

InspireLearning!



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



1000 Carlton Road
Markham, Ontario
L3P 7P5
Principal: Patricia Obadia

Tel: (905) 940-8840
Fax: (905) 940-8895
Email: markville.ss@yrdsb.ca
Website: <http://markville.ss.yrdsb.ca>



Friday, June 16, 2017

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

As another year comes to a close, I can sense the excitement in the air; the weather is finally beginning to feel like summer.

As you may be aware, Markville S.S. has been quite a busy place throughout this school year. Most recently our Student Council held their elections for the 2017/2018 year. Thank you to all candidates who ran for council as it is a far more difficult job than people realize at times. As well, congratulations and thank you to our Prom committee and their staff adviser, Ms. Joseph, for organizing a very successful evening for our graduates. We are now ready to celebrate their accomplishments at the Graduation Ceremony on June 27th.

We have had a number of awards, achievements, and recognitions including one of our students being selected as one of three finalists in her age group for the Doodle 4 Google Canada contest, students placing first and fifth in the OBEA Accounting contest, another student earning a \$35,000 scholarship to the University of Ottawa as he placed first in the national Concours d'Art Oratoire (Canada's French Public Speaking Contest), and a number of first places and OFSSA representations in athletics. Our community classes were excited to celebrate as they attended the Best Buddies prom. These events and achievements were in addition to the numerous activities underway throughout the year that include academic contests, athletic events, music performances, banquets, and various SAC sponsored activities such as semi-formal, talent show and Carnival.

All of the events above are made possible through the commitment of staff who support our students with their enthusiasm and creative spirit. Thank you to all of our many dedicated teachers and support staff who continue to provide the safe learning environment that both nurtures and challenges our students to excel. Thank you to our coaches, teacher advisers, committee members as well as student volunteers for their dedication, efforts, and positive contributions to the life of our school community. Thank you also to you, our parents and guardians, for offering encouragement, support and structure as you share in this journey with your young people.

As is the case every school year, we have a number of staff who are leaving MSS due to retirements, transfers, promotions and leaves. We especially thank Mrs. Avgeropoulos, Mr. Segal, and Mrs. Tavernese for their contributions to the lives of so many of our students throughout their many years in education, as they retire at the end of this month. We wish all staff members who will be moving on to different positions and locations in August all the best in their future endeavours and thank them for their many contributions over the years to our students. We also welcome back a number of returning staff and look forward to working with them again next year.

The operation of our school relies on the expertise of our non-teaching and support staff: Secretaries, Caretakers, Educational Assistants, Child and Youth Workers, Library Technician, and our Technology Support Technician. Thank you to each of these staff members for their contributions to our school and their support of our students. Thank you also to our Vice-Principals, Ms. Smith and Mrs. Wonnacott, for their leadership, dedication and care to our students, staff and school community. At this time, Markville extends a special thank you and best wishes to Ms. Smith as she is retiring after a 33-year career in education. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Vlachopoulos who will be joining us as Vice-Principal in August.

We also take a moment to thank Mr. Billy Pang, our Trustee, Mr. Dan Wu, our Superintendent and his Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Rebecca Tam-Nesbitt, as well as to Ms. Ali and Ms. Gennaro, our

School Council Co-Chairs for their enthusiastic support of Markville Secondary School. We appreciate their contributions to school life and their willingness to celebrate the accomplishments of our students with us. Thank you also to all of the parents on School Council and community members for their support and advice throughout the year

As this is the last e-bulletin of this school year, we wish all of our students and their families a safe and happy summer holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone at the end of August!

- Patricia Obadia



TWEET OF THE WEEK



[@Markville_YRDSB](https://twitter.com/Markville_YRDSB)

Thank you to global adventurer Jennifer Smith for sharing her incredible sailing journey with visits to 30+ countries.



STUDY TIPS

Study Tip #1. GET STARTED! Delaying studying will only increase anxiety. Break material into smaller & more doable bits. [@yorkuniversity](https://twitter.com/yorkuniversity)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Exams have officially begun, with Grade 12 students writing their first exam today. The [exam schedule](#) is available on our website, along with [exam guidelines](#) and the schedule for [exam feedback day](#) on **June 28th**. Please take note of the time and location of each exam.

Report Cards may be picked up starting on **Monday, July 10th**. For more information about registration for the 2017-2018 school year, please [click here](#).

Canada turns 150 this year! On July 1st, Canada will celebrate its sesquicentennial, how will you be celebrating? Parks Canada is giving out free park passes for all national parks. [Click here](#) to apply for yours. There are also many celebrations planned in communities across Canada. Markham will be celebrating with a variety of events – [click here](#) to learn more.



CANADA 150
1867-2017

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

ESL Department – English as a Second Language

The ESL department at Markville S.S. continues its ongoing work with supporting students in developing their English language proficiency. This year our department had the opportunity to focus on inclusion through class activities and school wide events.

In October and November, students were surprised with festive tastings of pumpkin pie and eggnog! They also had the opportunity to participate in a pumpkin-decorating contest within their classes.



In December, we took a trip to Toronto's newest Christmas market in Toronto. Inspired by European markets, it featured an assortment of vendors and rides stationed outside City Hall. A highlight of our trip was ice-skating at Nathan Philip Square, where many students tried ice-skating for the very first time! Moving on into the end of December, right before our students took flights back home, we celebrated with a Home for the Holidays Dinner. With the help of the amazing Markville staff, we held a holiday dinner with fun filled games and prizes for students to relax and enjoy the company of one another.





In April, level A and B ESL classes participated in an exciting Easter egg hunt!

In May, our English Language Learners participated in their very own ESL SAC elections! All candidates prepared a short speech and presented to all ELL students in the cafeteria. We are very proud of their confidence and public speaking skills. We would like to congratulate Felix Deng and Olivia Yang who were elected by their peers to serve on council for the 2017/2018 school year.



STUDENT RESOURCES

We wish our graduating students all the best for their continued success and look forward to hearing from them so we can celebrate their future achievements.

For those heading off to post-secondary studies, there are some great resources out there to help with the transition. Check out the website [Media Smarts](#) for: [On the Loose: A Guide to Life Online for Post-Secondary Students](#). Also, make sure to apply for **OSAP** to help with the costs. [Click here](#) for information on how to apply. As we know, there are many different paths to get where we end up; the same is true for our students. Learn more about the increased collaboration between [colleges and universities](#) which is helping to make students better prepared to enter the workforce with the skills they need to succeed.

We look forward to seeing all of our returning students in August. **Grade 9 students begin the year on Monday, August 28th, and everyone else starts on Tuesday, August 29th.** While we hope the summer months are enjoyable for everyone, we do hope that students take the opportunity to remain open to learning opportunities. Managing screen time and encouraging active participation can go a long way to keeping students engaged. Reading books is also great! There are many summer reading programs out there. Take a look at the current [Evergreen](#), [White Pine](#), [Red Maple](#), or [Golden Oak](#) lists for some Canadian inspiration.

Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, JUNE 19 th	GRADE 12 PERIOD 4 EXAMS				
TUESDAY, JUNE 20 th	PERIOD 2 EXAMS				
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 st	PERIOD 3 EXAMS				
THURSDAY, JUNE 22 nd	PERIOD 1 EXAMS				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Class Trip to Timber Creek Golf (9:30am – 12:00pm) 				
FRIDAY, JUNE 23 rd	PERIOD 5 EXAMS				
STUDY WEEKEND – ALMOST DONE!					
MONDAY, JUNE 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REGULAR SCHOOL DAY 				
TUESDAY, JUNE 27 th	PERIOD 4 EXAMS				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Class Trip to Sibbald Point (9:00am – 1:00pm) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GRADUATION (7:00pm – 10:00pm) click here for location / directions 				

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28th

- Exam Feedback Day – [Modified Schedule](#)

THURSDAY, JUNE 29th

PA Day – No School for Students

FRIDAY, JUNE 30th

PA Day – No School for Students