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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Friday, January 19, 2018

SCHOOL COUNCIL INVITATION

Please join us for our School Council Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018, at 7:15pm in the Library. There will be a presentation regarding Student preparation for the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Semester 1 Final Exams will begin on Thursday, January 25th.

Period 1 Exams: Thursday, January 25th (9:30am – 11:30am)

Period 2 Exams: Friday, January 26th (9:30am – 11:30am)

Period 3 Exams: Monday, January 29th (9:30am – 11:30am)

Period 4 Exams: Tuesday, January 30th (9:30am – 11:30am)

Period 5 Exams: Wednesday, January 31st (9:30am – 11:30am)

Exam Feedback Day: Thursday, February 1st – modified schedule

[Please click here for the full exam schedule](#)

[Please click here for exam guidelines](#)

The schedule and guidelines are also available on the [homepage](#) of our school website, and under the [News & Events](#) tab.

INCLEMENT WEATHER DURING EXAMS

In the event of an inclement weather day on one of the regularly scheduled exam days, that exam would be canceled and would take place on Thursday, February 1st. All other exams would remain on schedule. Please visit the [school website](#) or follow us on [Twitter](#) for updates. Bus cancellations would also be broadcast on Radio, TV, and would be listed on the homepage of www.schoolbuscity.com

Please [click here](#) for a list of which stations to listen to and / or watch.

Study Tips Week #2

Rewrite Old Tests – Pay particular attention to questions that were missed the first time.

Explain Concepts to Friends or Family – the best way to figure out if you truly understand a concept is to explain it to someone else (preferably someone not in the same class). Do they understand it after you have explained it? This can help identify which concepts need more attention or clarification.

Snack on Nutritious Foods – Choose foods that have been proven to aid in concentration and memory – fish, nuts, seeds, yogurt, and blueberries. Don't forget to eat breakfast before the exam!

Take Study Breaks – Cramming all the information into your brain the night before just won't work! Plan breaks when you study – for every hour of studying take a 10 minute break.

Check out more exam preparation tips on the YRDSB website by [clicking here](#).

Important Information for Students Turning 18

Under the Education Act, parents/guardians have a right to access their child's Ontario Student Record if the child is under 18.

If the student is 18 or over, the Board/school must follow the privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regarding the disclosure of personal information about the student to their parents/guardians.

Students 18 or over must provide written permission by signing the [Consent for Information Sharing](#) form to allow parents/guardians to continue to access school-related information about the student. This includes academic progress, attendance, and behaviour.

Students can also obtain the form from the school office. Please contact the office if you have any questions: markville.ss@yrdsb.ca or 905-940-8840.

Therapy Dogs!

On Monday, January 22nd, Markville Secondary School will be hosting the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program during the second half of P3 and first half of P4 in the Gymnasium.

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, pet, and cuddle the dog(s).



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. We trialed this program last year and had incredible success. As a result, we are hoping the Therapy Dog Program will become a part of the MSS school community and hope to have the dogs in twice a year going forward.

If your child has a sensitivity, allergy or fear of dogs, please let them know to avoid the Gymnasium during this timeframe. The dogs will only be on the school premises during 11:50-12:50 and will be supervised and contained in the Gymnasium.

For further information on the Therapy Dog Program, [please click here](#) to visit The St. John Ambulance website or contact our Guidance office at (905)940-8840 x 187.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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LIVE now in Atrium. Hair & Aesthetics students demonstrating their learning. [#summatives](#)



[@YRP](#) celebrates [#BlackHistoryMonth](#) with contest "Black History is My History". Participants may use any artistic platform. Details @ <http://bit.ly/2DtsEWI>

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This has already been a very busy year for the musicians of the Markville Music Department. All of our performing ensembles have been diligently rehearsing since September, and began the 2017-2018 performance season with our 28th annual **Festive Sounds** concert at Markham Theatre in December. The concert featured all of the major performing ensembles from the Markville Music Department (including our concert bands, string orchestras, and choir), as well as featured soloists and chamber groups.



In January, the Music Theatre class had an exceptional run of **Into The Woods** at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. One of Stephen Sondheim's most famous and iconic works, **Into the Woods** was a musical and artistic departure for the Music Department, and the cast certainly rose to the challenge.



February marks the beginning of "Festival Season" for the Music Department. During the month, Markville Music ensembles will be competing in the OBA Concert Band Festival and the Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto. Best of luck to all Markville Musicians as they embark on what is sure to be a very busy (and hopefully successful!) February.

For information about performances and events please visit the Markville Music website www.markvillemusic.com or contact the Music Department directly at 905-940-8840 ext. 131.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Our Business Studies students and teachers had a busy first semester. Outside of class learning, discussions and assessments, many of our students also benefited from supplementary experiences. Our **Law** students visited the **Superior Court of Justice** in downtown Toronto and learned from lawyers and judges, our **Accounting** students were engaged by a speaker from the **Chartered Professional Accountants** organization to learn about the benefits and different pathways to becoming a CPA, and our **231 DECA** students (the second largest chapter in Ontario) were trained and competed in a regional competition held at Ryerson University. Thanks to Mr. Rao, Mr. Whiler, Ms. Cheung and the DECA student executive team for their dedication and guidance of our DECA students every week since September. Congratulations and all the best to the **115 students** (our largest group to date!) who will be competing at the provincial competition later in February.

We wish all our Markville students the best for their upcoming exams!



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, JAN 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Therapy Dogs Visit Markville (12:00pm – 1:00pm) School Council Meeting (7:15pm – 8:45pm) 				
TUESDAY, JAN 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Clarke Master Class (5:30pm – 9:00pm) 				
WEDNESDAY, JAN 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civics In-Class Exam (9:45am – 11:00am) AMC Math Contest (11:00am – 12:30pm) 				
THURSDAY, JAN 25 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period 1 Exams (9:30am – 11:30am) – click here for full exam schedule 				
FRIDAY, JAN 26 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Period 2 Exams (9:30am – 11:30am) – click here for full exams schedule 				

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 vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames LIN– Z

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