

InspireLearning! Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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In an effort to support our students and families in Mental Wellness, please <u>click here</u> 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 <u>News & Events</u> and the link will be included in each weekly e-bulletin going forward.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

MSS ORANGE SHIRT DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th



The Orange Shirt Day (http://www.orangeshirtday.org) movement started in 2013 to highlight the pain and suffering of thousands of Indigenous children who were sent to residential school throughout the last century. YRDSB and MSS will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Monday September 30, 2019 in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for the future generations.

The colour of the shirt is connected to the experience of Phyllis Webstad who was sent to Cariboo Residential School near Williams Lake, BC, in 1973. Six-years old at the time, Phyllis went to her first day of school wearing a new bright orange shirt. However, upon arriving at the school, the nuns stripped her of the shirt, forcing her to wear the school's institutional uniform. **The shirt has since gone on to become a symbol of a national movement that recognizes the suffering of Indigenous children at residential schools across the country and to show a renewed commitment to ensure that every child matters.** On Monday, September 30th, all students and staff are encouraged to wear an orange shirt.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

This week was Safety Week at Markville SS. We would like to remind all students, staff, parents, and guardians to use the walkways to navigate the parking lot. It may take an extra minute, however the safety of our community is of greater importance. When picking up and dropping off students, please pull up to the curb before letting students out of the vehicle. Only the outer lanes are designated for drop offs and pick-ups. The middle, inner lanes are meant to be for through traffic and must be kept clear for buses and emergency vehicles. Again, we ask that you consider waiting 5 to 10 minutes after the end of the school day to pick up students. There is much less congestion and pedestrian traffic will have had a chance to clear out making it safer for everyone. Take extra care when approaching crosswalks, looking out for people making their way to or from school.



Green - Acceptable drop off and pick up areas, outer lane

Red – Through traffic only in the inner lane, no stopping.

Must be kept clear for buses and emergency vehicles

Blue - Crosswalk areas, marked, designated crossing spots

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEW NIGHT - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th

Parent-Teacher Interview Night will be held on Thursday, October 10. Markville Secondary School will be using <u>Edsby</u>, an online platform, to manage our Parents' Night scheduling.

Families will need to create an <u>Edsby</u> account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. An invitation to <u>Edsby</u> will be sent through email on Monday, September 16, to parent/guardians without an <u>Edsby</u> 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

October 3rd Interim Report Cards sent home.

October 4th Parents' Night schedule is opened for booking at 9:00 a.m., an invitation to

book appointments through Edsby will be sent to your email inbox.

October 10th Parents' Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

On Wednesday, November 6th our Grade 9 students will be participating in Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKWD), an annual event which gives students an idea of what a regular work day looks like. <u>TOKWD</u> is the most recognized career education event in Canada, with an estimated 200,000 students visiting workplaces every year. Students may go to work with a parent, relative, family friend, neighbour, or volunteer host. Forms were distributed this week and must be returned to the homeroom

teacher by October 18th. This is a great opportunity for students to get an appreciation for all the hard work that is done every day, and for parents/guardians to get to see some of the amazing skills our students have to share.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Markville SS Retweeted York Region DSB

√@YRDSB



Night School classes start on Tuesday September 24th. Students can register during the day at DSCBL from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Check out for course offerings and registration information at http://ow.ly/C1sW30pyQx8

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

PEER TUTORING CLUB

Markville's Peer Tutoring Club is composed of students in grades 9 - 12 who have volunteered their time to support students in need of extra help in one or more of their courses. The club offers drop-in tutoring services (no appointment necessary) and one-on-one tutoring where students are matched with the same tutor each week. Students must complete the application form if requesting a one-onone match (http://bit.ly/msspeertutor). Extra help will be offered for the following subject areas: Math, Science, English, Grade 9 Geography, and Grade 10 History.

PEER TUTORING SCHEDULE

Mondays & Wednesdays (in Library Learning Commons)

Period 3: 11:20 am - 12:20 pm Period 4: 12:40 pm - 1:40 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays (Room 348)

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics	
MONDAY, SEPT. 30 th	Orange Shirt Day					
TUESDAY, OCT. 1st	Rosh Hashanah					
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2 nd	Boys Golf Championship (TBD)					
	Junior Boys Volleyball – OFSAA (3:30pm – 5:30pm)					
THURSDAY, OCT. 3 rd	Interim Report Card Distribution					

	Senior Boys Volleyball (2:30pm – 5:15pm)		
	Girls Field Hockey (3:00pm – 6:00pm)		
	Varsity Boys Soccer (3:30pm – 5:00pm)		
FRIDAY, OCT 4 th	EDSBY Parent-Teacher Interview Booking Opens		
	World Teacher Day		
	Senior Boys Volleyball (7:30am – 4:00pm)		
	• Markham Fair (9:00am – 2:00pm)		
	Grade 9 Library Orientation (1:45pm – 3:00pm)		

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



Student Volunteer
Opportunities



Lunch Time Tutoring – Library Learning Commons, Mondays and Wednesdays – Periods $\,3$ and $\,4$ After School Tutoring – Room $\,345$, Tuesdays and Thursdays $\,3:00$ pm $\,-4:00$ 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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