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Friday, June 01, 2018

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Graduating Class of 2018

Graduation this year is on Wednesday, June 27th at [The Brighton Convention and Events Centre](#), located at 2155 McNicoll Ave., Toronto, just [15 minutes](#) from Markville SS.

Invitations were distributed to students on April 17th. If students have not yet picked up their invitations, they are available in the Main Office.

Two guest tickets as well as the graduation caps and gowns will be available to be picked up during periods 3 and 4 in Room 212 on Friday, June 15th and Monday, June 18th. Any student not planning on attending the graduation ceremony this year is asked to notify the Main Office as soon as possible. Anyone interested in receiving two additional guest tickets can put their name on a waitlist at this time. Students will be notified if and when any additional guest tickets become available.

Exams are coming!

June is here, so that means that exams are just around the corner. Grade 12 Period 5 exams will begin on Tuesday, June 19th. All other exams will start on Wednesday, June 20th and go until Tuesday, June 26th. Exam review day will be held on Wednesday, June 27th with a modified schedule. Please [click here](#) to go to our [Study Skills](#) page on our [school website](#) for some tips and tricks for effective studying.

ECO Theme for June – Everything in its Place

What is considered Garbage? Recycling? Green Bin Waste? Sometimes it is hard to remember what goes where, however, it is important that waste is put in its proper place. Check out this great tool from the City of Markham called: [What Goes Where? – Item Look Up Tool](#). Just enter an item and click: look up and you will get a list of where that item should go to be disposed of properly. Here is an example using a coffee cup:

Enter the name of a waste item

Lookup

... results for "coffee cup"

Item	Solution	Category
Coffee Cup - Without Lid	Place this item in your green bin. Use any plastic or compostable bag. Excess organic material must be placed in a clear bag beside your green bin, labelled "ORGANICS"	Green Bin
Coffee Cup Lid	Place this item in a clear bag. NO dark, white or tinted bags are accepted. A maximum of 4 privacy bags are allowed per collection.	Garbage
Tim Horton's Coffee Cup	Place this item in your green bin. Large soiled paper products, such as pizza boxes, should be made smaller before placing in your green bin.	Green Bin

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Thank you @campgreenacres for a fantastic day of training for our 2018/19 TAC mentors! What a fun-filled day learning about teamwork and leadership!



DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

GEOGRAPHY

Students in our Grade 9 Geography class have had an active and engaging semester learning about Canada's diverse physical and human geography. Students started the semester learning about Canada's physical geography by participating in a variety of activities, such as role-playing, simulation, debates and focus groups. Students completed a real-life scavenger hunt at the Toronto Zoo in both the fall and spring as a way to learn about endangered species found in Canada and abroad. These trips complimented our studies about sustainability and the fragility of many Canadian resources and ecosystems.

The highlight for many students was being involved with hands-on simulations, role-playing and debates throughout the year, wherein students had the chance to experience the realities faced by different demographic groups in Canada's population. Between "fishing" in Canada's oceans, recreating Canadian landforms and debating the benefits and drawbacks of the Clayoquot Sound, our students had a successful and rewarding first and second semester in Geography. We look forward to seeing our students next year in our senior courses, including Travel and Tourism (CGG3O1), Natural Disasters (CGF3M) and World Issues (CGW4U).



Our Environment SHSM students have been busy completing both compulsory and elective certifications. The most recent certification offered was the Wilderness First Aid where students were able to learn the top 10 skills needed to survive in the wild. Students also took part in building their own shelter in the Raymerwood Woodlot and building a fire from batteries and steel wool.



ESL (English as a Second Language)

What an exciting year this has been! The ESL Department has continued to support ELLs (English Language Learners) in their English language proficiency by providing many opportunities for experiential learning. We kicked off the fall season by apple picking at a local apple orchard, and making homemade apple crisp during our weekly group challenges. It was a yummy treat enjoyed by all! The festive season brought with it a continuation of the annual “Home for the Holidays Dinner” which included a traditional Canadian festive meal, games, activities, and take home loot bags. Now with the end of semester two around the corner, we have already begun the celebration of our successful year, by taking a field trip downtown to watch a Toronto Blue Jays baseball game. ELLs had a blast showing their Markville spirit and embracing this cultural experience as the 2017/2018 school year comes to an end. Great things still lie ahead though, as five outstanding ELLs competed for a seat on Student Council on May 30th, in order to plan activities and fun for the whole school for next year. Congratulations to George Yu and Siyang (Michael) Liu who will represent Markville’s ELL community.




Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, JUNE 4 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On June 4th 1919, the 19th Amendment was passed in the United States which guaranteed women the right to vote. Canadian women were first allowed to vote in Manitoba in 1916, with a slow increase until all Canadian women were eligible to vote in 1960. 				
TUESDAY, JUNE 5 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Athletic Banquet (6:30pm – 11:00pm) 				

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Advanced Keyboard Class Piano Recital (8:00pm – 10:00pm)
THURSDAY, JUNE 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speaker – Grade 9 Science Pitch Black Workshop • Guest Speaker – Holocaust Survivor (1:45pm – 3:00pm) • Dragon Boat Competition (3:00pm – 4:45pm) • Provincial Election – Don't forget to vote!
FRIDAY, JUNE 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speaker – Grade 9 Science Pitch Black Workshop • Grade 12 Graduation Assembly (9:45am – 10:15am)

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

 <p>Community Information & Volunteer Database</p>	Student Volunteer Opportunities		Volunteer Opportunities
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Lunch Time Tutoring – Library, Monday and Wednesday – Periods 3 and 4
 After school Tutoring – Rm. 345, Tuesday and Thursday 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 vanessa.wonnacott@yrdsb.ca for students with surnames LIN– Z

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