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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)

A MESSAGE FROM STUDENT SUCCESS

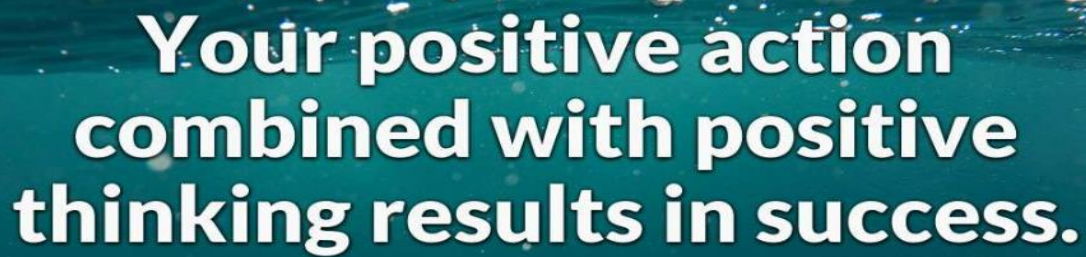
Over the past two weeks, Grade 9 students received presentations on study skills and had the opportunity to attend hands-on workshops on critical skills. The Study Skills Lunch Workshops were led by our TAC (Transitions Activity Council) mentors and Student Success teachers. Grade 9 students learned about test anxiety, overall wellbeing, time management, organization, and effective study strategies for specific subjects and evaluations. Together with their mentors, students practised creating an effective and balanced study schedule, chunked their work, organized their coursework/notes, and practised effective study strategies like making jot notes and flashcards. Good work, Grade 9s!

All students are invited and encouraged to check out the presentations and use the strategies as we move towards exam preparation in January.

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. [Test Anxiety and Overall Wellbeing](#)
2. [Time Management](#)
3. [Organization](#)
4. [Study Strategies and Test Taking Skills](#)

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



Your positive action combined with positive thinking results in success.

Shiv Khera

We would like to thank our amazing TAC Mentors, Special Education Dept., Grade 9 teachers, Ms. Soo Kim, Administration, and all parents for your support of this year's Grade 9 Study Skills Initiative. It was our most successful year yet!

YEARBOOKS

If your son/daughter missed the Yearbook sale at the start of the year, you're in luck! Next week, Monday to Friday, you will be able to purchase a yearbook through [SchoolCashOnline](#) for \$35. It's a great way to commemorate the year and help your child feel connected to the other students in their school community. Copies won't be available in June, so pre-order yours this week!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The new School Board Trustees have been sworn in this week. Our new School Board Trustee representing Markham wards 2, 3, and 6 is Ron Lynn. School Board Trustees are elected to:

- promote student achievement and well-being;
- deliver effective and appropriate educational programs;
- develop, maintain and monitor effectiveness of Board policies;
- develop, communicate and review the [Multi-Year Plan](#);
- monitor the performance of the Director of Education; and
- practice responsible stewardship of Board resources.

If you have any questions or concerns you would like to share with Mr. Lynn, he can be reached by email: ron.lynn@yrdsb.ca, by phone: (289)221-7352, or by mail: 60 Wellington St. West, Aurora ON L4G 3H2

DECEMBER ECO THEME – REDUCE YOUR FOOTPRINT

With the beginning of December we can start to think about ways that we can reduce our consumption of consumable materials. When shopping (even for gifts) consider bringing your own reusable bags. Another simple way to reduce your plastic usage is to refuse plastic drinking straws. Consider the purchase of a reusable straw you can keep with you, or make an effort to frequent businesses which have made the switch to paper straws. For example the Toronto Zoo uses 100% recyclable and biodegradable paper straws in their restaurants.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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

December 6th is a national day of remembrance & ACTION on violence against women. No family should have empty seats at their table. Thank you to Ms. Teape for this poignant display. #MYACTIONSMATTER



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The Markville Music Department has embarked on what promises to be yet another busy and exciting year. All of the department's major ensembles have been rehearsing since September, and preparation for upcoming concert and festival performances have already begun. The Music Theatre division has also begun preparation of this year's production, **"Tuck Everlasting"**.

On a lighter "note", the annual **Markville Music Fall Classic Bowling Tournament** was held on October 26th. We had a fantastic turnout (especially from some very enthusiastic Grade 9 members of the department).

Upcoming events in the Music Department include our annual **Festive Sounds** concert on December 10th at Flato Markham Theatre, and our Music Theatre production of **Tuck Everlasting** on January 11th and 12th at the Richmond Hill Performing Arts Centre.

Information on all upcoming events is available by contacting the Markville Music Department at 905-940-8840 ext. 131 or by visiting the music department website at www.markvillemusic.com

ART DEPARTMENT

This fall has seen many exciting works of art created by our talented students from Grades 9 to 12. Our Grade 9s have been busy making their 3D Monster Sculptures using recycled materials. Grade 11 Students have been working with our York University ED1 teacher candidate, Mr. Wallenwein, making personalized bas relief masks that speak to their personal narrative. Our Senior Studio Portfolio students have been exploring their thesis concepts through large format paintings with great attention to technique and detail. Our new Sculptural Arts course has been busy exploring self-portraits in wire and received training this past month on the art of Glass Fusing. We look forward to seeing the rest of this semester's wonderful creations!

The Visual Arts Department continues its tradition as a post-secondary teaching department with the addition of this year's York University Teacher Candidate, Mr. Camden Wallenwein. Mr. Wallenwein has a BFA from York University, and brings to Markville his expertise on various printmaking methods, self-portraiture photography, and sculpture.

We would also like to extend a warm thank you to Mr. Kirkland Russell, who has been teaching on behalf of Ms. Park during her absence. We welcomed Ms. Parks return on December 6th.




Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, DEC 10 th	• Winter Wishes Candy Grams (Periods 2, 3, & 4 in the Atrium)				
	• Curling League Game (1:15pm – 6:00pm)				
	• Senior Boys Basketball (3:30pm – 5:30pm)				
	• Festive Sounds (7:30pm) Markham Flato Theatre				
TUESDAY, DEC 11 th	• Winter Wishes Candy Grams (Periods 2, 3, & 4 in the Atrium)				
	• Grade 9 Science Trip to the Science Centre				
	• Senior Girls Volleyball (2:30pm – 5:05pm)				
	• ESL Holiday Tea Party (3:30pm – 5:00pm)				
WEDNESDAY, DEC 12 th	• Winter Wishes Candy Grams (Periods 2, 3, & 4 in the Atrium)				
	• Swim Team Tournament (7:15am – 2:15pm)				
	• OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) Diagnostic Assessment (Period 1)				
	• Grade 8 Open House (6:30pm – 8:30pm)				

THURSDAY, DEC 13 th	• Winter Wishes Candy Grams (Periods 2, 3, & 4 in the Atrium)
	• Air Riderz (9:45am – 3:00pm)
	• Flash Print: BOC (12:00pm – 3:00pm)
	• Varsity Hockey (1:45pm – 4:30pm)
	• Senior Drama Class Production (3:00pm – 5:00pm)
FRIDAY, DEC 14 th	• Winter Wishes Candy Grams (Periods 2, 3, & 4 in the Atrium)
	• Senior Girls Volleyball (7:30am – 5:00pm)
	• Varsity Hockey (1:45pm – 4:30pm)
	• Rock Climbing (4:00pm – 6:00pm)

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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