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Friday, January 10, 2020

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

Community Vigil for Victims

Families and community members are invited to attend a vigil honouring the victims of the January 8 plane crash in Iran.

This tragic event has deeply affected our community and we invite you to join us in a show of support.

**Monday, January 13, 2020
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning
36 Regatta Ave. Richmond Hill, ON**

Please note - This is an outdoor event. Please dress for the weather.



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](#)

EXAM SCHEDULE AND GUIDELINES

The [exam schedule](#) and [exam day guidelines](#) are now available. The schedule will be posted around the school, and an updated copy is always available in the Library. The [schedule](#) and guidelines are also on our [website](#), under the News & Events tab. Period 1 exams will begin on Thursday, January 23rd, Period 2 exams on Friday, January 24th, Period 3 exams on Monday, January 27th, Period 4 exams on Tuesday, January 28th, and Period 5 exams on Wednesday, January 29th. Exam review day will be on Thursday, January 30th, followed by a PA day on Friday, January 31st.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

FIRE ROUTE SAFETY REMINDER

The City of Markham would like us to remind parents and guardians about some key safety measures that need to be in place at all area schools. **Every school has designated fire routes that must be kept clear at all times.** Any vehicles parked in an area marked as a fire route are subject to a Penalty Notice. The Drop Off area is for immediate drop offs and pick-ups only. This means that in the morning, when parents are dropping students off, they pull over, the student gets out, and the vehicle pulls away without delay. When picking students up at the end of the day, parents are to make sure the student(s) are at the curb before pulling into the drop off loop. **Vehicles are NOT permitted to park in the loop** and wait for school to end, for students to gather their things, and to finally make their way outside. This blocks the fire route and is in violation of the Parking Control Bylaw 2005-188 which can result in a hefty fine.

If you have arrived prior to the end of the school day, or the student you are waiting for is not waiting outside at the curb, please park your vehicle in the parking lot section until they have exited the building. At that point, you may turn right from the parking lot into the drop off loop and pick up your student.

School staff have no authority over tickets issued by the City of Markham. Please note, bylaw officers may conduct enforcement at school zones by recording license plates, without stepping out of their vehicle, and mail Penalty Notices to the registered owners of improperly parked vehicles.

Fire Route



These signs are posted to alert drivers that the area is a **Fire Route**. Fire Routes are the roads, laneways, or driveways that provide access to a building and may also include areas within a parking lot. A driver is **in violation** of this parking regulation if he/she is stopped or parked in a Fire Route even if their engine is running, hazard lights are flashing, or there is someone in the car.

When this sign is displayed, drivers are permitted to immediately drop off/pick up individuals – **there cannot be a delay**. For example, when a parent is dropping off their child to school, the child should get out of the vehicle and the parent should immediately drive away. Similarly, when a parent is engaged in picking up their child, the child should already be waiting at the curb for their parent. After the child gets into the vehicle, the parent must then immediately drive away.

When this sign is displayed, drivers are not permitted to:

1. Sit and wait in the car for their child (even for a few minutes); or
2. Leave their vehicle (even to quickly drop off their child's lunch).

GUIDANCE REMINDER

It is important that all students check their MyBlueprint account on a regular basis for messages from Guidance. It is also important to check their GAPPS email on a daily basis for individual emails from Guidance. We are currently emailing students regarding timetable changes for semester 2, wait list information, community service hour concerns, and also invitations to make appointments to check in with a guidance counsellor. Information about course selection for the 2020-2021 school year will be shared at assemblies for all students happening early in February.

THERAPY DOGS

On Friday, January 17th, 2020, Markville Secondary School will be hosting the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program during lunch periods 3 and 4 in Room 109.

The purpose of the Therapy Dog Program is to provide stress and anxiety relief for our students as we approach semester one exams.

Students will be able to talk with a St. John Ambulance volunteer and pet/cuddle the dog. As outlined by the St. John Ambulance website, the program offers many benefits to students including comfort and calming, improved self-confidence and self-esteem, stress relief, and distraction from pain.

If your child has a sensitivity, allergy, or fear of dogs, please have them enter and exit the building through our main entrance. The dogs will only be on the school premises from 12pm - 1pm and will be supervised and contained in Room 109. For further information on the Therapy Dog Program, please visit The St. John Ambulance website, www.sja.ca

2020 MARCH BREAK YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The York Regional Police would like to invite YRDSB students to apply to be part of a Youth Engagement Program during the upcoming March Break. Interested students can expect to have a week of learning and get to experience a small portion of what the recruitment process may be like when applying to York Regional Police. The week includes a physical fitness component which all participants will be involved in. This program is designed to assist students in gaining self-confidence, self-discipline, self-awareness, and resiliency. Students must complete an essay with their application and have their own transportation to the program, public transit is not an option.

Interested applicants can email csv@yvp.ca to request an application form.

For more information or further questions, please contact: Debbie Robinson #5459, Supervisor, Community Safety Village, York Regional Police. (email: csv@yvp.ca)



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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)

Markville Music is proud to present "Mary Poppins" January 10th & 11th at the Richmond Hill Center for the Performing Arts. An amazing opportunity to see Students perform! [@RHCPA](https://twitter.com/RHCPA) [@YRDSBArts](https://twitter.com/YRDSBArts)



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

ESL (English as a Second Language) PROGRAM



Semester 1 was fun and exciting for the Markville ELLs (English Language Learners)! With the many classroom activities designed to better develop English language literacy, the focus this year has been on student well-being. A variety of wellness activities have been designed to keep students engaged in their learning and decrease stress. Making our new Canadians feel welcome at our school, as they transition to a new country, has been paramount. The 7th annual "Home for the Holidays" Tea was attended by over 60 students. The afternoon consisted of traditional holiday activities such as cookie decorating, festive treats, and a visit from Santa. Students also had an opportunity to go ice skating downtown at Nathan Phillips Square. Stay tuned for more ESL updates in semester 2.



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, JAN. 13 th	• Senior Boys Basketball (3:15pm – 5:15pm)				
TUESDAY, JAN. 14 th	• Senior Girls Volleyball (2:20pm – 5:15pm)				
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15 th	• AI for Good – SHSM (8:30am – 2:30pm)				
THURSDAY, JAN. 16 th	• Colin Clarke Master Class (Senior Wind Ensemble) (4:00pm – 6:00pm)				
FRIDAY, JAN. 17 th	• Flower of the Day – Avocado				

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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