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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Four Markville students have been recognized for their outstanding results in the Math@Mac Online Mathematics Competition which was held in November 2019. 692 teams participated representing 40 schools both in Canada and around the world.

Andy Li, Andy Wu, Ryan Zhu, and John Liu have all received Honourable Mentions from McMaster University for their efforts, congratulations team! Thank you also to their teacher Ms. Patel for her support and guidance.

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

The [exam schedule](#) and [exam day guidelines](#) are now available. The schedule is 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.

The Library Learning Commons will be open each day for Silent Study from 8:00am – 3:00pm, closing at 9:30am on Wednesday, January 29th. The large gym is open all exam days from 11:00 – 1:00pm, except for Monday, January 27th. When students have completed writing their exam each day, they are welcome to go to the Library for Silent Study or to the gym for games; otherwise, they are asked to leave school property. Students who congregate in the Atrium or other areas of the school will be asked to leave. This is to ensure that students still writing their exams have the best possible environment for success.

In the event of an inclement weather day (snow day) happening during the exam period, that exam day would then be held on Thursday, January 30th. Exam review would then occur at a later date.

So, **for example**, if Monday, January 27th was declared an inclement weather day, Period 3 exams would then be held on Thursday, January 30th. All other exams would proceed as scheduled. A notification would be sent out to all parents / guardians advising them of the change.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING POSTPONED

The School Council meeting that was scheduled for Monday, January 20th has been postponed to Monday, February 24th from 7:15pm – 8:30pm in the Library Learning Commons.

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 (Fine). 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 (\$200).

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).

UPCOMING MATH CONTEST REGISTRATION

Registration for the following University of Waterloo Math Contests is now available through School Cash Online:

Contest	Contest Date	Deadline to Register*
Pascal (Grade 9) Cayley (Grade 10) Fermat (Grade 11)	February 25 th , 2020	January 24 th , 2020
Euclid (Grade 12)	April 7 th , 2020	March 6 th , 2020
Fryer (Grade 9) Galois (Grade 10) Hypatia (Grade 11)	April 15 th , 2020	March 6 th , 2020

*Please note that LATE registrations will not be accepted. Please contact your child's math teacher, or Ms. Kaczor if you have any questions.

COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE

The [deadline](#) to get an application in for college is fast approaching. Apply on or before February 1st, 2020 for equal consideration. After this date, colleges consider applications on a first-come, first-served basis until programs are full. Students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

May 1st, 2020 is the deadline to confirm an offer of admission to an Ontario College. A tuition deposit will be due in June 2020.

WINTER WEATHER

Now that winter has fully arrived, we would like to share some important reminders for families.

When an **inclement weather** or **extreme cold** day is declared, school transportation (including buses and taxis) is cancelled in the morning and afternoon. Schools will remain open. If you drive your child to school, or your child takes alternate transportation, you must make arrangements for your child to get home at the end of the day. Please call the school if your child will not be attending school on those days. Students will not be penalized for missing school on these days.

There may be rare instances when **Emergency Weather Days** occur and we need to close all schools and Board locations. Please take the time to make plans in the event of an emergency school closure.

Information about transportation cancellations and Board closures will be shared through local media, [Board](#) and school websites, and on [twitter @YRDSB](#). Parents and/or Guardians who have opted in to receiving text alerts will also be notified on their mobile device.

Our process for extreme cold, inclement weather, and emergency weather days is outlined in the Board's [Severe Weather policy](#), which has been recently updated and is available for public comment. Seeking feedback from staff and community members, including parents/guardians, is an important part of the review process. All [policies available for comment](#) are sent to school council chairs and are posted on the Board website, along with information about how to provide feedback. [Click here](#) to watch a video on how the decisions are made to declare an inclement weather or extreme cold day.

JANUARY ECO THEME – GOOS PAPER

Here at Markville SS, students are very familiar with GOOS paper. That is paper that is Good On One Side. It often happens that when we are finished with worksheets or other printed materials, if it is still blank on one side, it becomes GOOS paper. This allows students and staff to use it again as scrap paper or for note taking before it eventually gets recycled. Many classrooms and the Library Learning

Commons have green baskets with GOOS paper available for use. Try creating a GOOS paper basket at home or at work and do your part to help out.

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TWEET OF THE WEEK



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[Kids Help Phone](#) ✓ @KidsHelpPhone

.@ArleneDickinson Taking a break from technology is something useful to do! It helps you recharge and can be good for your physical and mental health. Check out this handy tip sheet:
<http://bit.ly/2VJxRyS>



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

SHSM – SPECIALIST HIGH SCHOOL MAJOR

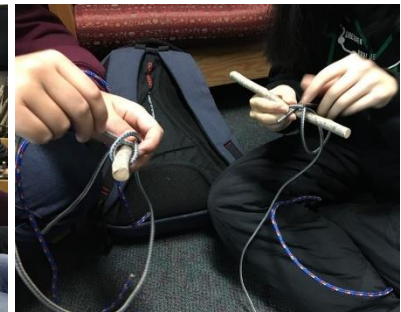
At Markville Secondary School, we offer the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program in the following sectors: Arts and Culture, Business, Environment, Health and Wellness, and Information and Communications Technology. This semester there has been a variety of specialized learning programs that our SHSM students have had the opportunity to participate in.

Reach Aheads are learning experiences connected with investigating postsecondary schools. This semester our SHSM students participated in a College and University fair, and travelled to Queen's University and McMaster University. The Environment SHSM students received a visit from both Ontario TechU (UOIT) and York University. They learned about the current degrees offered at York in their sector field, and environmental job opportunities. Later on this school year, tours of Centennial College and Fleming College will be provided.



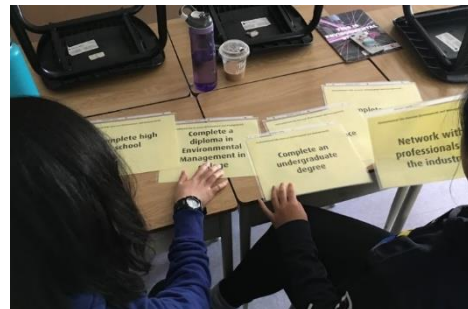
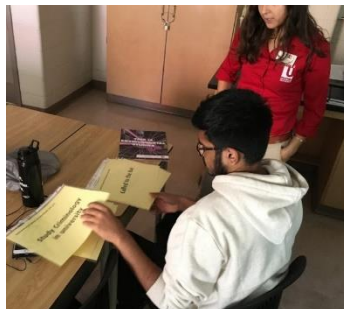
Students competed in the CanHack Hackathon that ran over a 2 week span, and the American Computer Science League programming contest. In addition, our SHSM students will be competing in DECA, HOSA, YR Envirothon, and the York Region Skills Competition (YRSC). At the YRSC our students will be competing in the following categories: Job Interview, Prepared Speech, Robotics, TV Video Production, Graphic Design - Presentation, Graphic Design - Studio Production, and Design Challenge.

A variety of certifications were earned by our SHSM students and these certifications included: Standard First Aid, CPR C, AED, Ergonomics, and Knotting Technique and Wilderness Survival.



Upcoming certifications for second semester will include: Customer Service and Leadership, Infection Control, Counterfeit Detection, and GPS.



SHSM students took a tour of the facilities for two Television stations (TSN & CTV). This tour was designed to give them a glimpse of related industry fields as well as careers in Graphic Design and Television Broadcasting. Other experiential learning opportunities included participation in a 24 Hour School Wide Waste Audit; attending a Microsoft Artificial Intelligence Workshop; and educational learning sessions such as The Environment and Modern Agriculture, and Clean Water Clear Choices. In addition our Environment and ICT students will be participating in the Climate Change and Technology Workshop at the LSF Youth Leadership Forum.



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, JAN. 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locker Cleanout 				
TUESDAY, JAN. 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Clarke Master Class – Symphonic Band (4:00pm – 6:00pm) 				
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Blonde Brownie Day 				
THURSDAY, JAN. 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period 1 Exams 				
FRIDAY, JAN. 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period 2 Exams 				

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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