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IMPORTANT RESOURCES

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSES

As our Grade 12 students prepare to apply to post-secondary studies or apprenticeship opportunities and our Grade 11s anticipate their turn, Ontario Colleges and Universities are opening their doors to prospective students and their eager parents. There are many open houses happening on campuses around the province in the coming weeks, some starting this weekend. Visiting a campus can give valuable insight into a schools culture and can help students make an informed decision about where to go next on their academic journey. If the dates of the open houses don't work for a visit, reach out to the schools for a campus tour on an alternate date. A list of open houses for a selection of Ontario [Colleges](#) and [Universities](#) is included here and is also available on our website under [News & Events](#).

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](#).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

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.

Some lighting facts for you: Changing 5 of your most frequently used lights with Energy Star rated bulbs can save you \$75.00 a year on your energy costs.

LEDs convert electricity into light more efficiently than incandescent or fluorescent lights. This is because LED semiconductors create more photons per unit of input energy.

Incandescent bulbs lose 90% of their energy as heat! LEDs use energy far more efficiently while wasting little heat. Source: <https://www.energy.gov/articles/quiz-test-your-lighting-iq>

[Test your Lighting IQ with this quiz](#)

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. 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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Thank you to our parent & guardian community members. Your attendance at tonight's Interviews demonstrate our shared belief & value in keeping the lines of communication open. That's how we serve our students aka your children!



Happy Birthday
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DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

GEOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

Markville’s Geography Department has had an exciting start to the year with Grade 9 students working both inside and outside the classroom to learn about Canada’s physical and human geography. Students in Ms. Percy and Mr. Cao’s classes started the semester by taking time to get outside and appreciate their natural surroundings. Inspired by the Ojibwe artist and environmentalist Isaac Murdoch, students learned about Inaaknigewin, a form of governance that includes principles and guidelines for how to live sustainably and in harmony with nature. This principle has remained at the heart of our studies on Canada’s physical geography and continues to be central in our learning. Students had a blast exploring Canada’s geologic history using Virtual Reality viewers that took them on a journey back in time where they got to see volcanoes, early forms of life, and dinosaurs! Most recently, students have been busy participating in activities like “Amazing Race Break-In Box,” simulations that have had them imagining what it would be like to experience an earthquake and tsunami in British Columbia, building resource towers and analyzing the various impacts that climate change is having on Canada’s physical and human geography. Using various geographic perspectives, students have been analyzing a wide variety of issues affecting our physical environment, natural resources, and economy. Students are looking forward to upcoming simulations and review games including “Geo-conomy,” Geo-Dragon’s Den, Town Hall Debates and “Go Fish!”





Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
OCT. 28 th – NOV. 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FALL BREAK – NO SCHOOL 				

MONDAY, NOV. 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YRDSB SpeakOUT Conference
TUESDAY, NOV. 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Tsunami Awareness Day
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 8 Transition Day (9:00am – 2:00pm)
THURSDAY, NOV. 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 2 Begins – Halfway through the Semester – Civics and Careers classes switch
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHSH (Specialist High School Major) P.A.R.T.Y. Program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Open Math Contest (8:00am – 11:00am)
FRIDAY, NOV. 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National STEM / STEAM Day (US)

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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