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Friday, December 21, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Markville families,

The holiday season is upon us and I would like to take this opportunity to express our most sincere appreciation for your ongoing support of our school. These strong ties among all the members of the Markville S.S. community, parents, guardians, students and staff is what enhances and supports the academic and well-being success of your children, our students.

On behalf of our staff, we wish you all a very healthy and restful holiday season!

Patricia Obadia



IMPORTANT RESOURCES

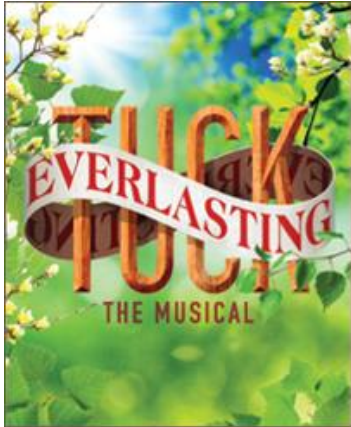
MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

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)



Have things gone missing when your children return home from school? Have them check the lost and found located on the first floor by the caretaking office. There is also a small lost and found in the Library Learning Commons behind the circulation desk. Any items not claimed before exams will be donated to a local charity.



MARKVILLE MUSIC is thrilled to announce that the musical theatre classes will be presenting ***Tuck Everlasting*** at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts on January 11th & 12th, 2019. Tickets are available now from any musical theatre student, and are also available for purchase through Cash Online. [Click here](#) for a link to the ticket order form. Save by ordering ahead!

If you have not attended one of Markville's musicals in the past, you have been missing out! The students, teachers, theatre staff, volunteers, and support staff do an amazing job with each of their performances, culminating in a magical two days of talent. Tickets are available in advance until January 9th and a limited number will be available at the door.

OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) and COLLEGE DEADLINE REMINDER

The holiday break is a great time to work on University and College applications. Many programs now ask for supplementary information and the time off from school is a great opportunity to get this done!

The deadline to submit initial applications to [OUAC](#) is January 16, 2019. The processing fee allows students to choose 3 programs to apply to. Additional programs can be applied to at an additional cost. Offers may begin at any point after an application has been submitted. Each university schedule is different. The latest date that a student can expect an offer, deferral, or refusal of admission is May 29th, 2019. The earliest date that any deposits may be required is June 3rd, 2019.

The deadline to apply for college programs in Ontario is February 1st, 2019 for equal consideration. Students must make an account at [ontariocolleges.ca](#) before applying. Applications are being accepted now. The processing fee for colleges includes applications to 5 programs. There is a maximum of three programs at any one college. The deadline to accept an offer from a college is May 1st, 2019 and the earliest date that a college can require any kind of deposit for residence or tuition is on June 15th, 2019.

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.

Here are 7 tips for reducing your carbon footprint – [click here](#) to access the full article:

1. Stop Eating (or Eat Less) Meat. The single most effective action you can take to combat climate change is to stop eating meat. ...
2. Unplug Your Devices. ...
3. Drive Less. ...
4. Don't Buy "Fast Fashion" ...
5. Plant a Garden. ...
6. Eat Local (and Organic) ...
7. Line-Dry Your Clothes.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



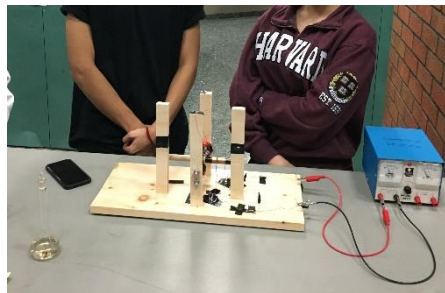
[#Markville](#)'s January 2019 Final [Examination Schedule](#) & [Examination Guidelines](#) are now available on school website [NEWS & EVENTS](#) page.



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The Markville Science department has had an exciting start to the school year. Of course our students are involved in the usual in-class learning of curriculum expectations and learning skills. However, the Science program at Markville is enhanced by the many extra-curricular opportunities and beyond-the-classroom activities we offer. The Grade 9s visited the Ontario Science Centre, and are excited to participate in the STEM it UP! Living Space collaborative inquiry. Our Grade 9 teachers are working with Let's Talk Science and Fair Chance Learning to introduce our students to concepts of computational thinking and coding with micro-bits. They bring experiential learning into the classroom as our Grade 9s will connect with Dr. David Saint-Jacques on his mission to the International Space Station. Our Grade 10s were thoroughly engaged by a guest speaker from the York Environmental Stewardship who addressed "How to Change the World: Education to inform Conservation and Resilience with Climate Change." Through the use of the library's Breakout EDU boxes, our Grade 11 Chemistry students used their critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity skills to solve puzzles and unlock clues. They also experienced the Get to Know H₂O program presented by the city of Markham. In our Grade 11 Physics course, students built their own motors, and heard from Dr. Hossam Gaber who spoke on energy storage technologies for sustainable infrastructures. Our Grade 12 Biology students engaged in a discussion with guest speakers on how modern farming and agricultural practices contribute to present-day health concerns. They learned about the latest meat and plant-based food science technologies.



In addition, teachers and students have organized numerous extended-learning opportunities through HOSA (currently training for the SLC) and Eco-Club (building 'milk mats', conducting waste audits, and continuing the work to maintain our Platinum standing). Next semester, students are invited to participate in UBC's Michael Smith Challenge, the University of Toronto's National Biology Competition, the University of Waterloo's Chem 13 News Contest and Avogadro Chemistry Contest, as well as the OAPT and SIN contests. We will also be sending teams of students to compete in the Design Build Challenge at the York Region Skills Competition, and the YRDSB Science Olympics in May!

PHYSICS CLUB

Markville's Physics Club students have been conducting fun activities with liquid nitrogen, super conductor levitation, angular momentum conservation demos, and preparation for the Sir Isaac Newton Contest. If you know of a student who would like to learn more about Physics Club, please have them submit their name through the following Google Form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/acN1xqJOAnqKKWw53>





Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
SATURDAY, DEC 22 nd – SUNDAY, JAN 6 th	• WINTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL				
MONDAY, JAN 7 th	• Eastern Orthodox Christmas (Russia)				
TUESDAY, JAN 8 th	• Ski Trip (8:00am – 3:45pm) Horseshoe Valley				
	• Grade 10 SHSM (Specialist High School Major) Assembly (9:40am – 11:00am)				
	• Curling League Game (1:15pm – 6:00pm)				
	• Varsity Hockey (1:45pm – 4:30pm)				

WEDNESDAY, JAN 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alpine Ski & Board (8:00am – 6:30pm) Mount St. Louis Moonstone Markham Small Business Presentation (12:30pm – 1:45pm) Senior Boys Basketball Game (2:45pm – 5:00pm) Junior Boys Basketball Game (3:30pm – 6:30pm)
THURSDAY, JAN 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Houseplant Appreciation Day
FRIDAY, JAN 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Theatre Presentation – Tuck Everlasting (7:30pm) at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts – 10268 Yonge Street
SATURDAY, JAN 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Theatre Presentation – Tuck Everlasting (2:00pm & 7:30pm) at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts – 10268 Yonge Street

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

 <p>Student Volunteer Opportunities</p>	 <p>Volunteer Opportunities</p>
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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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