

June 2019

Dear Markville Secondary School Students & Families,

We hope that everyone has had a successful 2018 - 2019 school year. This letter will provide you with important information about report card distribution and our school opening procedures for the 2019 - 2020 school year.

Please note that during the summer, our parking lot will be under construction, but the school office will remain open. Please use caution when entering the building.

Report Cards

Due to the construction, report cards will be mailed to student homes this year. Our summer office hours are Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The office is closed on Fridays during the summer. Please ensure all outstanding fines or unreturned textbooks are dealt with prior to exam review day on Wednesday, June 26th.

School Fees and Enhancements/Cash Online Fee Payment Details

Ministry guidelines do not allow fees to be charged for supplies related to course work required for graduation. However, they do allow fees to be charged for enhanced materials that are voluntary enrichments beyond what is necessary to meet the curriculum expectations. This also applies to participation in team sports, athletic activities and other student programs. Families are encouraged to contribute toward a school activity fee, which will support the various activities that build and strengthen the sense of community in our school. The Online Student Activity Fee payment for the 2019 - 2020 school year will be available electronically during the summer and will include purchase of school items via School **Cash Online** (be sure to print a copy of the receipt when you pay online in order to retrieve the items that were purchased). Parents/guardians can register for Cash Online on the Markville school website.

This year, the items available for purchase on Cash Online are as follows: (all available as of July 2nd)

- a) School Activity Fee: \$40.00 – includes a photo ID card, school- wide student activities & events, school supported wellness activities, and intramural sports programs throughout the year
- b) Physical Education Clothing: \$30.00 – [school shorts (\$20.00), school t-shirt (\$10.00)]
- c) Yearbook - TBD
- d) Graduation Fee - required for grade 12 potential graduates: \$70.00 (includes cap, gown, venue and refreshments)
- e) Markville School Council: \$10.00 -voluntary contribution to our School Council to be allocated to school initiatives to promote student success and well-being.

To view a presentation about school cash online, go to www.kevsoftware.com/movies/ParentRegEnglish/

If you need help with online Student Activity Fee payment or wish to pay by cash, please come to the school on Wednesday, August 21st and we will assist you between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Timetables

Timetables will be emailed to each student's YRDSB GAPPS account and to parents/guardians' email addresses beginning on Monday, August 12th. Timetables can also be viewed on Edsby beginning on August 19th.

The timetable will show which classes are in each semester and should include all of the core courses that were selected. Due to the availability of elective courses, it is possible that one or both alternate courses has been scheduled. Please listen to announcements for important information from Guidance.

Timetable Change Requests

There will be very limited availability for course changes. The following is a **list of exceptions** that may be considered for a timetable change:

- Compulsory credit not scheduled
- Previously failed course not on the timetable
- Course type change i.e. academic/applied/gifted/locally developed
- Incomplete timetables (i.e. grade 9 or 10 with less than 8 courses)
- Grade 12 student without a prerequisite course needed for post secondary

Unfortunately desired changes to **elective courses cannot be accommodated** for the next school year.

Lockers

Students will be assigned a locker and a lock (grades 10, 11, 12 - two students per locker). Combinations will be assigned in Homeroom on the first day of school.

Communication with Home

At Markville Secondary School, we offer several methods of communication to share information on a regular basis with our students' homes. We are proud of our weekly e-bulletin, which is posted on our school website under News and Events, <http://markville.ss.yrdsb.ca>. On the website you will also find updated information on school events, achievements, and links to all subjects. In addition, we provide daily attendance reports to parents and guardians using email/phone calls as well as the weekly e-bulletin. In order to provide up-to-date attendance reports and other information, we request that all parents and guardians submit current email addresses; these can be updated by sending an email to markville.ss@yrdsb.ca. The email should include the student's name, date of birth and grade. Please be sure you have signed up for cash online <https://yrdsb.schoolcashionline.com> and check your account; forms requiring parental permission will be posted there starting on July 2nd with a \$0.00 dollar value for your consideration and approval.

When a student reaches the age of 18, all correspondence from the school will be sent to them directly. Should the student wish to give access to their parents/guardians, they must complete the "Consent for Information Sharing - Students at the Age of Majority" form located in the Main Office.

Edsby

The York Region District School Board introduced Edsby, an engagement platform tool for our students and families. Edsby provides many opportunities to access information from Markville. Edsby also allows online scheduling of parent-teacher interviews with students' teachers, keeping details and information safe and secure. In order for families to access Edsby, a valid email address is required. If a student is new to the York Region District School Board, the parent/guardian will receive information on how to activate their Edsby account during the first week of school. For more information on Edsby, visit the Edsby website at www.edsby.com/help/parents. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Important Dates

Monday, August 26 th	First Day of School for Grade 9 students
Tuesday, August 27 th	First day of school for Grades 10-12. All grades to attend classes
Thursday, August 29 th	Grade Assemblies
Friday, August 30 th	Photo Day
Monday, September 16 th	First School Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the library
October 28 th - November 1 st	Fall Break (no classes for Markville students)

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school at (905) 940-8840. We hope that you enjoy your summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Patricia Obadia
Principal

Kathy McAlpine
Vice-Principal

Michael Vlachopoulos
Vice-Principal