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Friday, February 16, 2018

IMPORTANT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Grade 12 student Samantha Tse who won a \$500 scholarship by submitting an essay in the [RBC Black History Month Essay](#) contest! There were a record number of submissions from Canadian students. Students were asked to tell their stories of how black Canadians have helped define Canada's heritage.



Markville's DECA chapter competed this past weekend at the Provincial Competition in Toronto. We had 115 members in our delegation who brought home an extraordinary 76 awards! Markville set a school record having 15 students qualify for the International Competition which will take place in Atlanta, Georgia this coming April. Congratulations go to: Ashif Burkutoola, Keshav Chawla, Cheryl Cheung, Michael Ding, Chris Li, Sophie Li, Victor Liu, Salah Mahdi, Shaan Mehta, Lily Tao, Helena Teng, Megan Tu, Helen Wong, Jonathan Young, and Melody Yu.

We would like to extend special thanks to the hardworking DECA executive team led by President Keshav Chawla, and to the staff advisors: Ms. Cheung, Mr. Rao, and Mr. Whiler for their support and commitment which has led to such a successful season.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Course selections are now open! Students should be well on their way to choosing their courses for next year. Click [here](#) to access [Career Cruising](#) and get started today. The deadline for selecting courses is Friday, February 23rd.

Team Canada Spirit Day

Next Thursday, February 22nd, Markville will be joining Team Canada Champion Chats, a live stream with athlete mentors in Canada Olympic House in PyeongChang, South Korea. With the Olympics in full swing and 225 Canadian athletes competing on the world stage, this is an excellent opportunity for our students to show their Canadian spirit and learn about Goal Setting, Teamwork, Perseverance, and Dedication. This is a Rep your Grade event, so all students who wear red and white will receive a point for their grade. Students should listen to announcements for details on how to get their free ticket!



TWEET OF THE WEEK



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"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." — Maya Angelou
[#KindnessMatters](#) [#BlackHistoryMonth2018](#)
[#TimeForChange](#)

Wishing all [#MSS](#) [#YRDSB](#) competitors in today's Canadian Computing Competition the best as they go for the gold! An amazing [#reallife](#) opportunity for all secondary students to test their ability in designing, understanding & implementing algorithms. [#Programming](#) [#UWaterloo](#) [#Coding](#)



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



DRAMATIC ARTS DEPARTMENT

Students currently enrolled in our Dramatic Arts program are well underway in their skill development activities. They are working on expanding their public speaking abilities and developing the confidence to address a crowd. By participating in team building activities, articulation, and vocalization development, they are adding to their repertoire of life skills. In the coming weeks, our classes will begin to explore culturally rich and engaging activities to celebrate and commemorate Black History Month. We take great pride in celebrating our diverse interests and accomplishments, and we look forward to an exciting semester ahead!

SPRING PLAY

Auditions are being held on Tuesday, February 20th and Wednesday, February 21st, after school in the Drama room (Room 347) for our Spring 2018 school play. Whether their forte is performing on stage, designing, operating stage technology, or scheduling behind the scenes, we have plenty of opportunities for any student. Please speak to Ms. Cockburn for more details.

FITNESS CLUB



Supervisors: Ms. Hui, Mr. Li, Ms. Rodney, Ms. Durante, Ms. Benjamin, Ms. Kim
Ms. Teape, Ms. Coleman, Ms. Aceto, and Ms. Shah (not pictured)

The 2017-18 Markville Fitness Club has about 40 members. During the first semester, the staff supervisors kept the room open Monday through Thursday after school and every second Friday. The schedule for semester 2 will see the room open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3:15pm – 4:15pm. New members are still welcome to join the club. If interested, please pick up a registration / medical form from the fitness room (114) and pay your membership through [Cash Online](#).



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, FEB 19 th	• FAMILY DAY – NO SCHOOL				
TUESDAY, FEB 20 th	• February Literacy Task (8:20am – 9:35am)				
	• Kiwanis – Senior Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band (10:15am – 3:00pm)				
WEDNESDAY, FEB 21 st	• Kiwanis – Symphonic String Orchestra (11:00am – 3:00pm)				
	• Junior Girls Volleyball Game (2:45pm – 5:00pm)				

THURSDAY, FEB 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alpine Ski and Snowboard Championship (5:30am – 6:00pm)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kiwanis – Senior String Ensemble (8:00am – 1:00pm)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spirit Day – Wear Red & White to Support Team Canada 
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHSM Shirt Pick-up (11:05am – 1:40pm) in the Atrium
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kiwanis – Concert String Orchestra (11:30am – 3:00pm)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team Canada Champion Chats – Live Stream with Olympic Athletes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hockey Practice (2:40pm – 4:10pm)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi-Formal Dance (6:00pm – 10:00pm)
FRIDAY, FEB 23 rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Aid / CPR / AED Certification (8:30am – 3:00pm)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHSM Shirt Pick-up (11:05am – 1:40pm) in the Atrium

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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