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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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### IMPORTANT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

On October 15<sup>th</sup> Markville's Junior and Senior Varsity Tennis Teams traveled to Mayfair Tennis Club for the YRAA (York Region Athletic Association) East Regional Championship tournament.

Markville Tennis dominated the tournament, and thanks to some incredibly skilled playing, we are sending more teams to the YRAA Championship Tournaments than any other school.

Congratulations to our Senior Men's Doubles, Junior Men's Doubles, Senior Ladies Doubles, Senior Mixed Doubles, Junior Ladies Doubles, Junior Men's Singles, and Junior Ladies Doubles as they advance to the playoffs on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Well done team! Go Mavs!

Coach Caston and Coach Cvetkovski

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, 33 athletes from Markville's cross country team competed in sweltering conditions at Boyd Conservation area in Woodbridge.

Midgets ran approximately 4.1 km, Juniors 5.1 km and Seniors 5.8 km, on grass, dirt, and gravel trails through fields, forests, and over streams.

Notable performances included Junior Girl Taylor Chan who placed an amazing 15<sup>th</sup> out of 152 competitors and Dylan Snelgrove who came 54<sup>th</sup> in a huge field of 339 Senior Boys.

Honorable mention also go out to midget boy Mathew Fletcher, who demonstrated great form and a solid pace in his first high school race.

Solid efforts were put out by everyone on the team, and we are especially pleased with all the newbies who toughed it out on a difficult course in hot and humid conditions.

We look forward to YRAA championships on October 25<sup>th</sup> at Boyd Conservation area. Parents and guardians are welcome to come and watch their children compete.

### 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.

### NEW DATABASE (TRIAL)

All YRDSB (York Region District School Board) Secondary Schools have been offered a free trial of the database: [Opposing Viewpoints In Context](#) until November 10<sup>th</sup>. This database is an engaging online experience for those seeking contextual information and opinions on hundreds of today's hottest social issues. It features continuously updated viewpoints, topic overviews, full-text magazines, academic journals, news articles, primary source documents, statistics, images, videos, audio files, and links to vetted websites. The link can be found on the [library page](#) of our school website, or by [clicking here](#).

### COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY FALL OPEN HOUSES

Colleges and Universities across Ontario are holding open houses to showcase what they have to offer potential students. The Guidance department has put together a quick reference sheet showing the schedules of nearby schools. Those schedules are available on our website under the [News & Events](#) tab or by clicking [here for the College Open House Schedule](#) and [here for the University Open House Schedule](#). Visiting campuses can make a big difference in this important decision making process.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)



#### PARKING LOT SAFETY

As mentioned in last week's e-bulletin, there have been several near misses where cars that have been parked in the incorrect lane have pulled out and have almost hit students crossing the parking lot. It is imperative that drivers obey the parking lot guidelines to keep our students and staff safe. **The lane closest to the school is for buses, taxis, and emergency vehicles only, no exceptions at any time.** Please do your part and drive safely!

### MAKE A COMMITMENT TO WALK THIS OCTOBER

IWALK month started on **October 3, 2018**. International Walk to School Month (IWALK) is an annual mass celebration of active transportation taking place around the world every October. The benefits of walking include:

- Helps prepare children for learning
- Keeps students physically and mentally fit
- Builds friendships
- Improves air quality and the environment
- Creates safer neighbourhoods

Join the movement! We encourage all our staff and students to Walk or Wheel for the month of October. Even though the weather is getting colder, it is still beneficial for students to be walking to school and learning about their neighbourhood.

### RENEWED COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY – PILOT PROJECT

Renewed Computer Technology is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators, and not-for-profit organizations with access to affordable, renewed computers to help meet

education and career goals. Markville Secondary School has been offered the opportunity to take part in a program that offers either a renewed desktop or laptop computer to families with a limited income at a greatly reduced price. Desktops and laptops are loaded with Windows 10 and MS Office. Please [click here](#) for more details.

### TAKE OUR KID(S) TO WORK DAY – WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

Forms were distributed to Grade 9 earlier this month to be returned by Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Take Our Kid(s) to Work Day is an important opportunity for students to get a greater appreciation for the working world. It is a valuable experience for students to not only see how the important adults in their lives spend their days, but start to figure out where they see themselves in the future. Students will have the opportunity to share their experiences in some of their classes.

### CANNABIS LEGALIZATION

On Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, Canada became the 2<sup>nd</sup> country to legalize cannabis, or marijuana as it is more commonly known. The legal age for purchasing and consuming cannabis in Ontario is 19. Following the same rules and laws that exist for tobacco, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time. An updated newsletter with information has been posted on our website under the News & Events tab, or you can access it by [clicking here](#). It includes some helpful links on how to talk to your teens about cannabis and making positive and healthy decisions.

### OSSTF CONTEST – AHEAD BY A CENTURY

The annual [OSSTF](#) (Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation) Student Achievement Awards competition is now open and students are eligible to win \$1000.00! All they have to do is create an original piece of writing, art, or media based on this year's theme: Ahead by a Century. Links to the [application form](#), [guidelines](#), and [tips for success](#) are also included on our website under the News & Events tab. Submissions can be submitted to any teacher and must be received by November 9<sup>th</sup>.

### TWEET OF THE WEEK



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Today is a day of observance. In 1992 [@UN](#) marked October 17th as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Theme for 2018: Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity. [#MakeADifference](#)  
[#YRDSB](#)



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### DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

## LITERACY

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Grade 10 students 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 a graduation requirement for all students.

In preparation for the OSSLT, students in grade 10 classes are participating in monthly literacy preparation activities. The first activity took place on September 26<sup>th</sup> during period 5 and the second activity took place on October 17<sup>th</sup> during period 3. These tasks are designed to give students an opportunity to review and practise the reading and writing skills that they will need to demonstrate on the OSSLT.

For students who wish further reinforcement, Markville S.S. will be offering an After School Literacy Program (ASLP) starting Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The program will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:30 pm until December 12<sup>th</sup>. During the ASLP, students will be taught the specific skills needed to be successful on the OSSLT and will have time to work on practice tasks and receive feedback from a teacher. The ASLP is open to all students who may be writing the OSSLT in March.

The final literacy preparation activity for semester one will be an in-school diagnostic literacy assessment. This opportunity will be written on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> during period 1 and will be offered to all eligible students in grades 10, 11, and 12. This assessment will be marked in-school and students will receive feedback to help them further prepare for the OSSLT.



If you have any questions about the OSSLT or literacy preparation at Markville S.S., please feel free to contact the literacy teacher, David McKillop, or the vice-principal responsible for the OSSLT, Kathy McAlpine. A letter and registration form is available from Mr. McKillop for interested students, or can be found by [clicking here](#), or visiting our [News & Events](#) page on our [school website](#). Completed forms can be returned at the first session which will be held in the Library on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, OCT. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PA DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</li> </ul>				
TUESDAY, OCT. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We Scare Hunger Food Drive (YAC – Youth Activity Council) Oct 23-26</li> </ul>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Ontario College Fair</a></li> </ul>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SpeakOUT Conference</li> </ul>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Varsity Tennis Playoffs (8:00am – 3:00pm)</li> <li>• Field Hockey Playoffs (1:00pm – 3:00pm)</li> <li>• Senior Boys Volleyball (2:40pm – 5:15pm)</li> <li>• Senior Girls Basketball (3:30pm – 4:45pm)</li> </ul>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Junior Girls Basketball (4:45pm – 6:00pm)</li> </ul>
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We Scare Hunger Food Drive (YAC – Youth Activity Council) Oct 23-26</li> <li>MAC (Markville Athletic Council) Team Building Retreat</li> <li>Toastmasters Speech Contest (Period 3, 11:00am – 12:20pm)</li> <li>Rock Climbing (4:00pm – 6:00pm)</li> </ul>
THURSDAY, OCT. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We Scare Hunger Food Drive (YAC – Youth Activity Council) Oct 23-26</li> <li>Senior Boys Volleyball Tournament</li> <li>Varsity Cross Country (9:00am – 3:00pm)</li> <li>Junior Boys Volleyball (2:35pm – 5:05pm)</li> <li>Senior Girls Basketball (3:30pm – 4:45pm)</li> <li>Junior Girls Basketball (4:45pm – 6:00pm)</li> </ul>
FRIDAY, OCT. 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We Scare Hunger Food Drive (YAC – Youth Activity Council) Oct 23-26</li> <li>George Brown College Field Trip – SHSM (Specialist High School Major)</li> <li>Music Bowling Tournament (3:30pm – 5:30pm)</li> </ul>
OCT. 29 <sup>th</sup> – NOV. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MID-TERM BREAK – NO SCHOOL</li> </ul>

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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