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IMPORTANT RESOURCES

LITERACY

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.

This month, our grade 10's completed a Literacy task that focused on finding the main idea of a text, writing a summary paragraph and writing an opinion paragraph. These are skills that are taught and practised all throughout your children's years at school and will be assessed on the OSSLT. Extra practice activities are available on the Literacy@Markville Google Classroom as well as during our After School Literacy program currently running on Wednesdays & Thursdays.

[Click here](#) to view the Literacy Task lesson that was presented this week in grade 10, period 5 classes. Literacy Tasks will be posted to our [website](#), on the new [Literacy Resources](#) page, under the [News & Events](#) tab.

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)

GRADUATION PAYMENT OPEN ON SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

Potential graduates can now pay their graduation fee on [School Cash Online](#). This fee includes a cap and gown for the graduates to keep, the venue fee, and a reception after the ceremony. Please contact the office with any questions.

CAREER NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th

We would like to invite all of our students to meet their future during Career Night @ Markville!

What would you have wanted to know before you chose your career? What advice would have helped you choose your post-secondary program? What courses do you wish you would have taken in high school? What are the pros and cons of your job? If you made a career change in the past, why?

On Wednesday, December 4th, 2019, the Markville chapter of Health Occupations Students of America (Canada) and Specialist High Skills Major program are hosting an event to help students find

information that isn't available on the Internet. Students are invited to our cafeteria to ask honest questions to professionals about their school and work experiences. This night is to discuss the different paths students can follow after high school with individuals who have first-hand experience.

If **you are interested in sharing your insight** with eager students, please send nina.saini@yrdsb.ca your first and last name, current profession, past profession(s), educational background and your email address before November 29th, 2019.

We cannot wait to see all of our students on December 4th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm to discover their future!

YRDSB COMMUNICATIONS TEST

On Tuesday, November 19th, YRDSB conducted a communications test which sent out a text to all parents who have provided a cell number as a contact number. This communication option would only be used in emergencies such as a weather related school closure. If you did not receive a text message and you would like to receive future messages, please contact the school office and provide your cell number.

FLU SEASON IS HERE. GET THE FLU SHOT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

The first and best step to prevent influenza, the flu, is to get the flu shot every year. The flu is contagious and anyone can get it. Getting the flu shot can protect you, your family and those around you.

To learn more about the flu and flu vaccine, visit york.ca/flu

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.**)

TWEET OF THE WEEK



[@Markville_YRDSB](https://twitter.com/Markville_YRDSB)

Exploring the 'cap and trade' system with a workshop from Watershed In Wheels today with our Students in Science class. Very informative! #studentengagement #handsonlearning #science #trca @watershedonwheels @trca_outreach



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

MODERNS DEPARTMENT

NEW COMMUNICATIVE APPROACH FOR FSL (FRENCH) / INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

Thank you for taking the time to read about what we are doing in the French and International Languages Department at Markville. We are pleased and happy with the continuous implementation of the new curriculum. The communicative approach encourages students to speak the target language, be it French or Spanish through building a strong base in vocabulary without just focusing on the grammar. Students are encouraged to develop their language skills through speaking, listening, writing, and reading. The new curriculum also emphasizes Francophone and Latin/Spanish culture. This is very important as it will aid our students to be global citizens and appreciate other cultures in a genuine way. Please enjoy!



EXPLORE:

The best way to learn a language is to immerse oneself in the target language. We would like to encourage parents to visit: www.myexplore.ca to learn about this wonderful opportunity for students to practise and improve their French skills. The program is open to students ages 13 and older. Please note that admission to the program is on a lottery system. Consult the website for more information.

PARTAGEONS:

In Grade 9 French, students are working on building their ability to participate in conversations in French. We encourage students to communicate with each other in French at all times during French class. As they practise, their ability and confidence increase. The Grade 9 Gifted classes take this a step further and devote one period a week to activities where they have to communicate in French without referring to texts, notes or the Internet. These activities are a lot of fun. Here, students are playing a version of Duck, Duck, Goose. They have to describe the other person in French before racing around the circle.

"LEARNING A FOREIGN LANGUAGE, AND THE CULTURE THAT GOES WITH IT, IS ONE OF THE MOST USEFUL THINGS WE CAN DO TO BROADEN THE EMPATHY AND IMAGINATIVE SYMPATHY AND CULTURAL OUTLOOK OF CHILDREN."

MICHAEL GOVE



INTERACTIVE IDEAS:

The French classes have been focused on infusing spoken interaction into all aspects of our classroom work. From minds-on activities that prompt students to discuss a variety of unit related content to theme days such as a "Francophone Café Au Lait" complete with crêpes, students are engaged in various spontaneous speaking tasks. For instance, the Period 2 class recently participated in a "Minute to Win It - Minute Pour le Gagner" challenge complete with four different stations of interactive, kinesthetic activities requiring them to make predictions and write comparisons. Moreover, the Period 1 class is currently practising their conversation skills by planning the "perfect celebration" while also enjoying an online tool called Quizlet that helps them practise unit vocabulary and concepts in a video game like challenge.

EUROPE 2020

THE FSL/International Languages Department is planning to take Markville students and teachers to Europe next fall during October break. This trip is pending approval. The 2020 Europe trip is going to Italy and Spain. These trips take many hours of planning and prepping but it is totally worth it as the students get to see a different part of the world. Not only do the students learn about the historical and cultural elements of the countries listed, they get to experience the language and food. Students are encouraged to speak the target language when applicable. These trips help create memories for a lifetime for our students.

Below are a handful of destinations that we will be visiting on our once in a lifetime trip!

Planned Itinerary: Milan, Pisa, Parma, Florence, Barcelona, Cordoba, Granada, and Costa del Sol





PRIDE MARKVILLE

On Wednesday, November 20th, Pride Markville representatives attended the Transgender Day of Remembrance Flag Raising Ceremony at York Regional Police Headquarters in Aurora. Tatiana Ferguson spoke about the discrimination and violence faced by many transgender people, especially those who are also visible minorities. Dr. Alex Abramovich, from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, shared highlights of his research into the high rates of homelessness and violence for trans youth and efforts to support these youth. We learned that people who identify as 2SLGBTQ+ are much more likely to become victims of violence or to become homeless than any other vulnerable group. However, supportive family and friends make a huge difference to 2SLGBTQ+; supported 2SLGBTQ+ youth are only slightly more likely to be victims of violence or be homeless than other youth. Transgender Day of Remembrance is important because violence towards transgender people is 56% higher than any other vulnerable group even though it is under reported.




Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, NOV 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Disclosure – Any courses remaining on a student's schedule from this date forward will be included on their official transcript 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Photos – bookmygrad.ca Markville code: WMS 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 9 Study Skills Class Presentations 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FlashPrint – YRDSB Printing Services (8:30am – 11:15am) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHSM Grade 10 Assembly (9:45am – 11:00am) 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hockey Game (1:45pm – 3:30pm)
TUESDAY, NOV 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Photos Grade 9 Study Skills Class Presentations Courthouse Trip (7:30am – 1:30pm)
WEDNESDAY, NOV 27 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Photos Grade 9 Study Skills Class Presentations Grade 8 Open House (6:30pm – 8:30pm)
THURSDAY, NOV 28 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Photos Grade 9 Study Skills Class Presentations Air Riderz (11:00am – 2:00pm) Hockey Game (2:25pm – 4:00pm)
FRIDAY, NOV 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graduation Photos Grade 9 Study Skills Class Presentations
SATURDAY, NOV 30 th	DECA Regionals (8:00am – 5:30pm) @ Brock University

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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