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Friday, February 09, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Semester two is well under way; final evaluations are over and I would like to thank everyone, students, parents and staff, for all your efforts and hard work. I would also like to welcome our new students and families to Markville. We are excited that you have joined us and are looking forward to lots of great experiences in your years at MSS. We have just completed the first week of semester two with many learning opportunities lying ahead! Please continue to join us in our journey. We enjoy and value this exciting partnership!!

- Patricia Obadia



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

FEBRUARY ECO THEME

YRDSB's ECO theme for February is to Reduce the Use of Paper Towels. We can all try to only use what we actually need. This small change can make a big difference.

STUDENT SAFETY


We are now fully into the winter months and it shows! The ground and parking lot are covered in snow which makes for some messy driving. It is still possible to stay safe and we encourage all parents, students, and staff to follow the flow of traffic in the parking lot. Some lane markings do get covered in snow, however the rules and guidelines are still in force. Please do not drop off students on the south side of McCowan Road for them to cross traffic into the parking lot, it is much too dangerous. Insist that they cross at the lights, or take the time to come into the parking lot to drop them off in the appropriate drop off lane. The extra time it takes could prevent an accident from happening.

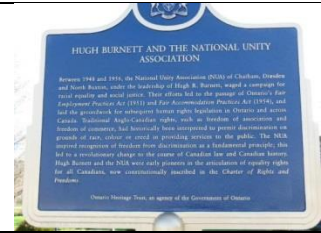


TWEET OF THE WEEK



@Markville_YRDSB

After returning from serving during WWII,  Hugh Burnett ordered a cup of coffee but was refused service because of his skin colour, even while wearing his military uniform. Because of Burnett 2 laws were passed & the foundation for future human rights legislation was set. #BHM



"Olympism is a philosophy of life...blending sport with culture & education...creat[ing] a way of life based on the joy found in effort, the educational value of good example & respect." Excerpt from Olympic Charter #Olympics2018 #TeamCanada Wishing all competitors success!

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Markville Visual Arts Department Spotlight



GRADE
TWELVE
WATER
COLOURS





Semester One was a very creative and busy time in the Markville Visual Arts Department. Students from all courses created many wonderful pieces of art, including Paintings, Drawings, Ceramic Sculptures, Animated Films and Fused Glass Jewelry. Our trip to the Art Gallery of Ontario to see the critically acclaimed Guillermo del Toro *'At Home with Monsters'* exhibit was one that will always be remembered. The Visual Arts department would like to wish all of the Semester One Grade 12 artists best of luck in their upcoming post-secondary art programme interviews.

GRADE TEN SPIRIT ANIMALS



GRADE TWELVE STONEWARE



GRADE ELEVEN ARCTIC STENCILS



GRADE TEN CALLIGRAPHY



GRADE TWELVE CHALK PASTEL

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

It is that time of year again for Course Selection for the 2018-19 school year. We presented to the students this week about selecting their courses for next year and wanted to share important information with you about this process.

Students choose their courses on [Career Cruising](#) from the Markville Secondary School [website](#). If your son/daughter has never used [Career Cruising](#) before they are welcome to come to guidance for some assistance. Students can begin selecting their courses immediately, however, they can only SUBMIT (lock) their courses between Monday, February 12th and Friday, February 23rd. February 23rd is the deadline to submit courses for next year. After your child finishes their course selection and chooses SUBMIT, they still are required to print their selection and have you sign off that you have seen and approve of their courses. Completed course selections must be given to each student's home room teacher by Monday, February 26th.

We ask parents to help your child to choose their courses. Pay attention to their strengths and choose appropriate courses. Not every student is made for Sciences careers or careers that require high level Math. There are many other options. Students must have the appropriate pre-requisite for the courses that they are choosing. Also, keep in mind that a 50% or a low grade in a pre-requisite course is generally not ideal for success moving forward with that course. Another option is likely recommended. Feel free to contact subject teachers or a guidance counselor for more direction when choosing if needed. We are here to help your child.



The [Course Selection Assembly PowerPoint](#) is posted on the school website. Feel free to have a look and discuss it with your child. We are excited to be planning ahead for next year at Markville Secondary School.

Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, FEB 12 th	• Semester 1 Report Card Distribution				
	• Curling Match (1:15pm – 4:30pm)				
TUESDAY, FEB 13 th	• SHSM University of Waterloo Trip (8:00am – 3:00pm)				
	• Motivational Speaker Lunch & Learn (11:05am – 1:40pm)				
	• OBA Concert Band Festival – Symphonic Band (5:40pm – 7:40pm)				
	• OBA Concert Band Festival – Senior Wind Ensemble (6:30pm – 9:35pm)				
WEDNESDAY, FEB 14 th	• Michael Smith Challenge (11:10am – 12:10pm)				
	• Canadian Computing Competition (12:00pm – 3:00pm)				
THURSDAY, FEB 15 th	• Picture Day for New Students				
	• Alpine Ski and Snowboard Playoffs (5:30am – 6:00pm)				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMC Math Contest (11:00am – 12:30pm) • Junior Boys Basketball Game (2:00pm – 5:00pm) • Junior Girls Volleyball (2:45pm – 5:00pm) • OBA Concert Band Festival – Concert Band (5:25pm – 7:25pm)
FRIDAY, FEB 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunar New Year – Year of the Dog
MONDAY, FEB 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAMILY DAY – NO SCHOOL

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

 <p>Community Information & Volunteer Database</p>	Student Volunteer Opportunities		Volunteer Opportunities
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Lunch Time Tutoring – Library, Monday and Wednesday – Periods 3 and 4
 After school Tutoring – Rm. 345, Tuesday and Thursday 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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