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Friday, December 06, 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)

PARENT ENGAGEMENT AND NETWORK (PEN) FOR CHINESE FAMILIES PATHWAY PLANNING AND POST-SECONDARY APPLICATIONS WORKHOP

On Wednesday, December 11th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm the Parent Engagement and Network for Chinese Families will be hosting a workshop in Mandarin, Cantonese, and English about Pathway Planning and Post-Secondary Applications at the Markham South Welcome Centre. Parents and / or guardians can register online: bit.ly/PEN-WS , by calling Jean Wang (416) 662-5416, or by email: Alice W.L. Chu AliceWan-Ling.Chu@yrdsb.ca

For more information, please [click here](#).



Parents for Children's Mental Health

SUPPORT. EDUCATE. EMPOWER.

Monday, December 16th

PARENTS' Support Group-all are welcome!

Topic: Homework and Learning Disabilities How to help, cope and advocate at school Presentation & Parent Discussion

Does your child's anxiety, ADHD, mood disorders, learning disability, or behaviour challenges make parenting difficult?

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| 6:30 to 8:00 pm | No pre-registration is needed. All are welcome. Sorry no child minding available. Young children cannot safely be left unattended. |
| Where | *NEW*Aurora Kinark Office 218 Earl Stewart Drive, Unit 7, Aurora, ON L4G 6V7. One block south of St. John's Sideroad. One block west of Bayview Ave. Lots of free parking |

MARKVILLE SS CLOSED TO TRANSFER 2020-2021

Each year the York Region District School Board staff work collaboratively to balance student enrolment and accommodation needs in an effort to ensure that students living in a school attendance area can attend their local secondary school without overflowing to other schools. Further, those accepted on transfer into courses and / or programs outside their home school attendance area need to be accommodated without displacing or limiting opportunity for students who live locally. Markville SS will not be accepting new student transfer requests for the 2020-2021 school year. A [list of schools](#) who are accepting new student transfer requests is available on [our website](#) under the [News & Events](#) tab.

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

WINTER WEATHER

With winter weather already here, we want to share some important reminders for families.

When an **inclement weather** or **extreme cold** day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. If you drive your child to school, or your child takes alternate transportation, you must make arrangements for your child to get home at the end of the day. Please call the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when **Emergency Weather Days** occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure.

Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, [Board](#) and school website and on [twitter @YRDSB](#).

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather, and emergency weather days is outlined in the Board's [Severe Weather policy](#), which has been recently updated and is available for public comment. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process. All [policies available for comment](#) are sent to school council chairs and are posted on the Board website, along with information about how to provide feedback. [Click here](#) to watch a video on how the decisions are made to declare an inclement weather or extreme cold day.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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Markville's Co-Op students proud to share their experiences! [#MSSCOOProcks](#)

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

FLASHPRINT @MSS

Flash Print @ MSS is a creative design / layout and print store run by Personalized Alternative Education students in portable 2. Not only do these students at Flash Print learn about entrepreneurship through the existing business but they have also planned and launched two greeting card ventures called The Card Shop and Crypto Cards. Flash Print students have had the chance to meet and work with Mr. Don Fox at YRDSB's Printing Services who has supported their ventures and expanded the print store experience to include industrial equipment. This new partnership has also allowed Flash Print students to be able to offer, through their greeting card businesses, small and large greeting cards with a premium finish. Cards are also available with a standard finish – and these cards are all made in our own facility at Markville Secondary School. Please encourage your child to visit our booths located in the atrium during periods 3 and 4 to purchase unique greeting cards for a birthday, the holidays, or even a thank you card from The Card Shop and Crypto Cards until December 12th.

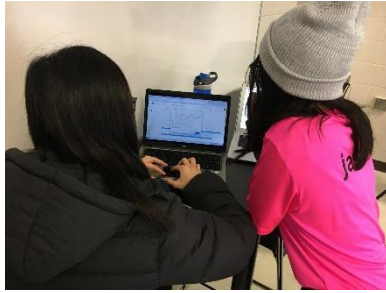


STUDENT SUCCESS AND TRANSITIONS ACTIVITY COUNCIL (TAC)

Over the past two weeks, Student Success and TAC have been busy working with our Grade 9 students on STUDY SKILLS! In November, all Grade 9 students received in-class presentations on study skills delivered by Ms. Li and Ms. Scagnetti. Following the presentations, Grade 9 students had the opportunity to attend hands-on, “lunch n’ learn” workshops which were focused on specific topics and facilitated by our TAC mentors. The Study Skills workshops were, once again, a huge hit and we had two full classrooms of students every day!



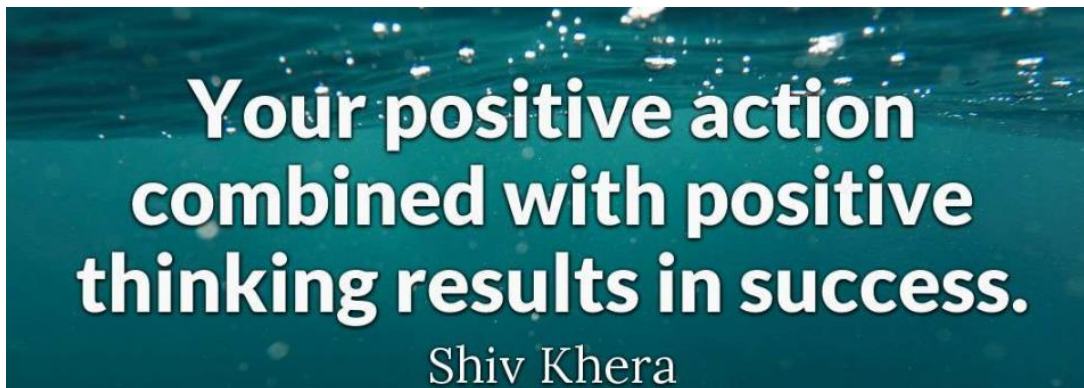
Throughout this week, Grade 9 students learned about test anxiety, overall wellbeing, time management, organization, and effective study strategies for specific subjects and exams. Together with their mentors, students practiced developing realistic and balanced study schedules, chunked their work, organized their coursework/notes/Google drives, and learned effective study strategies like making jot notes and flashcards! Fantastic work, Grade 9s! We hope you are able to implement these important study skills and we wish you all success as you continue high school!



All students are invited and encouraged to check out the workshop presentations below: The presentations from the workshops have been added to our [school website](#), under the [Students](#) tab, on the [Study Skills](#) page, and can be accessed by clicking on the following links:

1. [Organization Workshop.pdf](#)
2. [Time Management Workshop.pdf](#)
3. [Test Anxiety and Wellbeing Workshop.pdf](#)
4. [Study Skills and Exam Taking Skills Workshop.pdf](#)

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. J. Li (Rm 229) or Ms. Scagnetti (Guidance)




We would like to thank our amazing TAC mentors, Special Education Department, Grade 9 teachers, Co-Op Department, Administration and all parents for your support of this year's Grade 9 Study Skills Initiative. It was another successful year!

Upcoming Events

| DATE | School News | Student Life | Arts | Sports & Clubs | Academics |
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| MONDAY, DEC. 9 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNAP Basketball (9:15am – 1:30pm) • Senior Boys Basketball (3:15pm – 5:15pm) • Curling Team (4:00pm – 5:30pm) | | | | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Festive Sounds – Flato Markham Theatre (7:30pm) |
| TUESDAY, DEC. 10 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Hall – Ice Skating (9:30am – 3:00pm) |
| WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swim Team Tournament (7:30am – 4:00pm) Grade 10 Literacy Diagnostic (8:20am – 9:35am) Senior Girls Volleyball (2:20pm – 4:55pm) PRIDE Markville (3:00pm – 5:00pm) |
| THURSDAY, DEC. 12 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Toronto Kinesiology Tour (7:30am – 2:00pm) Hockey Game (2:15pm – 4:30pm) ESL Holiday Tea Party (3:00pm – 5:15pm) Senior Boys Basketball (4:00pm – 5:15pm) |
| FRIDAY, DEC. 13 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flashprint – YRDSB Printing Services (8:30am – 11:15am) |

Looking for Volunteer Opportunities? Come visit the Guidance Office, or check out these helpful links:

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|  | 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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