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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Friday, January 11, 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](#)

EXAM SCHEDULE AND GUIDELINES

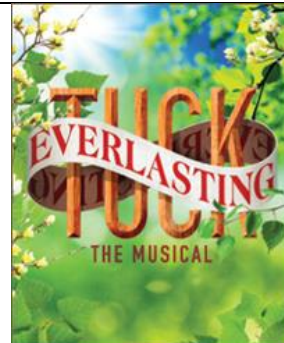
We have posted the [exam schedule](#) and [guidelines](#) for Semester 1 exams on our website under the [News & Events](#) tab. Updates to the exam schedule have been made with a couple of room changes and the latest version is posted on the website. Exams begin on Thursday, January 24th and end on Wednesday, January 30th. Exam feedback day is Thursday, January 31st, following a modified schedule. Friday, February 1st is a PA Day. Semester 2 begins on Monday, February 4th.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

STUDENT SUPERVISION DURING PARENTAL ABSENCES

If a parent / guardian needs to leave the country for an extended period, another adult here in Ontario must be given authority to act on their behalf regarding their child's school matters by notifying the school in writing with this updated information. If the absence is to be longer than a month, an Educational Services Agreement, available at the school, must be completed prior to leaving.

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. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Shows begin at 7:30pm on Friday (tonight!) and Saturday, with an additional matinee performance at 2:00pm on Saturday. 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.



Recognizing and Coping with Depression

OPEN FORUM

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Moderated and Facilitated by Lyndsay Thompson

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:00 pm

**Hummingbird Hub
6331 Main Street, Stouffville**

Adults \$10

Students \$5

For More Information or to Register Online, go to
Creating Community For All - Facebook Page or
creatingcommunityforall@stouffvilleuc.ca



THERAPY DOG PROGRAM

On Friday, January 18th Markville Secondary School will be hosting the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program during the lunch periods in the small gym. 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 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 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm and will be supervised and remain in the small gym. For further information on the Therapy Dog Program, please visit The St. John Ambulance website, www.sja.ca.

ECO THEME FOR JANUARY: GOOS PAPER

January's ECO theme starts off the year by reusing paper. GOOS paper stands for Good On One Side. That means that paper that has been printed or written on on one side, is still good to use on the other side for notes, sketches, math problems, writing poems, use your imagination! Most classrooms, offices, and the Library Learning Commons all have GOOS paper bins for students and teachers to use. Try this tip at home as well, use all that extra paper for grocery lists, recipes, budget calculations, writing poems, novels, screenplays, again use that wonderful imagination and make a difference.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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Some students know exactly what they want to do after graduation while others don't have a clear plan or goal. Help support all students with [#myBlueprint](#). Check out our Forwards Backwards Planning Guide <https://myblueprint.ca/support/resources/education-planner/5SWgWEtS0wkig4OqOQsQqI/> ... [#education](#) [#careers](#)



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

FRENCH PEER TUTORING CLUB

Studying French is very beneficial in an ever changing world. We, the French and International Languages department at Markville, encourage all our students to keep learning languages especially French as it is our second official language in Canada. The French language has its fair share of challenges in all the applicable strands: reading, writing, speaking, and listening. The French Peer Tutoring Club allows students to grow their French skills by working on one or all four strands of the language one on one with one of our senior (grade 11 and 12) French students or as a group with a French teacher.

From practising and reviewing grammar, reading online articles, practising their pronunciation, speaking about various current affairs, to working on classroom projects, the students have come a long way and their French has improved vastly. We encourage all students to come visit and build their French language skills.



LA BONNE VIDA CLUB

La Bonne Vida club includes a small group of students with big spirit. They have been learning about different cultural elements of French and Latin culture over the year. The gastronomic adventures this semester have given them an opportunity to put their cooking skills to the test and to thrill their taste buds. We started in French cuisine: les crêpes, bien sûr! These were topped with chocolate, fruits, and whip cream! Miam Miam! Later, while watching the movie Coco, students relished tacos and nachos with toppings galore and of course, salsa. Again, muy rico! Each meet up is sure to be fun even when there is no food, with games, language activities, crafts, and more. It really goes to show that it is "la bonne vida" (the good life)!



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, JAN 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Boys Basketball Game (4:45pm – 6:45pm) 				
TUESDAY, JAN 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Girls Volleyball (3:00pm – 5:15pm) 				
WEDNESDAY, JAN 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University Application Deadline – OUAC 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Library Resources Due Today 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Boys Basketball Game (2:45pm – 5:00pm) Senior Boys Basketball Game (3:00pm – 6:00pm) 				
THURSDAY, JAN 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EQAO – Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varsity Hockey (1:45pm – 4:30pm) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Clarke Masterclass with the Senior Wind Ensemble (4:00pm – 6:00pm) 				
FRIDAY, JAN 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EQAO – Grade 9 Assessment of Mathematics 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Therapy Dogs Visit Markville (12:00pm – 1:00pm) in the Small Gym 				

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



[Student 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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