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Friday, January 26, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

With report cards coming home soon, this is a good time of year to review your child's progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year.

As trustees, our goals are set out in the Board [Multi-Year Plan](#). In the coming months, trustees will be reviewing and updating this plan. This process will include opportunities for public input, and trustees will be out in the communities talking about this. More information will be shared about this in the spring.

Developing and reviewing the Multi-Year Plan is just one of our responsibilities as publicly elected officials. Trustee responsibilities also include hiring the Director of Education, setting [Board policies](#) and the [annual budget](#), and communicating with the public.

This is a good time to learn more about the [role of trustees](#) with the next [municipal election](#) taking place later this year on October 22, 2018. York Region District School Board has [12 trustees](#), elected by ratepayers. As a trustee, listening and communicating with families is an important part of my role. Students, families and members of the public are welcome to attend and observe any public Board, Advisory, or Board Committee meetings and to share their views with us on policy and Board governance.

As we move into the second half of the year, I hope that you are seeing evidence of your child's learning and progress, and finding opportunities to get involved in their learning and the life of the school.

I wish you all the best for a successful second term.



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

**THERE WILL BE NO PARENT E-BULLETIN DISTRIBUTED NEXT WEEK.
THE NEXT E-BULLETIN WILL BE SENT OUT ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9th.**

Exams have started! By now students will have completed their Period 1 and Period 2 exams. We wish to remind students of a few guidelines and resources Markville SS has available during exams.

Guidelines:

1. Show up on time for your exam. Give yourself 10 minutes or so to get settled and prepared.
2. If you are late by less than 15 minutes, go directly to your exam room, no extra time will be given.

3. If you are late by more than 15 minutes, report to the main office for further instructions.
4. No cell phones are allowed during exams; leave it in your locker or in your bag at the front of the room – better yet, take a technology break and leave it at home for the morning.
5. Find out if a calculator is required and / or allowed for an exam. No covers are permitted and memories must be cleared. The Library Learning Commons has a limited number of calculators that can be signed out using your student card.
6. Students may only leave the exam room in the last 30 minutes of an exam. If you are finished earlier, take the time to review the exam and remain seated.
7. When students are finished writing their exams they are asked to go quickly to the Cafeteria, Library, Gym, or to leave the building. Please be aware of other students still writing and trying to focus. Groups of students congregating in the Atrium will be asked to leave. If you have arranged for someone to pick you up after your exam, please ensure your ride arrives on time.

Resources:

1. The Library Learning Commons is open for silent study during exams from 8:00am – 3:00pm. Silent study is strictly enforced to give students a place to focus without distraction. Computers are available for independent work and printing. There are a limited number of calculators and laptops that students may sign out with their student card. Extra pens, pencils, erasers, flash cards and other supplies are available at all times on the supply shelf (under the living wall). Day one of exams saw over 140 students studying silently before 9:00am!
2. The Cafeteria is open for group study, but no food service will be available during exams. If you work better asking questions and working through problems with other students, this is the place for you. There are glass boards available for student use.
3. The Gym and Fitness room will be open for some stress relief activities after exams are finished for the day. Monday, January 29th offers Volleyball and Basketball from 11:15am – 1:15pm.

EXAM SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 29: PERIOD 3 EXAMS (9:30am – 11:30am)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30: PERIOD 4 EXAMS (9:30am – 11:30am)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31: PERIOD 5 EXAMS (9:30am – 11:30am)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1: EXAM FEEDBACK DAY (modified schedule)

Period 1: 8:20am – 9:00am

Period 2: 9:05am – 9:45am

Period 3: 9:50am – 10:30am

Period 4: 10:35am – 11:15am

Period 5: 11:20am – 12:00pm

Lunch: 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Individual Appointments: 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Please [click here](#) for the full exam schedule which is also available on our website.

INCLEMENT WEATHER DURING EXAMS

So far it looks like the weather will co-operate while students are writing their exams. However, if there is a day during exams that is declared an inclement weather day, the exams for that day will be canceled. That exam would then be written on Exam feedback day, Thursday, February 1st. All other exams would still be written as scheduled. Follow us [@Markville_YRDSB](#) and [@YRDSB](#) on Twitter for the latest updates. Notices will also be posted online at www.schoolbuscity.com and www.yrdsb.ca. Announcements will also be on Radio and TV. For a list of stations please [click here](#).

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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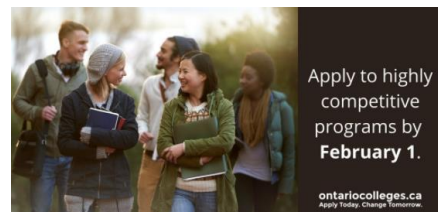
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DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

The Library Learning Commons is a busy place! In the past few years there have been many changes brought about by student input. We started by moving some existing furniture around which increased the amount of seating available by 140%! Now with the carpet removed, a new circulation desk, and the conversion of an office into more student space, there is more room for students than ever before – and it is working! Students are using the space daily for individual study in the study carrels, small group study in the smartboard area, printing and using programs like Photoshop, Publisher, Sage Accounting on our Desktop computers, group collaboration using the portable whiteboard and TV, large group projects at the seminar table, a bit of relaxing in our lounge area with Bungee chairs, the outstanding work being produced using the Green Screen equipment, iMacs for editing, and podcasts using the brand new recording equipment in the Sound Studio. There is an average of just over 500 students using the Library on a daily basis – that's 2500+ students in a week!





For today's Modern Learner the Library Learning Commons strives to provide a dynamic learning environment that is responsive to student's needs. We offer a variety of seating options organized into easily identifiable zones to promote individual study, small group work, and larger group collaboration. Library staff are available throughout the day including before and after school for help with research, editing, printing, and yes – even book recommendations! So far this year circulation is up 137% over this time last year with a renewed interest in reading fiction for pleasure. We welcome book recommendations from students and have added almost all of their requests into the collection. This year has also seen the introduction of Overdrive, an online platform for accessing and reading eBooks. We are excited to share this with students who will now be able to search for, check out, read, and return eBooks from their personal devices. There are no late fees, and no worries about waiting for the Library to open in the morning. [Click here](#) to get started – please note students must enter a 0 (zero) before their student number in order to sign in. Happy Reading!

Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, JAN 29 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PERIOD 3 EXAMS – click here for exam schedule Community Class Field Trip – Science Centre (9:00am to 1:30pm) 				
TUESDAY, JAN 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PERIOD 4 EXAMS – click here for exam schedule 				
WEDNESDAY, JAN 31 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PERIOD 5 EXAMS – click here for exam schedule Community Class Field Trip – Imagine Cinemas (9:00am – 1:15pm) 				
THURSDAY, FEB 1 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EXAM FEEDBACK DAY – MODIFIED SCHEDULE COLLEGE APPLICATION DEADLINE – www.ontariocolleges.ca Junior Boys Basketball Tournament (1:45pm – 6:00pm) 				
FRIDAY, FEB 2 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P.A. DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS 				
MONDAY, FEB 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semester 2 Begins! 				
TUESDAY, FEB 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation 				
WEDNESDAY, FEB 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Walk Day Grade 9 Course Selection Assembly (8:25am – 8:45am) Grade 10 Course Selection Assembly (8:50am – 9:10am) Grade 11 Course Selection Assembly (9:15am – 9:35am) 				
THURSDAY, FEB 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DECA Provincials (Feb 8th 5:00pm – Feb 10th 6:00pm) Alpine Ski and Snowboard League Game (5:30am – 6:00pm) 				
FRIDAY, FEB 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament – Rescheduled (7:30am – 4:30pm) 				

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

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