenLib

Password: 407lib

Make sure you are following msslibrary.

Then, click on the  view button. Point your phone at a Markville Student Card and you should see a video start. The Aurasma app is also used in Markville SS yearbooks. This is a great introduction to augmented reality and its uses.



Upcoming Events

EVENT FOR STUDENTS

The Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) – York Chapter is hosting their annual “Engineering Mathletics” competition for York Region students.

This year there will be two sessions, one for elementary students in grades 7 and 8 and a **new session** for secondary students in grades 9 and 10.

AMD Engineering Mathletics 2017



YORK REGION STUDENTS:

You are invited to exercise your math abilities in a contest and apply your math skills to solve engineering problems for FUN & PRIZES.

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Sir William Mulock Secondary School

705 Columbus Way, Newmarket, Ontario L3X 2M7

AMD Engineering Mathletics has two levels of competition:

- Junior Level (9:30am – 1:00pm) Open to students that are currently in grades 7 or 8 (based on grade 7 curriculum)
- Senior Level (2:00pm – 5:30pm) Open to students that are currently in grades 9 or 10 (based on grade 9 curriculum)
- Each level includes an AMD session with an opportunity to win additional prizes

Registration fee is \$15 per entrant. Online registration starts on Saturday, September 30th at 8:00am and ends when all seats are sold, or Saturday, October 21st at 5:00pm whichever comes first.



For additional information and registration click on the following link:

<http://www.peoyork.com/committees/education/eng-mathletics>

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, OCT. 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interim Report Distribution • Junior and Senior Boys Golf (7:20am – 5:30pm) 				
TUESDAY, OCT. 3 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Girls Varsity Golf Meet (7:20am – 6:00pm) • SHSM First Aid / CPR (8:20am – 3:00pm) • Field Hockey Game (2:15pm – 6:00pm) 				
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Boys Volleyball Game (2:20pm – 6:00pm) • Junior Boys Volleyball Tournament (2:30pm – 6:00pm) • Varsity Boys Soccer Game (3:15pm – 5:15pm) 				
THURSDAY, OCT. 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toronto Zoo Trip (8:40am – 3:00pm) 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior Girls Basketball Game (3:10pm – 6:00pm) • Home Game – Senior Girls Basketball (3:30pm – 4:45pm) • Home Game – Junior Girls Basketball (4:45pm – 6:00pm)
FRIDAY, OCT. 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Theatre Trip (7:30am – 7:00pm) • Senior Boys Volleyball Tournament (8:20am – 5:00pm)

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

 <p>Community Information & Volunteer Database</p>	Student Volunteer Opportunities		Volunteer Opportunities
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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 for students with surnames A – LIM, or vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames LIN– Z

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