

InspireLearning! Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Here at Markville SS, we are always looking for ways to help our students succeed. As we head into the last few weeks of school and the start of exams, we understand that it can be overwhelming to process the excitement of the end of the school year combined with staying focused on the tasks that need to be completed to get there. Sierra Tishgart, a writer for Teen Voque has the following suggestions to help students experience success during the final days of the school year:

- 1. Understand your goals: Why is that class and that test relevant to you? Why is it important to do well on a test?
- 2. Prioritize the tests that matter the most: Spending equal time to study for each test takes away from opportunities to commit time where it is really needed.
- 3. Clarify the content and format of your exams: What is the exam going to cover and what format will it be in?
- 4. Aim to begin studying as early as possible before exams: Set aside a little time each week to sit down and organize your notes and reflect about what is going well and what isn't.
- 5. Learn how you study best: Any studying is good studying; find the way that works best for you.
- 6. Know when to stop studying: If you are studying within the last 12 hours of the test, you are going to stress yourself out and confuse yourself.
- 7. Get a good night sleep: Eight hours is ideal. You will need energy and focus during your exam.
- 8. Relax: If you feel nervous when you start your exam, take three slow, steady breaths and remind yourself you have been getting ready all semester long. You've got this!

TWEET OF THE WEEK #rainbow celebration @Markville_YRDSB. Be kind. Always. #prideweek @Markville YRDSB Thank you to #MarkvilleSS Library @msscommons for sharing their modern learning journey via #MLonAir. #YRDSB Watch http://bit.ly/2gZSZkV

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

MATH DEPARTMENT

The Special Education Department services all students with an IEP (Individual Education Plan) at Markville SS. In total that amounts to over 400 students. There are three types of community classes (Developmentally Delayed, Intensive, Gifted) as well as mainstream students who take the Learning Strategies class to develop essential skills such as time management, organization, communication and self-advocacy.

The Grade 10 Gifted cohort spent an afternoon at Sunrise Seniors Home engaging in conversations and enjoying each other's company doing activities such as cookie decorating, checkers, and origami.



The Grade Nine Gifted cohort and Grade Nine Learning Strategies students developed their speaking and leadership skills during an 8-week youth leadership program (YLP) through Toastmasters International. They gained confidence in a supportive and friendly environment. During the 2017-18 school year this program will be brought to the Grade 9 students once again. Stay Tuned!



Work Experience was a primary theme in the Intensive Community Class. Students worked at Mazda, Best Buy, American Eagle, Swiss Chalet and Family Day Daycare. A few of the students were fortunate to be offered summer employment at their placements. Congratulations!

The results are in! With the completion of the Euclid Mathematics contest for Grade 12 on April 6th followed by Fryer (Grade 9), Galois (Grade 10) and Hypatia (Grade 11) on April 12th, our students once again were very successful!

In the Grade 9 contests, <u>Pascal</u> and <u>Fryer</u>, Markville placed 6th and 7th respectively in York Region, 18th and 19th in Ontario, 30th and 31st in Canada out of 1230 schools.

In the Grade 10 contests, <u>Galois</u> and <u>Cayley</u>, Markville placed 6th and 13th respectively in York Region, 17th and 55th in Ontario, 27th and 108th in Canada out of 1147 schools.

In the Grade 11 contests, <u>Hypatia</u> and <u>Fermat</u>, Markville placed 6th and 15th respectively in York Region, 15th and 73rd in Ontario, 20th and 141st in Canada out of 1135 schools.

In the <u>Euclid</u> contest for Grade 12 students, Markville placed 6th in York Region, 18th out of 757 schools in Ontario and 23rd out of 1130 schools that participated in Canada.

Changes are always taking place in the Mathematics department to improve the learning environment for our students. We are currently piloting a modern learning environment in one of our math classrooms, to foster and increase student collaboration in problem solving. Marker board tables and standing tables were received recently with much praise and positive comments from students.



Final exams are approaching quickly. In preparation for these exams, extra help is available after school on Tuesdays and

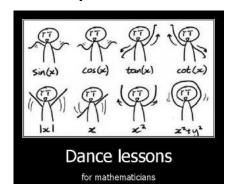


A highlight of the year for the students in the developmentally delayed community class is the Prom. This lavish event was held at Le Parc banquet hall and students arrived in style in a limo graciously arranged by Ms. Smith, our Vice-Principal.



Thursdays in room 345 from 3:15pm to 4:30pm, while lunchtime help is available on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Guidance office. Students can also seek out extra help from their Mathematics teachers.

EQAO assessment will be taking place on Tuesday June 13 and Wednesday June 14, for students who are taking Grade 9 Math in semester 2. Click here for more information and to see examples of the <u>question</u> and <u>answer</u> booklets from last year's test.



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, JUNE 12 th	World Day Against Child Labour				
TUESDAY, JUNE 13 th	Grade 9 Math EQAO				
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 th	Grade 9 Math EQAO				
THURSDAY, JUNE 15 th	Grade 9 Academic Science Practical Exam				
	Guest Speaker – Trillium Gift of Life				
	Locker Clean Out (9:45am – 10:00am)				
	Girls EmPOWER Workshop (12:20pm – 1:30pm)				
FRIDAY, JUNE 16 th	GRADE 12 PERIOD 5 EXAMS				

Community Involvement Hours:

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



Student Volunteer Opportunities



Lunch Time Tutoring – Guidance Office, Monday and Wednesday – Periods $\,3$ and $\,4$ After School Tutoring – Rm. 345, Tuesday and Thursday $\,3:00\,\mathrm{pm}\,$ – $\,4:00\,\mathrm{pm}\,$