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Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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[Friday, May 08, 2020](#)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope you are doing well and that you continue to keep safe in the better weather. This week has continued to be a busy one at Markville. Our students have been working on their assignments and participating in a number of activities prepared by their teachers. These activities are delivered using the usual platforms, Google Classroom, Moodle, and Google Documents. Teachers also provide feedback and answer questions students may have during their announced Office Hours. This week some teachers started implementing synchronous audio and/or video real-time learning opportunities. To further understand the implications of this optional real-time learning strategy, teachers will be sending a letter home to parents/guardians. Students and their parents have the right to opt out of this activity and receive the same information through a recorded version of the lesson. If you have any further questions regarding synchronous learning, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher or our Administration Team: Ms. McAlpine, Mr. Vlachopoulos, or Ms. Obadia.

As we start the weekend, I would like to extend my appreciation to all the mothers in our community. Happy Mothers' Day!

Kindly, Patricia Obadia



STUDENT VOICES

Ms. Kwan's Food and Nutrition classes have been busy keeping up with their course work and feeding their families at the same time! Her students have shared some of the delicious looking treats and meals that they have been preparing while at home. Enjoy these photos and videos of their work.

Funfetti Cookies by C. McKinnon



Churros by C. Feng



Banana Bread by S. Ramachandran



Brownies by J. Khan



Madeleines by D. Yu



Fried Rice by M. Jiang



[Chocolate Chip Cookies](#) (video) by N. Alizadeh
[Creamy Chicken Penne Pasta](#) (video) by E. Jiang

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

MATH DEPARTMENT

In February, 139 students in Grades 9-11 wrote the [University of Waterloo Pascal, Caley, and Fermat](#) Math contests. Math contests are an excellent extra-curricular opportunity for students to have fun and develop their mathematical problem-solving abilities.

Markville would like to recognize the outstanding achievement of Grade 11 student **Arthur Bright** who has been recognized by the University of Waterloo as a “2020 Student Champion” for receiving a **perfect score** on the Fermat Math contest. Congratulations Arthur - we are very proud of you!

The following students will receive a medal for achieving the **top score** amongst Markville students:

Grade 9 Pascal: Jayden Wong

Grade 10 Cayley: Ming Gao

Grade 11 Fermat: Arthur Bright

Markville’s provincial and national rankings (based on team scores) were also very impressive this year: The Pascal team score ranked 3rd in the zone and in the top 2% of all schools in Ontario and in Canada; the Caley team score ranked 10th in the zone and in the top 4% of schools in Ontario and in the top 2% of all schools in Canada; the Fermat team score ranked 3rd in the zone and in the top 2% of all schools in Ontario and in Canada.

In addition, the following students scored in the **top 25%** of all contestants who wrote the contest and will receive a Certificate of Distinction to recognize their achievement:

Grade 9 – Pascal

Jayden Wong, Jina Yang, John Liu, Andy Liang, Jenson Cropley, Adrian Di Paola, Brendan Tam, Harry He, Garg Rohan, Elise Wong, Kelei Xiao, Jonathan Liang, Nima Pourjafar, Bruce Gu, Ezra Yuen, Elliott Cheng, Orion Chen, Ethan Dam, Mikaela Leung, Ryan Zhu, Roman Chong, Stephanie Liu, Cynthia Duan, Kevin Shi, Ryan Koo, Yichen Wang

Grade 10 – Cayley

Ming Gao, Max Jiang, Andy Wei, Jerry Wu, Pranav Varma, April Wei, Hayley Wong, Jim Wu, David Diao, Maxwell Li, Samuel Yang, Saumya Seyon, Kevin Yao, Rosana Gao, Jiahua Huang, Richard Yang, Ivan Tang, Yash Modi, Jasper Yang

Grade 11 – Fermat

Arthur Bright, Selina Qiu, Neel Nair, Jason Wang, Haotian Mo, Araad Shams, Kevin Guo, Kelvin Gu, Daniel Xiao, Jason Li, Frank Wang, Alexander Chow, Victor Wang, Catherine Hsu, Matthew Xie. Edward Zhou, Joy Wu, Daniel Su, Rachel Tse, Silas Kwok, Racheal Li, Matthew Snelgrove, Lavan Sumanan, Sophie Xu, Aswin Kuganesan, Catherine Tse, Jennifer Ying

The Math department would like to congratulate all students who participated in the Math contests this year.

ATTENTION STUDENT LEADERS!

Every year, Markville S.S. has dozens of activities planned to engage students and the community. These events are made possible by our committed student leadership groups - collectively known as SMACT!

Specifically, these three councils are the Student Activities Council (SAC), the Markville Athletic Council (MAC), and the Transition Activities Council (TAC).

Each of our student leadership councils are looking for **responsible, dynamic, organized, friendly, passionate, eloquent, and articulate** students to take charge and run activities next year. **Any student** who possesses the aforementioned traits and plans to attend Markville S.S. next year is invited to apply to one of the councils.

Applications for the 2020-2021 school year must be submitted in full, no later than **Monday, May 11th at 3pm** and are available using the following link: <https://bit.ly/MarkvilleCouncil2020>

The application process involves two initial steps:

1. Students must complete an application form
2. **Two** teacher references must be filled out

Applicants need to **plan ahead** to ensure they give teachers enough notice to complete the reference form **prior to the May 11th deadline**.

Take responsibility and accountability for the events that will happen at Markville next year and apply to become a SMACT leader!

**A LEADER
IS ONE WHO**

**KNOWS THE WAY,
GOES THE WAY,**

AND

SHOWS THE WAY.

JOHN C. MAXWELL

HEY MAVERICKS

**APPLY FOR
SMACT 2021!**

Applications for SAC, MAC, and TAC are
out now!

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Message to MSS Students and Families



"Markville Secondary School envisions a community of future-oriented, self-disciplined, life-long learners who are dedicated to the pursuit of excellence. We are committed to providing a safe, caring and positive environment that fosters communication and mutual respect. Our focus is on fostering the development of personal and ethical values in conjunction with the creative, social, academic, and technological skills needed to be successful in our ever-changing and competitive world."

During the current period of distance learning, this vision has not changed. Markville Secondary School continues to follow the YRDSB Learning and Caring Plan 2020 as we support students and families during this challenging and unprecedented time.

We also support the Minister of Education's promise that no student will have their graduation jeopardized by the current outbreak, and that students' marks should not be negatively affected by performance after March 13. For this reason, our focus for the remainder of the year will continue to be on teaching, learning, and supporting our students' wellbeing. In this way, students can continue to learn the knowledge and skills needed to be successful in the future stages of their learning.

VIRTUAL PROM TONIGHT!

All iHeart Radio stations across Canada will be broadcasting a virtual prom on Friday, May 8th from 8:00pm to midnight. You can also find the virtual prom on [iHeart Radio's Hit Nation](#). Put on your dancing shoes and bust a move – or just let the kids know and close the door while they dance the night away.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK MAY 4th – 10th

This week we celebrated Mental Health Week. This year in particular we need to pay attention to our own mental health, and the mental health of those around us. A kind word or gesture can go a long way in turning someone's day around. It all starts at the individual level. Have you looked after yourself today, said a kind word to yourself recently, allowed yourself to just be you? Markville SS staff shared mental health selfies this week through [Twitter @Markville_YRDSB](#) to say we care about and miss our students.



[COVID-19 MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES](#)

YRDSB has put together a page on their website dedicated to resources to support the mental health of students and their families. If you have concerns about the mental health of your child(ren) or yourself, please do not hesitate to reach out for help.

HELPFUL RESOURCES

[KIDS HELP PHONE](#)



Text

Get support right now through our texting service

[LEARN MORE →](#)



Phone

Call us for support through our phone service

[LEARN MORE →](#)



Resources Around Me

Find a youth program near you

[GO NOW →](#)

[YORK SUPPORT SERVICES NETWORK](#)

York Support Services Network offers the Community Crisis Response Service for people living in York Region or South Simcoe who are having a mental health crisis, and their family or friends.

By calling their toll-free number 1-855-310-2673 (COPE) available 24 hours, 7 days a week, you can speak with a crisis worker anytime you need to. You can also text 1-855-310-2673, or [live chat](#) online from 7am – midnight every day.

[COVID 19 GOVERNMENT OF CANADA RESOURCES](#)
[WELLNESS TOGETHER CANADA](#)

NEED IMMEDIATE SUPPORT?

If you are in crisis or require support right away, please choose from one of the crisis options below:



Youth: Text **WELLNESS** to 686868



Adults: Text **WELLNESS** to 741741



Front Line Workers: Text **FRONTLINE** to 741741



Call 911 if you are in immediate danger or need urgent medical support.

[CANADA EMERGENCY RESPONSE BENEFIT](#)

The Canada Emergency Response Benefit provides \$2000 per month for Canadians who have lost employment, have significantly reduced hours of work, or are unable to work due to COVID-19. Eligibility requirements have changed over the past few weeks, opening up to many more people. Check the link above if you are eligible to receive this benefit. The CERB is taxable income, however, no tax will be taken off at the time the payments are distributed.

[CANADA EMERGENCY STUDENT BENEFIT](#)

The federal government has officially passed the new [Canada Emergency Student Benefit Act](#) into legislation. Students attending post-secondary, or who have recently graduated from post-secondary, and students who graduate secondary school in 2020 who have applied and intend to begin post-secondary by Feb., 2021, will be eligible for \$1250 per month from May – August. Students must be willing to and looking for work, but unable to find a job due to COVID-19, The federal government has also increased funding to the Canada Student Summer Jobs program, which will provide 100% of funding for 76,000 student jobs this summer. Details on how to apply will be shared once they become available.

STRESS RELIEF

HARRY POTTER AT HOME

Daniel Radcliffe, David Beckham, and other celebrities have come together to read the first Harry Potter book chapter by chapter. A new website, wizardingworld.com brings the world of Harry Potter to life, with activities, challenges, puzzles, and more.



LIBRARY PUZZLES

Have you run out of puzzles to do at home? Don't despair, there are lots of virtual puzzles still to explore. [Librarianship.ca](http://librarianship.ca) has released a set of three Canadian Library themed puzzles. Choose how many pieces you would like to try and get started.



[Puzzle 1: Canadian Central/Main Libraries](#)



[Puzzle 2: Secret Bench of Knowledge](#)



[Puzzle 3: Library of Parliament](#)

WHAT COLOURS ARE IN YOUR NAME?

Synesthesia is a condition where people see letters and numbers as very specific colours. Bernadette Sheridan has created a project to document this phenomenon as it appears to her. [Type in your name](#) and see it in colour.



JESSICA



KEVIN



MARKVILLE

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

Please visit our website at <http://markville.ss.yrdsb.ca>