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Friday, February 22, 2019

IMPORTANT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Last semester, the Ontario Secondary School Teacher's Federation ran their annual writing and creative arts provincial contest. The theme was "Ahead by a Century". Students were invited to explore and express the theme through a variety of mediums including poetry, short story, visual art, media art, etc. Thirteen talented Markville students submitted entries in the contest. Barruni Baskaran was selected as the winner from Markville in the visual artwork category and Sarah Zaidi was selected as the winner in the poetry category. Sarah's poem was then selected as one of the District 16 winners for the Student Achievement Awards in honour of Marion Drysdale. Congratulations to all students who entered:



Back row: Herman Lam, Aidan Tsang, Karin Qian, Teacher Ms. Benjamin, Ella Yang, Sharon Xiao, Arielle Tsang, Shirly Wu, Teacher Ms. Cape

Front row: Poetry Winner Sarah Zaidi, Visual Arts Winner Barruni Baskaran, Sammi Yeung

IMPORTANT RESOURCES

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

In an effort to support our students and families in Mental Wellness, please [click here](#) to access an informational document outlining various signs, strategies, and community Mental Health resources. Of course, please always feel free to connect with a Caring Adult at MSS for support, as wellness in ourselves and our loved ones 'takes a village.' This document is also available on our school website under [News & Events](#).

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

York Region Public Health will be hosting an immunization clinic on Tuesday, February 26th at Markville SS for those students who have received a letter from them. Students who are due for an immunization can receive the required vaccines and have their immunization record updated. If your child has already received their vaccinations through their family doctor, you must still submit their updated immunization record to York Region Public Health:

- Online at <https://eimmunization.york.ca>
- Fax documents to 1-866-258-2026
- Call York Region Public Health at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 73456

PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEW NIGHT

Parent-Teacher Interview Night will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. Markville Secondary School will be using [Edsby](#), an online platform, to manage our Parents' Night scheduling.

Families who do not yet have one will need to create an [Edsby](#) account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. An invitation to [Edsby](#) will be sent through email on **Monday, February 25**, to parent/guardians without an [Edsby](#) account. Instructions on how to create an account will be included. Check your junk mail folder if you do not receive an invitation. Please contact the school if you cannot locate the invitation and need to have it resent. If you already have an Edsby account please confirm that you are able to log in before the Parent-Teacher Interview schedule opens on March 20.

Important Timelines

March 19, 2019	Interim Report Cards sent home
March 20, 2019	Parents' Night schedule is opened for booking at 9:00am, an invitation to book appointments through EDSBY will be sent to your email inbox
April 3, 2019	Parents' Night (6:30pm – 8:30pm)

STUDENT WELL-BEING AND SUCCESS – SUPPORTING EAST ASIAN STUDENTS

Guardians and parents of east Asian students are invited to an evening dedicated to addressing issues that impact a student's academic success as well as their overall well-being. The event will be held on Wednesday, March 20th, 2019 at Unionville High School from 5:45pm – 8:45pm. Registration is available until February 27th. Please [click here](#) to register. For more information, please go to our website under the [News & Events](#) tab. Event information is available in [English](#), [Traditional Chinese](#), and [Simplified Chinese](#). This event is presented by SEAS – Supporting East Asian Students in York Region.

GRADE 10 LITERACY TEST – MARCH 27TH

The OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) will be written this year on Wednesday, March 27th. Grade 10 students and any other eligible students will write the test on that date. Markville is

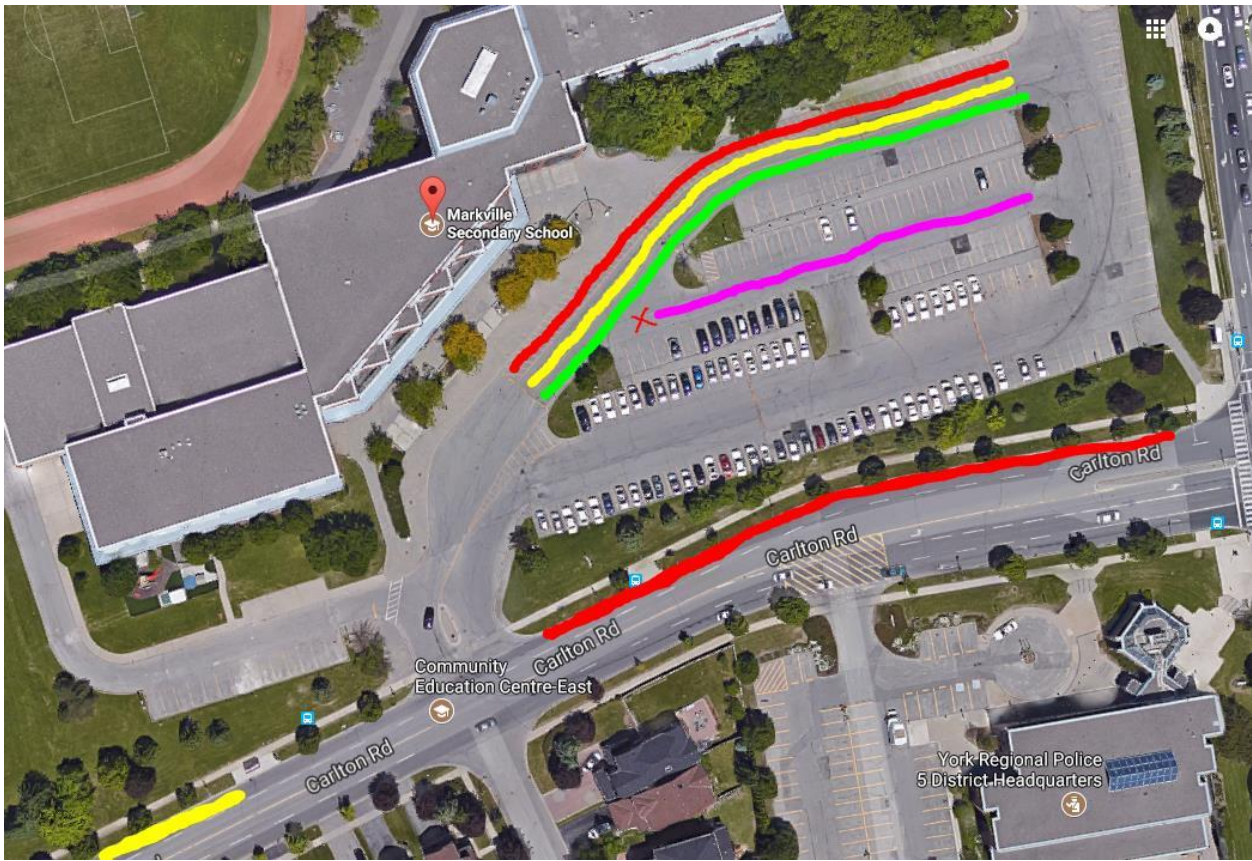
holding five Literacy Blitz events over the next few weeks to prepare students for the [OSSLT](#). Guides, tips, and more information for parents about the test is available on the [EQAO](#) (Education Quality and Accountability Office) website. Questions and Answers about the OSSLT are available in many languages.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

While a healthy mind is essential for success, we also promote a healthy body; therefore, we would encourage you to let your child(ren) walk to and from school each day. If this is not possible, and to ensure the safety of our students, staff, parents, and other community members, we ask that you follow these simple rules:

1. Follow the traffic flow of the parking lot as dictated by the pylons. Pylons should never be moved.
2. All pick-ups should occur near the front door of the school and not at random spots throughout the busy parking lot.
3. There are three lanes for traffic and they should be used as follows:
 - Lane closest to the school is for **buses and taxis and emergency vehicles only**
 - Middle lane is for picking up and dropping off, preferably from the side of the vehicle closest to the school building
 - Outside lane is for through driving – no stopping for any pick-ups or drop-offs
4. Student parking should be in the spots that face Carlton Road.
5. The center area of the parking lot is for **staff parking only**.
6. Visitors to the school may park in the visitors parking area and are asked to come into the main office to register as a visitor.
7. Please be aware of others while navigating the parking lot. Watch for students and staff crossing before moving your vehicle.

Please help us by working together so that we all remain safe.



Red – no parking at any time, reserved for buses, school taxis, and emergency vehicles only.
 Yellow – designated drop off / pick up areas. Also, consider a pick up point further away from school.
 Green – through driving only, for those vehicles leaving the parking lot or going to the daycare.
 Purple – staff parking only – no through traffic or drop offs.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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

Such a simple concept - letting students decorate your classroom door - but results are so impactful.
[#BlackHistoryMonth2019](https://twitter.com/Markville_YRDSB)



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

GUIDANCE - COURSE SELECTIONS DUE

The portal on My Pathway Planner to select courses for the 2019 – 2020 will be closed after Sunday, February 24th. Please make sure students have logged in and selected their courses by then. They must print out the confirmation page, have it signed by a parent or guardian, and hand it in by Monday, February 25th. The 2019 – 2020 course calendar is available on our website, or by [clicking here](#). The link to [My Pathway Planner](#), offered through My Blueprint platform is also on our website. Students must create an account before selecting courses. Please direct any questions to our guidance department. Grade 9 – 11 students attended a course selection presentation last week. That presentation is also available under the News & Events tab on our website. Students are encouraged to look up college and university programs they may be interested in to find out what the pre-requisites are. The earlier students are able to plan, the better off they will be in Grade 12. They don't need to decide in Grade 9 what career they would like, but having an open mind, and having a general idea of what they need to get where they want to go can be very helpful.

Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, FEB 25 th	Course Selection Forms Due				
	Kiwanis Music Festival – Symphonic Band (10:30am – 2:00pm)				
	Junior Girls Volleyball (3:30pm – 5:30pm)				
TUESDAY, FEB 26 th	Pascal / Cayley / Fermat University of Waterloo Math Contests				
	Junior Girls Volleyball (3:30pm – 5:30pm)				
WEDNESDAY, FEB 27 th	<u>PINK SHIRT DAY</u> – ANTI-BULLYING DAY				
	ICT SHSM Cybersecurity Certification (8:00am – 3:45pm)				
	Literacy Blitz #2 (1:45pm – 3:00pm)				
	Grade 11 Gifted Cohort Meet & Greet (3:00pm – 4:00pm) in the cafeteria				
	Junior Girls Volleyball (3:30pm – 5:30pm)				
THURSDAY, FEB 28 th	York Region Skills Challenge (7:30am – 4:30pm)				
FRIDAY, MAR 1 st	Community Class – Medieval Times (9:30am – 1:15pm)				
	Kiwanis Music Festival – Senior Wind Ensemble (11:00am – 3:00pm)				
	Alternative Education Science – Loblaws (11:10am – 1:45pm)				

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 kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames LIN– Z

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