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Friday, November 15, 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](#)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

WINTER WEATHER AND PARKING LOT SAFETY

With the recent snowfall and drop in temperatures we have seen an increase in traffic in the parking lot. As always, we encourage our students to walk to school whenever possible, keeping some important safety messages in mind:

- We ask that students stay on the sidewalks to get to waiting cars, or while crossing the parking lot.
- There are crosswalks where no parking is allowed in order for students to safely make their way out to waiting vehicles. Please be aware of where these crossings are and take special care to watch for any students crossing and do not under any circumstances block these areas.
- We have a number of buses and school taxis coming to pick students up after school; please do not park in the bus parking only area as that is reserved for those pick-ups.
- When entering the pick-up loop, do not block cars that are leaving the parking lot area. Just as you wouldn't block a street opening, keep this area clear to ensure traffic can flow safely into and out of the parking lot.
- Again we recommend coming a little later to pick your child(ren) up. This will allow them time to gather their belongings and for the buses and taxis to clear out.

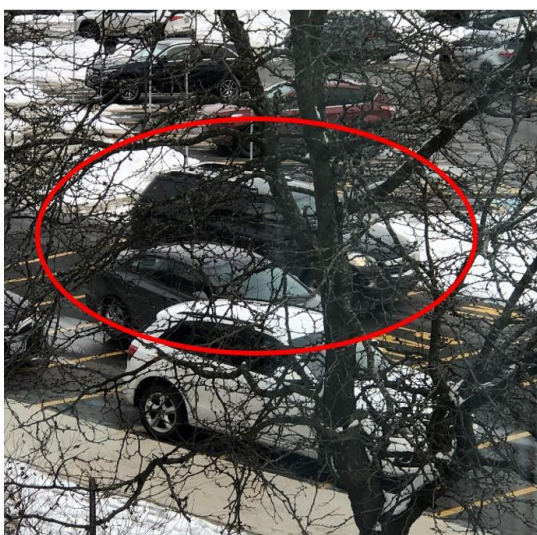
Any students not attending a supervised after school activity are asked to leave the building by 4:00 pm. Please arrange to pick-up your child(ren) before this time. We want to remind you that there is no supervision in the building after this time.



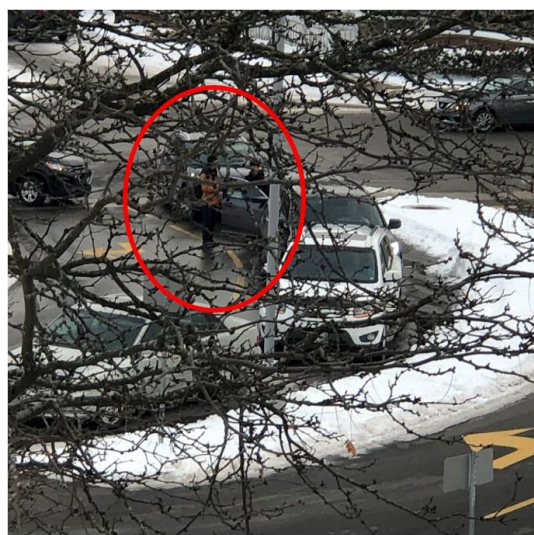
Cars left room, student not using crosswalk



Buses and taxis must have enough room for pick-ups



This area is for through traffic only! No Parking!



Very unsafe! Only load in the pick-up loop!

LIVE WELL, TAKE ACTION

This year, our school has been selected to host a community initiative called the “Live Well, Take Action: Ambassador Program for East Asian Youth.” This program is currently accepting applications from East Asian youth who are interested in or have the potential to engage in social activism, current issues and community development.

This program will run 8 weekly after school workshops (Feb – Apr 2020) that focus on topics such as identity, culture, history, civic engagement, and equity issues. Through arts, film, and online platforms, students will then apply their learning by creating community group projects that will be publicly showcased at various events during May 2020.

For more information, please visit the Live Well, Take Action website at livewelltakeaction.com. If you would like your child to apply for this program, please contact Ms. Wong at jenniferpui.wong@yrdsb.ca. (Deadline to apply is **Friday, January 17th, 2020.**)

GRADUATION PHOTOS

Graduation photos will begin on Monday, November 18th. Students can book an appointment with the photographer by visiting bookmygrad.ca 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 20th 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



TWEET OF THE WEEK



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#WorldKindnessDay2019
[#MakeKindnessTheNorm](#)
 #RandomActsOfKindness #bekindonline
 #Thankful #gratitude #Smile
 #KindnessMatters #Nice #MarkvilleCares



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DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

GRADE 8 DAY - TRANSITIONS ACTIVITY COUNCIL (TAC) WELCOMED THE CLASS OF 2024

On Wednesday, November 6th, while our Grade 9 students were off-site at “Take Our Kids to Work” day, Markville welcomed **over 330** Grade 8 students from our feeder schools to experience a “day in the life” of a high school student! This transition event was made possible and led by our hardworking and passionate TAC mentors. Grade 8 students had the opportunity to experience four Grade 9 classes, visit different departments, and see all of our awesome clubs in action.



We would like to thank our amazing TAC mentors, teachers, Guidance department, and AV club for supporting another successful Grade 8 day! Follow TAC on Instagram for updates about upcoming transition events: <https://www.instagram.com/markvilletac/>

HISTORY DEPARTMENT – EUROPE TRIP

The Markville History Department experienced 10 days of intensive history while travelling from Berlin to Budapest during the Fall Break 2019. The ninety-three students and ten chaperones bonded during our experiences at the Berlin Wall, Brandenburg Gate, Potsdam Palace, Prague Jewish Cemetery, Auschwitz Concentration Camp, Wieliczka Salt Mines, and Gellert Hill in Budapest. Thank you parents & guardians for allowing your children to create these lifelong memories with us. We hope the wonderful relationships that started or grew during the trip will continue for years to come. A big thank you to the chaperones who sacrificed their holiday time to care for the students on the trip. Markville students were a pleasure to chaperone. We're all looking forward to our next European adventure together in 2021!



Budapest



Wieliczka Salt Mines



Potsdam Palace





Auschwitz

Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
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MONDAY, NOV. 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Photos – bookmygrad.ca Markville code: WMS • SAC (Student Activity Council) Spirit Week – Markville Wear Day • Midterm Report Card Distribution • School Council Meeting in the Library (7:15pm – 8:30pm)
TUESDAY, NOV. 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Photos • SAC Spirit Week – Tic Tok Day
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Math Contest (8:00am – 11:00am) • Graduation Photos • SAC Spirit Week – Favourite Brands Day • Grade 10 Literacy Task #3 (1:45pm – 3:00pm)
THURSDAY, NOV. 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Photos • SAC Spirit Week – Twins Day • Hockey Game (1:45pm – 3:30pm)
FRIDAY, NOV. 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduation Photos • SAC Spirit Week – Pajama Day

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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