

# InspireLearning! Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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#### **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.

# **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

### MARKVILLE SPIRIT WEAR

Markville's Leadership class will be selling Markville Spirit Wear in the Atrium during Periods 3 and 4 until next Thursday, November 14th. Students can order items directly, or orders can be placed through SchoolCashOnline. A variety of styles and colours are available.











# JUNIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY

This year's Junior Awards ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 14th during Period 1. We will be celebrating the accomplishments of our students during the 2018-2019 school year. Students will be recognized for Top Mark in a course, Most Improved in a course, and Department Specific awards. Honours students will be recognized in their classrooms by our Vice-Principals Ms. McAlpine and Mr. Vlachopoulos, and our Principal Ms. Obadia.



### **GRADUATION PHOTOS**

Graduation photos will begin on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Students can book an appointment with the photographer by visiting <u>bookmygrad.ca</u> and entering WMS as the school code.



#### TAKE OUR GRANDPARENTS TO WORK DAY

Our newly developed "Compassionate Schools" group is hosting an event on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00pm – 6:00pm in the Markville SS cafeteria and atrium for your child's Grandparent(s), Elderly Auntie/Uncle, or an Elderly neighbor where they will engage in nutrition seminars, health and wellness activities, music, art, and conversations with our youth. This event is mutually beneficial for our Seniors and Students. Your child will earn two community service hours for engaging in this after school program with the Senior they bring to Markville. If you would like to have your child (and Senior) participate in this activity please RSVP to Ingrid.Achong@yrdsb.ca



Compassionate Community Markham organizers, partners and attendees, Councillor Reid McAlpine and UPC Rev. Marty Molengraaf (on right) - Photo by Kitty Atkinson

# **NOVEMBER ECO THEME - WHAT'S IN, WHAT'S OUT**

November's ECO theme deals with the extensive problem many schools and homes are facing – what actually goes in each bin? Is it garbage, is it recyclable, or does it go in the green bin? For instance, both Tim Horton's and Starbucks coffee cups go in the garbage, they are lined with a coating of wax and so cannot be recycled. Plastic straws go in the garbage, while paper straws can go in the green bin and be composted. Pizza boxes are a special case – if they are clean, they can be recycled and go in the blue bin, however, if they are soiled (lots of ooey, gooey cheese oil) they can go in the green bin. If you are unsure where something belongs, check out the <u>Bindicator</u> tool offered by York Region. Click on the <u>link</u> and find out where your discarded item should go!



# TWEET OF THE WEEK



Students at Ontario Student Leadership Conference #OSLC41 #oslc2019



# **DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT**

#### **ECO CLUB**

The students in the Eco-club are off to a great start this year! They are continuing many environmental activities from last year which include milk bag weaving, battery collection, maintenance of an aquaponics system, school ground greening, marker and toner cartridge recycling, and energy and waste walk-abouts. Our school will apply to maintain Platinum EcoSchools status this year.









Students in the EcoClub, environment SHSM sector, Grade 9 Science and Grade 11 Physics students attended several engaging workshops during and after school. The Ethical Choices program presented a workshop that allowed students to explore issues regarding modern agriculture, our health, and the environment. Depletion of natural resources, pollution of soil, water and air, deforestation and the use of pesticides, hormones, and antibiotics were among these topics. York University presented a session on environmental courses and programs as well as opportunities and careers in the environment. Professor Gaber from Ontario Tech University (formerly UOIT) gave a lecture on green energy technologies and innovations. Topics included smart energy grid engineering, energy storage technologies, and plasma-based waste-to-energy for clean energy.







During the Terry Fox Run, a few of our students volunteered with drink, food and waste set up and clean up. They helped to give advice to students and staff to dispose of their waste in the proper receptacles. Some of our students also volunteered during the grade 8 day. They helped to answer any waste related issues our visitors had. Other students attended to a booth they had set up about the EcoClub and environmental involvement at Markville.













# **Upcoming Events**

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, NOV. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Assembly (Periods 1 & 2)				
	• Curling Team (4:00pm – 5:30pm)				
TUESDAY, NOV. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Swim Team Tournament (7:30am – 3:00pm)				
	• TSN (10:15am – 1:30pm)				
	• Hockey Game (1:45pm – 3:30pm)				
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13 <sup>th</sup>	SHSM – McMaster University (7:00am – 2:30pm)				
THURSDAY, NOV. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Awards Assembly (Period 1)				
	Crimestoppers Visit				
	Hockey Game (1:45pm – 3:30pm)				
FRIDAY, NOV. 15 <sup>th</sup>	PA DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS				

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: <a href="michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca">michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca</a> for students with surnames A – LIM, or <a href="michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca">kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca</a> for students with surnames LIN– Z

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