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Friday, October 18, 2019

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

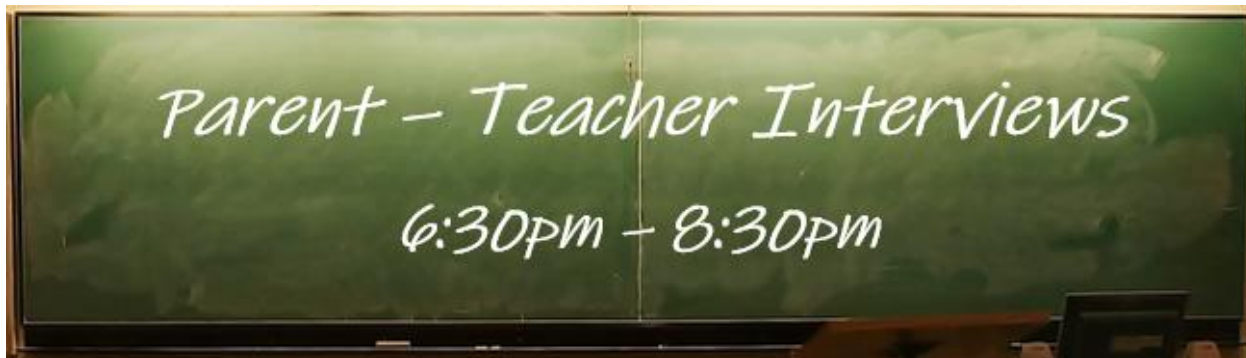
In an effort to support our students and families in Mental Wellness, please [click here](#) to access an informational document outlining various signs, strategies, and community Mental Health resources. Of course, please always feel free to connect with a Caring Adult at MSS for support, as wellness in ourselves and our loved ones 'takes a village.' This document is also available on our school website under [News & Events](#) and the link will be included in each weekly e-bulletin going forward.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY FAIR

Planning to attend post-secondary? Don't miss out on Markham Public Library's annual [University and College Fair](#) at the [Angus Glen](#) branch on Saturday, October 19th from 12:00pm – 3:00pm! Prepare for a successful future by meeting with many of the nation's finest institutions and join free expert led workshops throughout the event. No registration required, just show up and explore.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS OCTOBER 23rd



Parent-Teacher interview night is coming up next week. Appointments with teachers can be booked through the online platform [EDSBY](#). An email to set up an [EDSBY](#) account was sent out in September which included instructions on how to set up an account. We are looking forward to seeing our Markville families coming together to support student success.

ECO THEME FOR OCTOBER – LIGHTS OUT

October's ECO Theme is Lights Out, where we are challenged to rethink our use of lighting. When leaving a room, take a second to turn the lights out. The energy saved will reduce your hydro bill and contribute to a healthier environment for everyone.

MYTH

Leaving lights, computers, and other appliances on uses less energy than turning them off and makes them last longer.



FACT

While it used to be the case that cycling appliances and lighting on and off drastically reduced their lifetimes, these problems have been largely overcome through better design.

The small surge of power created when some devices are turned on is vastly smaller than the energy used by running a device when it is not needed. Source: <https://bldgcontrols.com/blog/energy-myth-2>

CAREER GUIDANCE WORKSHOP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS & PARENTS

Hosted by YRDSB's Inclusive School and Community Services and the Association of Sri Lankan Graduates of Canada on Saturday, November 2nd, 2019 from 9:30am – 1:30pm. Students and Parents will have the opportunity to attend separate sessions including young professionals, school administrators, guidance counselors, and other educators. Located at Middlefield Collegiate Institute, 525 Highglen Avenue, Markham. Admission is free. Sessions will be conducted in [English](#) and [Tamil](#).

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. [TOKWD](#) 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 have been distributed and were due today, October 18th. This is a great opportunity for students and for parents and guardians as well, students get an appreciation for all the hard work that is done every day, and you get to see some of the amazing skills our students have to share.

YORK REGION LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION NIGHT

ALL YRDSB parents and guardians are invited to join the **York Region District School Board's** Pathways team and the **Workforce Planning Board** of York Region on **November 7, 2019** for dinner and an evening of learning about the labour market in our communities. Hear from **industry professionals** about current and **future career opportunities, employment trends** and in demand **skills**.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from **Joe Musicco**, a professor from Sheridan College in the Pilon School of Business, who will address the **skills and attitudes** necessary for future success. Guests will then have the opportunity to attend a variety of smaller, more intimate **industry specific** workshops featuring a panel of professionals from a variety of key employment sectors, post secondary education programs and training organizations supporting these fields.



Event Details

Date: **November 7, 2019**, Location: **Sheraton Parkway North**, 600 Highway 7, Richmond Hill,
Registration at 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Dinner: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Opening and Keynote: 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for this **FREE** event which is the first of its kind for the York Region District School Board. **Space is limited**

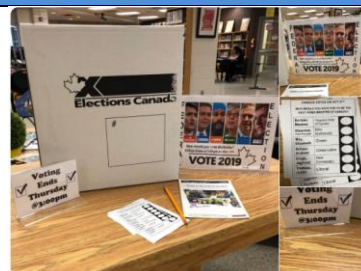
Register online at: bit.ly/YRlabourinfo. A limited number of free child care spaces for children 6-11 are available. Please sign up when you register.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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With #ElectionsCanada coming up, students had the opportunity to engage in a mock federal election. Exercise produced insightful thinking: 'can I vote more than once', 'what does stuffing the ballot box mean' & - 'is this real'. #vote #Election2019 #StudentVoteCanada



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

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.

After the Fall break, Markville will be hosting an "After School Literacy Program", which is designed to support your child's Literacy skills development as well as allow them the opportunity to practice the types of tasks they will encounter on the Literacy test in the Spring. The After School Literacy Program will begin on Wednesday, November 13th and end on Thursday, December 12th. It will run every Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00pm – 4:30pm in Room 224.

We also completed another Literacy Task with all our Grade 10's during Period 3 on Wednesday, October 16th. This task focused on building active reading skills, making inferences, and short writing responses. You can find the link to this task as well as information on our "After School Literacy Program" in the links below. Please complete a permission form for your child if you wish them to participate in the after school program. Printed copies are available for students to pick up in our Library.

[Click here](#) to view the Literacy Task lesson that was presented this week in Grade 10 Period 3 classes. Literacy Tasks will be posted to our [website](#), on the new [Literacy Resources](#) page, under the [News & Events](#) tab.

GRADE 9 LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS ORIENTATION

At the beginning of each school year, Markville's Library Learning Commons hosts a Grade 9 Orientation event. Every Grade 9 student is invited to participate in a number of interactive activities meant to help them identify the resources they will have access to over the next four years through their library. These resources include, but are not limited to, books, e-resources & databases, a green screen studio and sound recording studio as well as a place to work either independently or collaboratively.

Markville's Grade 9 students are taken on a tour of the Library Learning Commons with Library staff, student volunteers, and interactive QR codes. At each stop on the tour, students complete Google quizzes, scavenger hunts, and collectively create a video using our green screen technology, where the Grade 9's travelled the world. Scan the QR code below for a tutorial on how to find a book.





Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, OCT. 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PA DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS 				
TUESDAY, OCT. 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queen's University Trip (7:00am – 2:30pm) Varsity Hockey Tryouts (2:25pm – 4:00pm) Senior Boys Volleyball (2:40pm – 5:15pm) Varsity Boys Soccer (2:40pm – 5:15pm) Senior Girls Basketball (4:00pm – 5:15pm) Junior Girls Basketball (4:45pm – 6:15pm) 				
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Boys Volleyball (3:30pm – 5:30pm) Music Workshop with Shelley Axelson McCauley (4:00pm – 6:00pm) 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-Teacher Interviews (6:30pm – 8:30pm)
THURSDAY, OCT. 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europe Trip (Oct. 24th – Nov. 2nd) • Basketball Tournament (8:00am – 2:30pm) • Cross Country (8:30am – 2:30pm) • Junior Girls Basketball (4:00pm – 5:30pm) • Music Fall Celebration (7:30pm – 9:00pm)
FRIDAY, OCT. 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Europe Trip (Oct. 24th – Nov. 2nd) • Markville SS Birthday Celebration / Rep Your Grade Event (Student Activity Council) • Junior Boys Volleyball • Music Department Bowling Tournament (4:00pm – 6:00pm)

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

	Student Volunteer Opportunities		Volunteer Opportunities
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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 for students with surnames A – LIM, or kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames LIN– Z

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