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## Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin



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Friday, June 21, 2019

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

Another school year has come to an end and the feeling of completion and satisfaction is in the air. Our graduating class' excitement was present in the atrium and the hallways for the past week! At the same time, our students and their teachers are ready for the last phase of the year, the final exams. You can see students in the library, in the cafeteria, at the atrium tables, individually or in groups, studying, collaborating, and preparing for their evaluations.

At this time, I would like to thank you for your support, your partnership, and your care. I want to express my gratitude to our School Council who have worked tirelessly to organize resources to assist families and students as they dealt with their everyday lives. It is this partnership between families and schools which leads to the strength of our school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff for their ongoing commitment to education and to the enhancement of the well-being of our students. They come every day ready to share their joy of learning with them. Our students' accomplishments and achievements make us proud and supports our work every day.

The end of the year is also a time of good byes: we say so long to our graduating class of 2019 who are moving on to a number of post-secondary destinations. They are well prepared for the journey on which they are going to embark. We also say goodbye to members of our staff who are moving to take up positions elsewhere or who are taking a leave: Mr. Achong, Mr. Ariganello, Mr. Chiu, Mr. Chu, Ms. Cockburn, Mr. D'Almeida, Ms. Kozai, Ms. Man, Ms. Manahan, Ms. Nobrega, Ms. Pacht, Ms. Rodney, Mr. Siddiqui, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Wright, and Ms. Zarrion. We also thank the following teachers who helped us throughout this past semester: Mr. Abbey, Ms. Babbar, Ms. Eizenga, Ms. Kassam, Mr. Quigley, and Mr. Singh.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to our two Vice-Principals: Ms. McAlpine and Mr. Vlachopoulos, whose dedication, hard work and care makes Markville the wonderful school it is!

This is the last e-bulletin of this year, so I would like to wish you all a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer! We look forward to seeing our students back in the fall. School will begin on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> for all Grade 9 students, and on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> for Grade 10-12 students. Thank you!

~ Patricia Obadia



## STUDENT & TEACHER ACHIEVEMENTS

We would like to congratulate Grade 12 student **Keshav Chawla** who has been selected as this year's Valedictorian. Keshav has been a leader throughout his time here at Markville, an encouraging and positive presence in class, in the library, at school events, and during DECA competitions. We wish Keshav all the best in his future studies at the University of Waterloo.

Grade 11 student **Carine Ho** placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the York Region Community Health School Services mental health poster contest; Ready, Set, Create!



The University of Waterloo has recognized two of our teachers, **Ms. B. Cheung** and **Ms. M. Chan** for their efforts, enthusiasm, and commitment in supporting our students while participating in the University of Waterloo's Financial Literacy Competition this year. Ms. Cheung and Ms. Chan went the extra mile to help build the financial confidence of our students while preparing them for a healthy and secure financial future.

## 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)

### 2019 – 2020 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

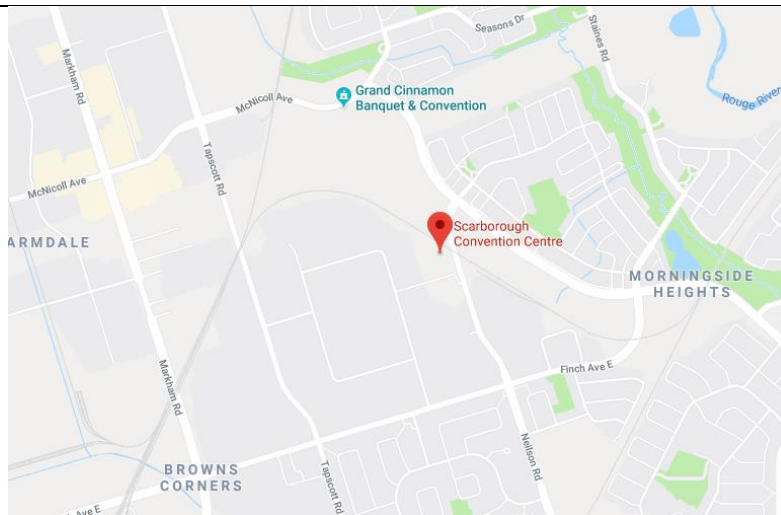
Letters with important registration information were given to all students who will be entering Grades 10, 11, or 12 in the fall. The letter has also been posted to our website under the [News & Events](#) tab, or you can [click here](#) to access it.

Some Important Dates to remember:

- Report Cards will be mailed out starting the second week of July. Due to construction, there will be no access to the school this summer. Please make sure your mailing address has been updated with the main office.
- Timetables will be emailed to student's YRDSB GAPPS accounts and parents / guardians email addresses beginning on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Timetables will be available for viewing on EDSBY beginning on August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – First day of school for Grade 9 students
- Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – First day of school for Grade 10-12 students. All grades attend classes.
- Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> – Grade Assemblies
- Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day – bring your smiles!
- Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – First School Council Meeting at 7:15pm in the Library
- October 28<sup>th</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup> – Fall Break (no classes for Markville students)

### GRADUATION

The end of the school year is a bittersweet time. We are so happy to see the Grade 12 students excited about their futures, making plans, and pursuing their dreams while at the same time sad to see them leave our halls, classrooms, and school community. On **Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**, we celebrate our graduates with a ceremony to be held at the [Scarborough Convention Centre](#) which is located about 15-20 minutes from Markville at [20 Torham Place](#) near the intersection of McNicoll and Morningside.



**Students should arrive at 6pm** and our processional will begin at **7pm sharp**.

Graduates will get their cap and gown upon arrival at the venue. Seating will be first come, first serve and guests are reminded to bring their tickets in order to ensure prompt entry as tickets will be collected / verified. The ceremony will end at 9pm and will be followed by a reception with light refreshments. Please contact the main office with any additional questions about the event. All graduation related information was distributed to students with their tickets and can also be found on our website under [News & Events](#), or by [clicking here](#).

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## OPEN FORUM DIVERSITY SERIES

Open Forum Is A Monthly Interactive And Professionally Facilitated Presentation And Discussion on Selected Topics open to all residents of Stouffville and beyond to expand our understanding and acceptance of our diverse community.

# GENERATIONAL DIVERSITY

PROFESSIONALLY FACILITATED BY CHERYL MCCONNEY-WILSON M. OF ED (OISE)  
DIVERSITY SPECIALIST

# TUESDAY, JUNE 25TH

## 7PM TO 9PM

**Hummingbird Hub**  
**633 I Main Street, Stouffville**

Adults \$10

Students \$5

For More Information:  
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### TWEET OF THE WEEK



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Today is National Indigenous Peoples Day - a time to recognize, honour, & celebrate achievements & contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples. Learn more:  
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#NationIndigenousPeoplesDay



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**DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT**



## Compassionate Schools Markville

Our first event this year entailed a visit to Sunrise Senior Home with a group of over twenty Grade 10 Gifted students from Markville. The students prepared for this visit by collecting board games, musical instruments, and other fun activities to do with the seniors. Students interacted with a variety of residents throughout the afternoon, enjoying thoughtful conversations and learning more about the people they met. The group of students split their time between residents on the first and third floors of Sunrise, connecting with seniors of different backgrounds by sharing stories and experiences. It's safe to say the visit was a success for our students, as well as the residents of Sunrise, who hope to see the students come again in the years to come.



During the 2019-2020 school year, Compassionate Schools Markville will be launched as a club that regularly runs events with the intention of involving seniors in the community. The goal of these visits is to create a safe and comforting environment where the seniors can build meaningful relationships with youth. By fostering 1-to-1 relationships between individual seniors and youth, we will reduce the loneliness within isolated seniors. Compassionate Schools Markville will be a club open to all grades as of September 2019, intending to host events more regularly.

The **2019-2020** executive team of Anika Saini, Amy Wang, Cynthia Feng, Joshua Sum, Karin Qian, Katie Leung, Lena Wang, Selina Qiu, Silas Kwok, and teacher supervisors Ingrid Achong and Alice Ruffo will oversee the process of developing and promoting the club for next year. General meetings will be held weekly after school likely on Tuesdays or Thursdays and will be around 45 minutes in length. Volunteer hours can be claimed on visits, but general meetings are mandatory to have permission to partake in the event. **Be on the lookout for our booth on club sign up day!**

### Executive Team



### Upcoming Events

DATE	School News	Student Life	Arts	Sports & Clubs	Academics
MONDAY, JUNE 24 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PERIOD 4 EXAMS</li> </ul>				
TUESDAY, JUNE 25 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PERIOD 5 EXAMS</li> </ul>				
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EXAM REVIEW DAY – MODIFIED SCHEDULE            Period 1: 8:20am – 9:00am            Period 2: 9:05am – 9:45am            Period 3: 9:50am – 10:30am            Period 4: 10:35am – 11:15am            Period 5: 11:20am – 12:00pm            Lunch: 12:00pm – 1:00pm            Individual Appointments: 1:00pm – 3:00pm</li> </ul>				
THURSDAY, JUNE 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</li> </ul>				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRADUATION – <a href="#">Scarborough Convention Centre</a></li> </ul>				
FRIDAY, JUNE 29 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PA DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</li> </ul>				

If you have any questions, please email your child's vice-principal: [michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca](mailto:michael.vlachopoulos@yrdsb.ca) for students with surnames A – LIM, or [kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca](mailto:kathy.mcalpine@yrdsb.ca) for students with surnames LIN– Z

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