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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Friday, December 01, 2017

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

In November, about 1,000 students, staff members and community partners came together from across the Board to form a [Ring of Peace](#) and stand together against hate, discrimination and intolerance. The student speakers at the event shared meaningful messages about the importance of feeling welcome, valued and respected.

At York Region District School Board, we are committed to listening to the voices of our students and communities. We will continue working with our school communities to ensure our schools provide safe, welcoming and inclusive environments for everyone.

Last month, our annual [Quest conference](#) brought together educators from across Ontario, Canada and around the world to share, learn and discuss how to foster well-being in schools. Some of the themes covered included equity and inclusivity, and safe and caring environments.

It was a wonderful opportunity to learn more about some of the positive things happening in our own schools and other districts. In recent months, we have had several international visitors come to our system and schools to learn more about the work in our system to support student achievement and well-being, including Qatar, the Netherlands, Texas and the United Kingdom.

We are pleased to have these opportunities to continue highlighting and sharing the great things happening in our schools thanks to our outstanding students, staff members, families and community partners. Your engagement makes a difference in our schools and I encourage you to continue getting involved in the life of your child's school.

As we enter the holiday season, I am once again impressed by the generosity of our school communities and our students' commitment to helping others.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2018.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

It was announced last week that Markville S.S. is closed for transfer for the 2018-2019 school year. Please [click here](#) for more information.

**YRDSB Board of Trustees has appointed a new Director of Education, Louise Sirisko.**

Please [click here](#) for more detailed information.

### Winter is on the Way!

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air

temperature, road conditions, and weather forecast. More information can be found [here](#), or by visiting [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com). Cancellation notices will be communicated by radio, TV, and by following our school twitter account: [@Markville\\_YRDSB](#)



### Grade 9 Study Skills Workshops

This week, Grade 9 students had the opportunity to attend hands-on “Lunch Blitz” workshops, led by our TAC mentors. Students learned about study strategies for specific subjects, organized their coursework/notes, and created effective study schedules for their upcoming assessments!

All students are invited and encouraged to use the strategies as we move into exam preparation in January. The presentations from the workshops have been added to our [school website](#) under the [Students](#) tab, [Study Skills](#) page, and can also be accessed by clicking on the following links:

- [Study Strategies That Really Work!](#)
- [Time Management](#)
- [Study Strategies and Test Taking Skills](#)
- [Organization](#)
- [Adolescents & Sleep](#)

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. J. Li or Ms. Scagnetti.

We would like to thank our TAC Mentors, Special Education Dept., Gr. 9 teachers, Administration, and all parents for your support of this year's Gr. 9 Study Initiative!



TWEET OF THE WEEK



Markville S.S. welcomes Jennifer Kolari, parenting expert. Thank you to all parents and community members who attended!



## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

### HISTORY DEPARTMENT - EUROPE 2017

The History Department embarked on an incredible European adventure over the November break with 125 students and staff from Markville. It was absolutely incredible every step of the way. Our students were amazing representatives for Markville and Canada. The learning on this trip was so deep as we got the flavour of so many different places. From the vibrance of cosmopolitan Berlin, to the beauty of the waterways and architecture of Amsterdam, the absolute pride of singing our national anthem at Vimy Ridge, the humbling journey along the battlefields and cemeteries of Normandy, concluding in the magical city of Paris. The History Department would like to thank every student that joined us on this adventure. Thank you for being amazing people, inspiring learners and making us proud every step of the trip. Thank you also to our super crew of chaperones that made our biggest trip our best yet! Check out all of our travel on the Markville History Twitter: [@MSS\\_History](#)



Berlin Skyline



Book Burning Monument - Bebelplatz



Brandenburg Gate, Berlin



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Berlin Wall



Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp



Berlin Train Station



Anne Frank House, Amsterdam



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# VIMY RIDGE



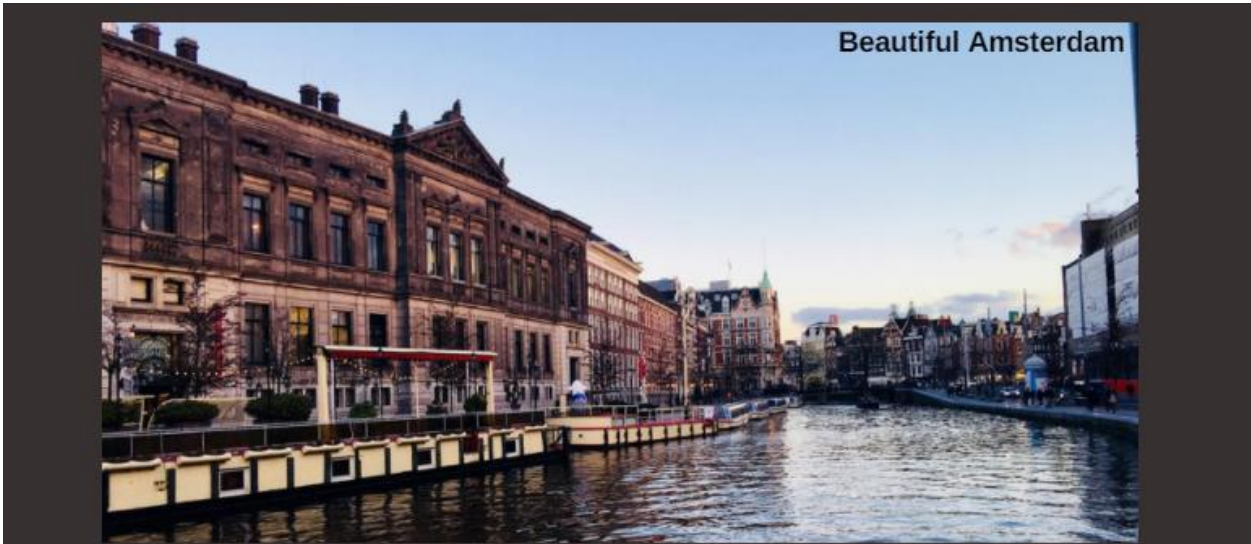
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Arromanches, France



Canada House, near Juno Beach



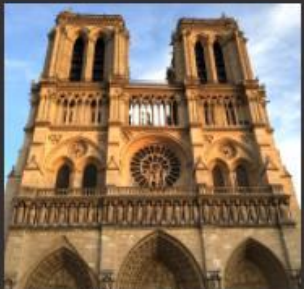
**Beautiful Amsterdam**



**A canal & bike parking lot in Amsterdam - 4000 bikes!**



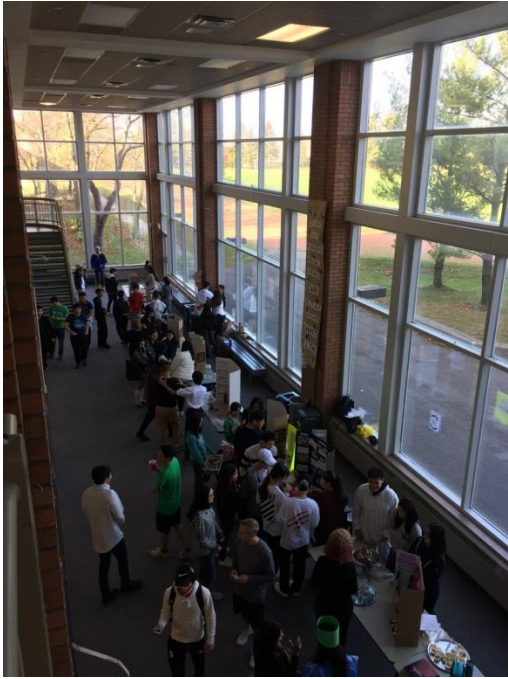
**The Eiffel Tower from the top of the Arc de Triomphe**



**Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris**



**Gold Beach, France. At sunrise.**



Last month students in the Family Studies department organized a Super Foods extravaganza in the atrium. This event showcased exotic and nutritious foods from around the world. These foods are both nutritious and delicious. The Food and Nutrition class went to Kensington Market and St. Lawrence Market to explore multicultural foods in the city of Toronto. Students had the opportunity to try new foods and explore various cultural markets. The Anthropology students visited the Royal Ontario Museum to explore the Dinosaur and Biodiversity exhibits. Students also conducted their social science experiments which gave them further insight as to the dynamics of human social interaction. Students are looking forward to their New York City field trip this May.




### Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, DEC. 4 <sup>th</sup>	• Co-Op Career Fair – All Day in the Atrium				
	• Grad Photos – Last Day				
	• SHSM Our Canada Project Youth Leadership Forum (7:00am – 4:00pm)				
	• Guest Speaker – York Regional Police (9:45am – 11:00am)				
TUESDAY, DEC. 5 <sup>th</sup>	• Raptors 905 Game (9:30am – 1:30pm)				
	• Varsity Boys Hockey Game (1:45pm – 4:30pm)				
	• Senior Boys Basketball Game (2:45pm – 5:00pm)				
	• Junior Boys Basketball Home Game (4:00pm – 6:00pm)				
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6 <sup>th</sup>	• Faculty of Kinesiology Tour at the University of Toronto				
	• SHSM Safe Talk Certification (8:30am – 3:00pm)				
	• Inside Ride (11:05am – 1:40pm)				
THURSDAY, DEC. 7 <sup>th</sup>	• Junior Boys Basketball Tournament (7:30am – 5:00pm)				
	• Beauty and the Beast Trip (9:15am – 12:30pm)				

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FRIDAY, DEC. 8 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SNAP Basketball (9:00am – 1:30pm)</li> <li>Grade 9 <a href="#">Hour of Code</a> (1:45pm – 3:00pm)</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

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