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Friday, April 05, 2019

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

Spring has arrived! We are hopeful that warmer weather will be here to stay. 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, 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 must 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.

METROLINX – INCREASED GO TRAIN SERVICE

Metrolinx will be increasing service on the Stouffville line as of Monday April 8th by introducing full day service. This means that there will be more midday Stouffville line GO Trains to Mount Joy. With more

trains in our area, students are reminded to be safe around train tracks. Crossing tracks illegally can result in serious or fatal injury. At railway crossings, please use the designated crossings because they are designed to keep pedestrians safe.



METROLINX



APRIL ECO THEME – REUSABLE CONTAINERS

The ECO theme for April is all about using reusable containers. Every day at Markville we see a variety of lunches, snacks, and drinks coming through our doors. We encourage our staff and students to use reusable containers and wraps whenever possible, including reusable straws! One-use plastic items like straws, plastic bags, and drink containers are causing damage to our environment. By switching to paper or metal straws, reusable bags, and metal drink containers we can do our part to significantly reduce this threat.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PINK – APRIL 10th

April 10th is the [International Day of Pink](#). It is a day when communities across Canada and across the world celebrate diversity and raise awareness about the need to stop homophobia, transphobia, discrimination, and all forms of bullying. Individuals wear pink to show respect for diversity and to demonstrate support for learning and working environments which are safe and inclusive of people from all different backgrounds.



Have FUN
& Get PAID!

Now Hiring
Summer Camp
Counsellors

Apply by
May 17

Now Hiring Summer Camp Counsellors

Are you looking for a fun summer job? Land one of the best jobs in Markham and get paid doing something you love, while making memories for campers that will last a lifetime! Make new friends and build valuable skills that will set you apart in the workforce.

Some of the perks you'll enjoy:

- Work close to home
- Steady hours with evening and weekends off
- Exclusive discounts:
 - Markham Fitness Centre membership (restrictions apply)
 - YRT transit passes

Apply by
May 17

For requirements and to apply, visit markham.ca/workhere.



TWEET OF THE WEEK



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The right to protest is one of our basic civil liberties here in Canada. Indeed, it is protected in Canada's Charter of Rights & Freedoms. As educators we teach the theory & protect its reality. [#studentvoice](#) [#Ontario](#) [#Canada](#)



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

SHSM ENVIRONMENT – BIRD WATCHING

The SHSM Environment students attended a SPCE/ICE event at the Vivian Outdoor Learning Centre. The day began with students learning about design thinking and exploring how this theory has been implemented in real life situations and inventions.

In smaller groups, students attended various workshops. In a workshop presented by the Toronto Wildlife Centre, students learned about various threats that birds face and how the organization deals with these challenges. Students learned that cats are the number one cause of birds becoming hurt or dying and they had an opportunity to discuss what cat owners can do to reduce these risks for birds.

Students then had an opportunity to go outside and spend some time bird watching using binoculars and a list of birds to help them identify various bird species. They were able to find up to 12 various bird species during this workshop!

In another workshop, students had an opportunity to learn about how more than 1 billion birds die from window collisions across North America each year and what actions can be taken by various stakeholders to alleviate this issue.

Students also attended a workshop that taught them about how they can reduce threats to birds in urban environments while understanding the relationship between bird well-being and human well-being through an indigenous perspective.

In the afternoon, students spent some time going for a nature walk and exploring the grounds at the Vivian Outdoor Learning Centre. They then re-grouped back inside to complete a group activity that allowed them to apply their knowledge of design thinking and come up with a comprehensive solution to one of the issues they learned throughout the day. Students had an opportunity to present their work and receive feedback from the teachers and other experts in the field.



INDIVIDUAL HISTORY BEE (INDIVIDUAL) AND BOWL (TEAM) COMPETITIONS 2019

Grade 9 students Herman Lam, Hansen Rao, Amar Saini and Maggie Wang represented Markville SS at the Greater Toronto Area History Bowl & Bee Regionals at the UTS Humber Site on Saturday March 30th, 2019 placing 5th in the Junior Varsity Division. The team had an exciting time in the competition and enjoyed meeting other students from various schools who have a dedicated interest in History.

In the History Bee Competition, Herman Lam's score placed him in the top 8 and then final round in which he placed 3rd overall!! Herman has qualified to compete at the International History Bee Canadian Championships on May 4th, 2019 in Ottawa. Herman is looking forward to the competition in Ottawa and has the long-term goal of qualifying for the International History Bee Competition that occurs every 2 years (next one is in 2020) with a potential venue in Europe or East Asia.



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, APRIL 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Badminton (7:30am – 4:00pm) 				
TUESDAY, APRIL 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Badminton Playoff Game (8:00am – 5:00pm) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAP (Physics) Exam (9:00am – 12:00pm) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pirate Group Inc. (9:30am – 1:30pm) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHSM Infection Control Certification (11:05am – 1:45pm) 				
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Day of Pink 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fryer / Galois / Hypatia Math Contests 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Envirothon Regionals (8:00am – 4:00pm) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Europe Trip Reunion (3:10pm – 4:30pm) 				
THURSDAY, APRIL 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHSM GPS Certification (8:20am – 3:00pm) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junk Food and Jazz (7:30pm – 9:00pm) 				
FRIDAY, APRIL 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative Education – Loblaws (11:10am – 1:45pm) 				

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



[Student Volunteer Opportunities](#)



[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

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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