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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Friday, March 01, 2019

MESSAGE FROM OUR TRUSTEE

I hope everyone has had a great start to the second half of the school year. Over the past few months, I have had an opportunity to connect with families, students, staff members and with our broader community. I have seen a lot of exciting opportunities for students to explore their interests, celebrate their identities, and develop skills and knowledge that will benefit them in the future.

Many students are participating in [skills competitions](#) or other events where they problem-solve, innovate, collaborate and further develop their technical skills. Students compete in robotics, construction, hairdressing, transportation, 3D animation and much more. These events are among the many options available to help students explore different careers and [pathways](#), and gain valuable experience. We are grateful for the support of community partners in helping to provide these great learning opportunities to our students.

I also want to express my appreciation to our broader school community. One of the priorities in our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#) is to build collaborative relationships. The relationships that our schools have with families are so important. There are many different ways you can be involved - talking to your child's teacher, asking your child about homework, or volunteering on a field trip or the school council. Your contributions make a difference to your child's success and to the success of our schools.

I look forward to meeting and working together more with families, students and staff members in the spring and summer. Feel free to contact or communicate with me. I wish you all a great spring and an enjoyable March Break.

Ron Lynn
Trustee

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

SCIENCE STUDENTS EXCEL AT YORK UNIVERSITY COMPETITION

Last Thursday, ten of our grade 11 students represented Markville at the York University Tri-Sci Tournament. Our competitors were divided into two teams that competed against other York and Toronto high school teams in science-related challenges involving skill-testing questions and hands-on tasks.

Both Markville teams demonstrated their knowledge, teamwork, and ability to perform under pressure by earning a spot in the top 4 and advancing to the final round of the competition.

After the final round was completed and the points were tallied, the team of Sarika Sharma, Michael Ding, Balaji Venkatesh, Jennifer Zhuo and Ivan Zhang received 3rd place and bronze medals for their fantastic effort.

Our second team, consisting of Jason Zhang, Emily Liang, Michelle Zhang, Kevin Tong and Victor Liu, finished the day having earned over 90% of the available points. This amazing score was more than enough to earn a spot at the top of the podium winning gold medals and the championship trophy!

A huge thank you to Ms. Liu and Mr. McKillop for their support and encouragement.

Congratulations to both teams on a wonderful day and for representing Markville and the Science Department. We are all very proud of everyone's accomplishments.



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)

PARKING LOT SAFETY

This is an important reminder that the back of the parking lot is for staff parking and deliveries only. No student drop offs or pick-ups are permitted in this area. The safety of our students is of the upmost importance to us and it requires the cooperation of all involved. If you are driving your children to school, please abide by the rules of the parking lot. Getting in and out quicker by disregarding these guidelines puts our students and staff in danger. Being aware of your surroundings, encouraging students to walk to school, or arranging for a pick up location away from the school are all ways to decrease the congestion and increase our student safety. Thank you for your help in keeping all of our students and staff safe.

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](#) was sent through email on **Wednesday, February 27**, to parent/guardians without an [Edsby](#) account. Instructions on how to create an account were included. Check your junk mail folder if you have not received an invitation. If you cannot locate the invitation and need to have it resent, please contact the school.

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)

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 5 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. March 27th will have a modified schedule to give students writing the test the best possible environment. Only students writing the OSSLT will be attending school. No regular classes will be held on March 27th. A letter with more information has been posted to our [News & Events](#) page, or can be access by [clicking here](#).

MARCH ECO THEME – TURN OFF COMPUTERS AND MONITORS

The ECO theme for March centers around saving energy. The computer labs at Markville are all on shut-down timers, meaning that while they may go to sleep during the day when not in use, in the evening they are all powered off at a certain time which saves energy. Students and families are reminded to turn off computers when they aren't being used. This not only saves energy, it also allows your computer to do necessary updates which can keep them working more efficiently.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



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This is @Freedom_to_Read week. Even as Canadians, we must never be complacent about our right to read what we choose. #bannedlist #FreedomToReadWeek

READ SOMETHING
BRAVE
ASTONISHING
NEW
NECESSARY
EXTRAORDINARY
DANGEROUS



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

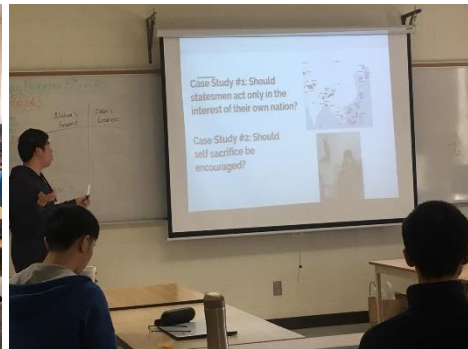
PROJECT ETHOS (PUBLIC SPEAKING CLUB)

Markville's Project Ethos is a student-led club committed to improving the public speaking skills of students. Eight workshops are held throughout the school year which contain various activities that promote public speaking. These workshops also educate members about presentation skills which are useful in public speaking situations. In addition to these fun and engaging activities, students are led through debates about current challenging issues. Members are encouraged to volunteer for impromptu speeches held at the beginning of workshops to practise their skills in front of an audience and to develop their confidence while speaking in front of others. Markville's Project Ethos is dedicated to providing a comfortable and collaborative environment that challenges students to improve their ability to communicate effectively.



THOUGHT CAFÉ

Thought Café is a student-led club whose aim is to advance the understanding of philosophy. Members attend meetings every two weeks to relax their mind and participate in Socratic discussions. These meetings educate students about philosophical concepts through presentations; afterwards, they participate in activities that enhance their understanding as well as demonstrate the real-life applications of the concepts covered. For instance, members engage in discussion to challenge their critical thinking and presentation skills as well as reinforce their understanding of the concepts in question. Students also occasionally benefit from a fresh cup of tea to ease the stress of a school day. Thought Café is dedicated to providing students with a place to present their ideas as well as train their minds.




Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, MAR 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locker Clean Out (8:20am – 8:30am) 				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Girls Volleyball (3:30pm – 5:30pm) School Council Meeting (7:15pm – 8:30pm) in the Library
TUESDAY, MAR 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFSSA Swimming Championship (7:30am – 3:30pm) Phys. Ed Ski Trip (7:45am – 2:45pm) SNAP Floor Hockey Tournament (9:15am – 1:30pm) Rock Climbing (4:00pm – 6:00pm)
WEDNESDAY, MAR 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFSS Swimming Championship (7:30am – 5:30pm) Literacy Blitz #3 (8:20am – 9:35am) Europe Trip – leaving at the end of Period 2 (March 6th – 14th)
THURSDAY, MAR 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Europe Trip (March 6th – 14th) Alpine Ski & Board Team (5:30am – 5:30pm) York Region Skills Competition (Grade 9 & 10 Design Challenge) (7:30 am – 2:30pm)
FRIDAY, MAR 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Women's Day
MAR 11 th – MAR 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MARCH BREAK – NO SCHOOL

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

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