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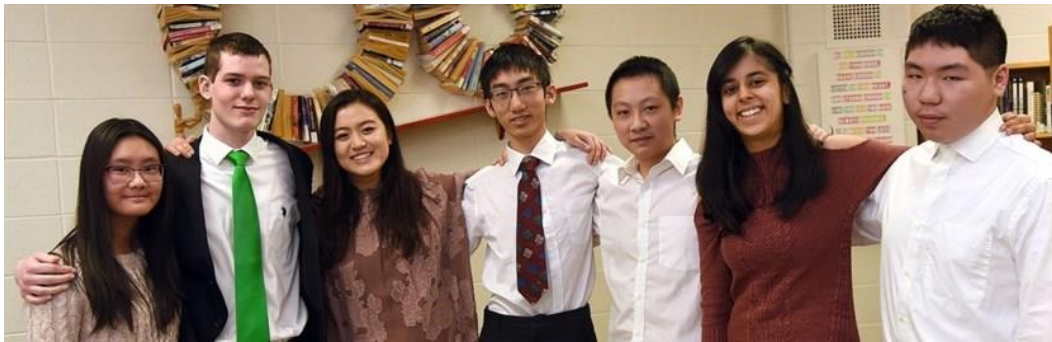
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Thursday, March 29, 2018

IMPORTANT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Another testament to how amazing Markville students are... this week seven of Markville's History students were recognized as recipients of the Government of Canada History Essay Contest. It was incredible to see our students' achievements and passion for history celebrated and recognized by representatives from Canada's History Society in Ottawa as well as YRDSB and the Town of Markham! With over 800 submissions in the contest, Markville showed particular distinction in Ontario and across the country. Shout outs to our 7 recipients: Robert Cai, Arthur Chen, Cheryl Cheung, Damien Ho, Mishaal Lakhani, Michael Wilson, and Helen Wong. Each recipient received a letter of congratulations and \$1000 prize. [Click here](#) for the article in the Markham Economist & Sun.



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

COURSE VERIFICATIONS

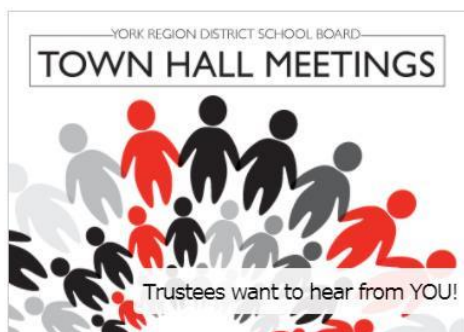
Students received their course verification forms this week. Students are asked to have the form signed and returned by Tuesday, April 3rd if any changes to next year's courses are required. If no changes are needed, the forms do not need to be returned and can be kept for information purposes.

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

Multi-Year Strategic Planning for YRDSB – Upcoming Town Hall Meetings



York Region District School Board is re-visioning its Multi-Year Plan (MYP) and Board Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-being. The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting the strategic direction of public education in York Region public schools. The MYP incorporates the direction established by the Trustees with feedback received from all stakeholders, and will inform decision making at the Board in the years to come. Town halls will be taking place across the region and feedback collected from families and community members will inform the creation of a new MYP. Your voice is important and your input and feedback will help York Region District School Board support student achievement and well-being. There will also be other opportunities, including a survey available in April, to share your thoughts if you are unable to attend a town hall.

TOWN HALL DATES AND TIMES	LOCATIONS
Monday, April 16, 2018 7:00pm – 9:00pm	Keswick High School 100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick
Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6:00pm – 8:00pm	Markville Secondary School 1000 Carlton Rd., Markham
Sunday, April 22, 2018 2:00pm – 4:00pm	Sir William Mulock Secondary School 705 Columbus Way, Newmarket
Wednesday, April 25, 2018 6:00pm – 8:00pm	Maple High School 50 Springside Rd., Maple
Saturday, April 28, 2018 10:00am – 12:00pm	Bayview Secondary School 10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Markville SS Retweeted
 [Centennial Business](#) @CentennialTBS

High School students from @Markville_YRDSB spent the day at our Specialist High Skills Majors workshop. Students at these workshops can learn about #customerservice and #leadership and get a certificate at the end validating what they have learned



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

LITERACY

On April 10th, 2018, Grade 10 students across the province will write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). It will also be written by students who were previously eligible, but have not yet written the test or who were unsuccessful on their first attempt. The OSSLT is administered by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO), an independent agency of the Government of Ontario, in order to determine whether students have acquired the minimum literacy (reading and writing) skills expected by *The Ontario Curriculum* across all subjects up to the end of Grade 9.

The test is scheduled in two 75 minute blocks with a 15 minute break in between booklets. EQAO anticipates that the majority of students will complete each booklet of the OSSLT within each of the two 75 minute sessions. **New this year, additional time is permitted for any student who needs it.** Students will be dismissed upon completion of the test. Only students writing the OSSLT will be required to come to school on April 10th. As explained in a March 9th letter, regular classes are not scheduled on that day.

Please note that this date is the only opportunity for students to write the 2017-2018 OSSLT. Students who are absent will have to wait until the next school year to write.

In preparation for the OSSLT, participating students have been taking part in a Literacy Blitz each Tuesday and Thursday over the last month. Every student received a booklet with pertinent information and practice activities. The Literacy Blitz activities are designed to give students an opportunity to practice the reading and writing skills that they will need to demonstrate on the test.

On March 27th, all students eligible for the literacy test received information letters identifying the room in which they will be writing the literacy test on April 10th. If a student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), parents received an additional letter to indicate the accommodations that will be provided to the student during the OSSLT. In addition, there will be an OSSLT Information Assembly during period 2 on April 5th to go over the details of the test day, the general rules for the test, and some “helpful tips” prior to the OSSLT.

We appreciate your partnership as we continue to support the achievement and well-being of all students.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the literacy teacher, Mr. McKillop, or the Vice-Principal responsible for the OSSLT, Mrs. Wonnacott.



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, APRIL 2 nd	• EASTER MONDAY – NO SCHOOL				
TUESDAY, APRIL 3 rd	• World Autism Awareness Day (April 2 nd – celebrated April 3 rd in schools)				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Course Verification Sheets Due (ONLY for students making changes) • Junior Badminton Playoffs (7:30am – 3:30pm) • SHSM GPS Training (8:30am – 3:45pm) • Literacy Blitz # 6 (1:45pm – 3:00pm)
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Alive – Choral Ensemble (8:20am – 1:40pm) • SHSM First Aid Wilderness Training (8:30am – 2:45pm)
THURSDAY, APRIL 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Badminton Playoffs (7:40am – 4:30pm) • Canadian Team Mathematics Contest (8:30am – 10:00pm) • OSSLT Assembly (9:45am – 11:00am) • SHSM Shirt Distribution (11:05am – 1:40pm) • Trenez Café (11:05am – 1:40pm)
FRIDAY, APRIL 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHSM Shirt Distribution (11:05am – 1:40pm)

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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