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Friday, March 09, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe that it is March already! It has been a very exciting year and we are looking forward to the remaining three and a half months. As the year progresses, we strive to continue our ongoing communication with parents and/or guardians, and we encourage you to stay involved and share your feedback with us. I would also like to invite you to our second Parent Engagement Night which will take place before our Parent-Teacher Interview Night. At that time, you will have an opportunity to further understand the options students have regarding post-secondary education. Ms. Wager, our Guidance Department Head, will be sharing important information which may assist you and answer questions you may have about your children's future. I would like once again to thank each and every one of you and wish you all an enjoyable and safe Spring Break!

~ Patricia Obadia



IMPORTANT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We are pleased to share that one of our grade 9 students, Jennifer Ying has won an award for The Many Faces of Markham 2018 Video, Poster, and Writing Competition! Jennifer will be attending the Many Faces of Markham Concert on March 24th where she will receive her award. Congratulations!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

INTERIM REPORTS & PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interim reports were distributed to students this week along with a letter with instructions on how to sign up for [EDSBY](#) – the new online platform we will be using to schedule parent-teacher interviews. Parents and/or guardians must sign up for an account before scheduling an interview. A valid email address is required in order to sign up for an account. The online scheduler will open on March 20th. Requests for interview times will not be accepted before March 20th. Please email or call the main office if you are having any issues signing up for an account, or with scheduling an interview time.

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OSSLT MODIFIED SCHEDULE – APRIL 10th

Grade 10 and other eligible students will be writing the OSSLT (Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test) on Tuesday, April 10th. In order to create the best possible environment for students who will be writing the test, and to accommodate changes in EQAO (Education Quality and Accountability Office) policy, secondary schools will be following an exam style day on April 10th. This means that only those students who are writing the OSSLT will be required to attend school. No regular classes for grades 9, 11, and 12 will occur that day. Once students have finished writing the OSSLT, they will be dismissed for the day. Students who are writing the OSSLT will come to school at their regular start time, 8:20am.

Please [click here](#) for more information

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Students who still require volunteer hours in order to graduate, and those who have developed a passion for volunteering are encouraged to visit the York Info Community Information and Volunteer Database. There are ongoing volunteer opportunities as well as one day events where student volunteers would be appreciated. Volunteering is a great way to get some experience and references for those who will be looking for jobs in the next few years. [Click here](#) to discover more.

PARENT / GUARDIAN AND STUDENT POSTSECONDARY PRESENTATION

APPLYING TO POSTSECONDARY PROGRAMS: WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW

Date: Wednesday, March 28th (right before our Parent-Teacher Interviews)

Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm (Parent-Teacher Interviews begin at 6:30pm)

Presenter: Heather Wager, Head of Guidance, and our Guidance Staff

Location: Markville SS Cafeteria

Audience: Ideal for Grade 11 Parents/Guardians and Students, but all are welcome

This presentation will review many options for post-secondary education. It will give a detailed overview of the application process to both colleges and universities. It will include requirements for applying, important deadlines, research tools, and websites to help your child select appropriate programs and schools. It will also examine the costs of applying and attending college or university and where financial aid might be available. You will also have an opportunity to ask important questions. Please join us for this informative presentation.

THERE WILL BE NO E-BULLETIN NEXT WEEK DUE TO MARCH BREAK

TWEET OF THE WEEK



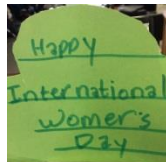
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March is Nutrition Month. Visit EatRight Ontario for tips on nutrition & healthy eating. <http://www.eatrightontario.ca> #nutritionmonth #OntEd



Thank you to our Community Class Ss & their P5 teacher Ms. N. We ❤️ our card of appreciation [#WomensDay2018](#)

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

ALPINE SKI AND SNOWBOARD TEAM

Markville's Alpine Ski Team competed at York Region Championships on February 15, 2018. . We are so proud of all of the skiers. Special shout out goes to the girls team - Kaitlyn Moore, Megan Moore and Rachel Ruffo - for a fifth place in the GS and sixth place in the slalom. In the YRAA standings Rachel was 13th overall out of over 75 skiers! Our boys team of Keshav Chawla, Marco Tsang, Nick Procenko and Brayden Tan competed well, with Keshav as the top Markville skier with a finish of 43rd out of over 130 racers. Congrats on a great season!



Markville's Alpine Snowboard team had a fantastic season! Both teams placed 3rd at the York Region Championships (Girls Team: Melissa Louie, Helena Teng, Mika Hirano) and (Boys Team: Mason George, Avian Leung, Connor George, Tommy Wu, Zelig Kim). With these commendable results, both teams also qualified for OFSAA Snowboarding at Georgian Peaks on March 1, 2018. Markville was well represented and had some amazing results. Special shout outs to our top 30 finishers: Melissa Louise (21st out of 115 girls), Mason George (21st) and Avian Leung (24th) out of over 150 racers! As well, Markville's Boys Team came 4th out of over 29 teams from schools from across the province!!! Congrats!



ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Markville's English Department was thrilled to welcome Canada's National Slam Champion, [Patrick de Belen](#), as well as [BAM!](#) youth poets Casey Garcia and Fey Sky on February 13. The visit coincided with the start of Semester 2, and was designed to promote positive student identity and artistic self-expression at Markville. Over two periods, and lots of pizza, students heard Patrick's tales of challenge and success as he moved through the school system and beyond, using his talents to become one of Canada's most successful spoken word artists. Students who are interested in pursuing spoken word (and by the packed event, there seem to be many) or any other styles of creative writing, can visit the Markville Writers Society, led by Ms. Millington, in room 305 the second and fourth Monday's of the month!



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MON, MAR. 12 th – FRI, MAR. 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MARCH BREAK – NO SCHOOL 				
MONDAY, MARCH 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After School Literacy in Room 338 (3:15pm – 4:45pm) School Council Meeting (7:15pm – 8:45pm) 				
TUESDAY, MARCH 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dennis Beck Masterclass (8:20am – 9:45am) Literacy Blitz #2 (11:05am – 12:20pm) Dennis Beck Masterclass (5:30pm – 7:00pm) 				
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grad Photo (1:45pm – 2:00pm) After School Literacy in Room 338 (3:15pm – 4:45pm) 				
THURSDAY, MARCH 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) Visit (11:00am – 12:00pm) Have Your Say Day in the Cafeteria (11:05am – 1:40pm) Literacy Blitz #3 (1:45pm – 3:00pm) 				

FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd

- York Region Programming Contest (8:00am – 3:00pm)
- Music Alive – Senior Wind Ensemble (8:20am – 1:40pm)

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, 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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