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Friday, April 12, 2019

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Major Scholarship winner James Yuan

Markville's own grade 12 student, **James Yuan**, has been awarded the very prestigious **University of Toronto National Scholarship**. This is the first time that a Markville student has been awarded this major scholarship.

The National Scholarship is **presented each year to only 10 student finalists** chosen from thousands of applicants across Canada. These students must demonstrate superior academic performance, original and creative thought and exceptional achievement in a broad context. They must excel in academic pursuits, demonstrate enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and have a strong involvement in the lives of their schools and communities. This very generous University of Toronto scholarship covers tuition, incidentals and residence fees for up to four years of study.



James Yuan

The teachers and administrators at Markville are so proud of James. Not only is James a superior academic student, he is an exceedingly creative individual shown vividly through both language and music. In addition, James shows academic excellence in every subject area. According to Soo Kim, his AP English teacher, James is "one of the brightest students [she has] taught in twenty-six years." His attitude toward learning and education is exceptional with James demonstrating a genuine desire to learn for the sake of learning. James has all of the top-level characteristics that this scholarship requires, yet one might argue that what sets James apart is his compassion for helping others, his grace and honesty. The University of Toronto has offered this exceptional scholarship opportunity to a well deserving candidate. We are excited as a staff at Markville to see what James will accomplish in his future studies and his professional life with such a noteworthy start to his post-secondary education.

WELL DONE JAMES!

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)



**Markham District High School
presents**

Cannabis Parent Session

- An overview of the drug
- The harms associated with use
- York Region data and parental strategies
- Resources to help their youth to delay use

By: Substance Use Prevention & Harm Reduction
York Region Community and Health Services

APRIL • 25 • 2019

7PM - 8:30PM

at School Library

Markham District High School
89 Church St., Markham, ON L3P 2M3
905-294-1886

TALKING WITH TEENS ABOUT VAPING

TIP SHEET

Get More Information: Canada.ca/vaping-info



Please click on the image above to access the tip sheet from [Health Canada](https://HealthCanada) about teens and vaping. For current smokers, vaping is less harmful than cigarettes, however, it is important to note that for non-smokers and teens especially, any amount of nicotine is harmful and can alter brain development.

MARKVILLE SPIRIT WEAR

Markville's Leadership class is selling NEW Spirit Wear with fresh designs, colours, and options. Samples will be available for students to see and try in the atrium during Periods 3 and 4 until April 18th. Orders can be made through [Cash Online](#), or by filling out the [order form](#) and submitting cash. All orders must be in by April 18th.



Make It Home Safely
Make the MSSPROMise

Prom is coming up on Thursday, May 2nd, 2019. Students are encouraged to celebrate the event safely by signing the MSSPROMise pledge: To attend PROM and not to drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Students who sign the pledge are eligible to win a \$50 gift card. Stay safe Markville!

<https://forms.gle/LBQk5tDZkrDs93D49>

CLOTHING DRIVE

Markville will have a used clothing drive during the week of April 23rd to April 26th. Please bring in any clean and used clothing and textiles to the school and drop them off in the box in the atrium. Additional acceptable items also include footwear, scarves, hats, mittens, belts, towels, purses, handbags, backpacks, soft bags, linens and outerwear. Donated items will be re-used affordable second-hand clothing both in North America and overseas. Donated items deemed unsuitable for resale will be taken to textile recycling facilities where they will be broken down and remade into useful materials, such as fleece jumpers. Collected items will be weighed by [Bag2School](#) and exchanged for money which will be donated to the [Evergreen Hospice](#).



TWEET OF THE WEEK



[@Markville_YRDSB](#)

Ensure [@360kids_york](#) can continue to do all they do for our youth in crisis by donating. Or help raise much needed funds like our Flash Print Ss are doing here with a fun game they made!
[#handsonlearning](#) [#EveryKidMatters](#) [@yrdsb](#)



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

COMMUNITY CLASS & LIBRARY LEARNING COMMONS

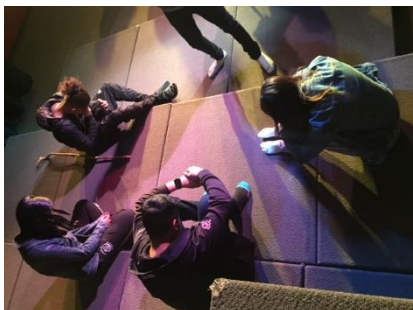
["Welcome Spring"](#) is brought to you by Markville's Community Class & Library Learning Commons. Our students worked very hard and we are so proud of them for making this movie. Each student played a part in colouring the pictures, moving the flowers and letters for the stop motion effect, dancing in front of the green screen, choosing background pictures, and recording their voices.



DRAMA CLASS

Over the past few weeks, Markville's Drama classes have been hard at work to create their own original movement performances. Each day, with new tasks and challenges, students address various themes such as bullying, body image, racism, and mental health.

One group in particular is bringing awareness to the everyday body image issues that many young people are facing today. Strategies like mirroring and synchronized movement are used to overcome everyday challenges. For example, in one exercise, we use the scenario of a young woman looking in the mirror, not accepting the image that she is faced with. The discussions that follow are engaging and insightful, as students recount personal stories and victories in their effort to fight this ongoing body image struggle. A huge congratulation goes out to these hard working students who are enduring emotional and creative tasks each and every day.



DRAMA CLUB

Markville's Drama Club is well on their way to finalizing their rendition of *Sherlock Holmes*. Our cast of talented actors is eager to put their British accents to the test, while solving the riveting case Mr. Holmes (Damien Ho) has been tasked with.

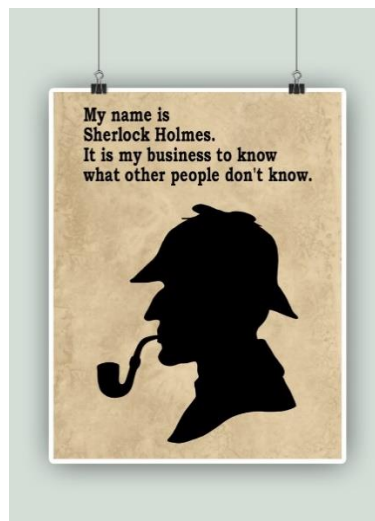
This year, each grade level is represented in Markville's Spring Production. Each individual has worked hard to perfect their costume, character, and always entertaining movement and interaction on stage.

Last year, in Markville's production of *A Family Reunion to Die For*, we saw many actors debut their talent on the Markville stage. This year, we are happy to say that many have returned for the second annual Drama Club Spring Production, and we couldn't be happier to be working together to reach this fun and exciting goal.

Tickets for *Sherlock Holmes* can be purchased on [Cash Online](#), or at the door the evening of the event. Adult tickets cost \$12.00, and student tickets cost \$8.00.

Show time is Wednesday April 24th, at 7:00pm.


Be sure to arrive early to take a look at the intricately detailed set and be immersed in the mystery!



Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, APR. 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halfway Through! Semester 2 – Term 2 begins • Switch Day for Civics and Careers Classes 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-op Fair in the Atrium • ABA Trade Show 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoken Word Performance Recording (12:25pm – 1:40pm) 				
TUESDAY, APR. 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REEL Canada National Canadian Film Day Celebration 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Alive Festival (Choral Ensemble) • All Kinds of Love Social at Bur Oak SS (3:30pm – 8:00pm) 				
WEDNESDAY, APR. 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Alive Festival (Symphonic Orchestra) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Area Band Concert (8:00am – 10:30am) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SHSM ICE Event (Business, Health and Wellness) (8:20am – 3:00pm) 				
THURSDAY, APR. 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Alive Festival (Concert String Orchestra) 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WE are Silent Event 				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dragon Boat (2:30pm – 5:15pm) 				
FRIDAY, APR. 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOOD FRIDAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF 				

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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