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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I am hopeful that you continue to keep well and safe. This week we heard the Ministry's announcement about the ongoing closure of schools for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year. I know that many of our students are feeling upset about not being able to return to their friends, their teachers, and their studies in the building. We are all social individuals and crave for social interaction, face-to-face. It is interesting to note that prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, our youth flourished engaging in social media, and now, when social media is the only available form of communication, they feel the absence of their friend's company. Let's continue to do our part, maintaining social distance and washing our hands often, so they can continue to study and interact with their peers. In the meantime, Markville staff continue to support our students' well-being and academics. As always, it is our partnership with you, their families, which makes their success possible. Enjoy the beautiful weather and keep safe.

Patricia Obadia



STUDENT VOICES

SAC (STUDENT ACTIVITY COUNCIL) ONLINE ELECTIONS

Dear Families,

It is time to look ahead to the upcoming school year! As such, Markville's Student Activity Council has begun their yearly student election campaigns. Students interested in joining Markville SAC have already conducted interviews and are now ready to share their promotional material as part of their election campaign.

Here is a document that compiles all the candidate's posters and videos:

<https://bit.ly/SAC2021CAMPAIGN>

Voting starts on May 27th at 7am and closes on May 29th at 3pm. Please share the following link with Markville students for them to vote!

<https://bit.ly/MSAC2021>

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Markville SS will be holding our first virtual School Council Meeting on June 1st, and we would like to hear from you! We would like to know how students, parents, and families are engaging with learning at home and if you have any questions / concerns related to the YRDSB Learning & Caring Plan. More details about the meeting will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please email us your input / questions at markville.ss@yrdsb.ca with the subject line: School Council Meeting. Looking forward to reconnecting with you!

UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCE OFFER DEADLINE – JUNE 1st

Parents and Grade 12 students who have applied to university for Fall 2020 entry: June 1st is the absolute deadline to accept an offer of admission from an Ontario university. Please ensure that you do this as soon as possible, ideally prior to this deadline. Universities have specific information on their sites about residence applications. Many of them also have a June 1st deadline. Please make sure students are on top of these important dates. Universities and Colleges are also starting to share preliminary plans for their fall semester relating to COVID-19. Students should be checking for updates regularly. Remember the online learning that is happening right now and into June at Markville will be valuable preparation for their chosen university or college program next year whether they begin classes face-to-face or online at their institution.

SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED THROUGH THE END OF JUNE

The [Ministry of Education](#) made the difficult decision this week to keep schools closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The safety of our students, staff, and community is extremely important to us. The staff at Markville SS remain committed to providing resources and course materials for students to complete their semester following our Learning and Caring Plan for the next 5 weeks. We understand that all students are reacting to this situation in different ways. Some are completing all assigned work and more, others may be working at essential jobs and finding it difficult to keep up, some are enjoying learning online, while many others are struggling. Our Admin team, Guidance department, and Student Success team are here for all students. Please encourage your child(ren) to reach out to their teachers or other support staff they may have connections with at school if they are experiencing any difficulties.

All students will receive a report card in June. The Ministry, School Board, and individual schools are working on plans for when students may be able to retrieve any belongings left at school and return school resources. There is no plan currently in place and this may take several weeks to implement. We will communicate any information to you as soon as we can. **Please do not go to the school for any reason until a plan has been developed.**

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Adult Literacy and Basic Skills classes will be offered using an online delivery model. The Continuing Education Services offices are closed, but staff are available to answer emails. If you know the program name, include it in the email subject line (Adult Day School, Secondary Summer School, Night School, etc.) Direct your email to: continuing.education@yrdsb.ca

SUMMER INSTITUTE CANCELLATION

YRDSB's [Summer Institute](#), which provides academic, athletic, and recreational programs for students from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 has been cancelled this year. Refunds for any registrations will be processed by June 1st; anyone who has not received a refund by June 1st may contact: performanceplus.si@yrdsb.ca. This does not affect Summer School for high school students, which will be offered through an online model.

[STUDENT LIFE NETWORK VIRTUAL PROM 2020](#)

Student Life Network is presenting a live stream event to give all the Canadian students who are missing out on their prom an historic experience while supporting a wonderful charity like the Kids Help Phone. There are three ways to participate, the Prom Wave Challenge, the Promposal Challenge, and by Tuning-In Live. Each one will lead to a donation to Kids Help Phone from CIBC. The live stream event is happening on Friday, May 22nd at 8pm. This virtual prom is being put together by a national student committee, students all across Canada working together on this fabulous event. Special Guests Loud Luxury will be on DJ duty. #promison



BUILD A DREAM

Parents and guardians of girls in Grades 7 to 12 are invited to attend the Build a Dream Digital Career Discovery Expo on Wednesday, May 27th from 5pm to 8pm. The Build a Dream "at Home Edition" will give you and your daughter(s) the chance to explore a wide range of career paths in the skilled trades, science, technology, engineering, and emergency services.

To register for this free event, visit: dreamathome.eventbrite.ca



AT HOME WITH LEARNING – ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS

According to a recent poll, these are the Top 10 things Ontario teachers would recommend to keep learning going at home. While some of these may seem geared more towards elementary students, please keep in mind that all children, no matter how old, can benefit from the attention of a caring adult. Playing games, cooking, baking, or doing crafts can be enjoyable at any age.

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| 1. Read every day | 2. Encourage children to cook |
| 3. Work on co-operation and problem-solving with board games, card games, and puzzles | 4. Design and build something with household objects |
| 5. Paint, draw, and do crafts | 6. Explore ideas and topics that genuinely interest each child |
| 7. Set aside time for journaling or creative writing | 8. Discuss and unpack current events in age-appropriate ways |
| 9. Care for plants or keep a pet healthy and happy | 10. Listen to or create music |

[TVO LEARN AT HOME](#)

TV Ontario has curated many resources for students learning at home and for their families and guardians who are supporting that learning. There are different categories for each age group and lots of activities and supports for all ages of students. Check out their resources for Grades 9 to 12 [here](#).

[Trending Now:](#)

— HIGH SCHOOL COURSES - Keep up with studies —

For grades 9-12

[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 →](#)

[SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH ONTARIO](#)



Do you have questions about how to support student mental health during the COVID-19 response? We've put together some answers.

[Learn More](#)

[ONTARIO VIRTUAL CARE CLINIC](#)

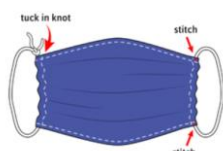
Ontario Virtual Care Clinic | See a Doctor by Video

Connect to an on-call doctor by video or phone from 8am to midnight during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you have a family doctor, call them first, they may be able to provide care over the phone or by video call as well. This service is for Ontario residents who do not currently have a family doctor. Visit www.seethedoctor.ca for more information.

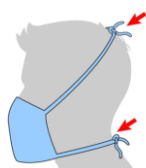
COVID 19 GOVERNMENT OF CANADA RESOURCES

The government of Canada is now **recommending** the use of non-medical masks when social distancing is difficult or cannot be guaranteed, particularly in crowded public settings such as stores, shopping areas, and public transportation. The most effective way to prevent the spread of Covid-19 is to wash your hands frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. Stay at home if you are ill, maintain a 2-metre physical distance from anyone not in your immediate household, and avoid touching your face, mouth, nose, and eyes. The government of Canada also has **resources** including how to sew a non-medical face mask, or how to make one out of readily available materials without having to sew.

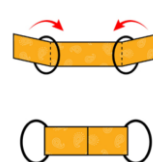
Sew Method



No Sew Method Using a T-Shirt



No Sew Method Using a Bandana



ONTARIO GOVERNMENT – STAGE 1 RE-OPENING

Stage 1

Opening businesses that can immediately meet or modify operations to meet public health guidance and occupational health and safety requirements.

Stage 2

Opening more workplaces, based on risk assessments, which may include some service industries, and additional office and retail workplaces.

Stage 3

Opening all workplaces responsibly.

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 or \$2000 per month for students with dependents or a disability. 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. Students can [apply](#) through their CRA My Account starting May 15th. **High School students who will be eligible to graduate in June, may apply for the benefit for July and August.**

STRESS RELIEF

Taking a few deep breaths can help to relax your body and mind.

Breathing Balloon

A simple breathing exercise
that you can do anywhere.

Start

* You might breathe faster or slower than the balloon. **That is okay.** Follow your own natural breathing rate.

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SPYSCAPE – JAMES BOND EXPERIENCE

Were you looking forward to the upcoming 007 feature, No Time to Die? Want to practise your spy skills in advance? New York's Spyscape museum offers a behind the scenes look at the world of 007, and now it's online, virtual, and free! [007 x Spyscape](#) is a free James Bond exhibition that offers an insight into some of the '007 movie-making magic, with never before seen animations, images, and interviews.

SOMEONE'S GOOD BOOKS

Librarian and award-winning author, Joel A. Sutherland has started a YouTube channel to promote books that have been or are going to be published during the pandemic. With book tours and author visits cancelled, this is a new way to reach out to Canadian audiences. Check out [episode 1 here](#). Mr. Sutherland's family recently rocketed to fame with their [complete recreation](#) of the Simpson's intro video which was featured on CP24 and on America's Funniest Home Videos in recent weeks.



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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