

Parent/Guardian Community E-Bulletin



Markville Secondary School E-Bulletin

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Principal's Message

Dear Families and Community Members,

On May 7 and 8, students in our school's music program performed at Flato Theatre Markham in the final concert of the school year, Markville Pops. Congratulations to all students who performed during the two evening performances. A special thank you to Mr. Hu-A-Kam, Mr. Langdale, and Ms. Bharucha for their leadership and support of students throughout the school year.

Between May 9-18, 78 students and 10 staff members travelled to Italy and Spain where we visited beautiful sites, tasted delicious food, and had unique experiences. We visited Florence where students had the opportunity to learn how to cook an authentic Tuscan meal at the Scuola di Arte Culinaria Cordon Bleu and attended a Gelato Making demonstration where everyone tasted more than 8 flavours of all natural and homemade gelato. A trip to Florence wouldn't be complete without a day trip to Pisa where we visited the Baptistery, Cathedral, and learned about the history of the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. On the journey to Bologna, the group visited the Ferrari Museum and a Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese factory. While in Spain, we visited the famous Sagrada Familia church in Barcelona, the Gothic Quarter, Montjuïc, Park Güell, and Palau Güell. Our time in Spain also included visiting other parts of Spain including Seville, Cordoba, and Granada, which also included famous sites La Mezquita and La Alhambra, as well as attending a Flamenco dinner and show.

On May 30, grade 12 students attended the annual Prom. This year's event took place at the prestigious Angus Glen Golf Club. A special thank you to the prom committee led by Ms. Joseph for organizing such a fun-filled and successful event.

On June 7, our school had a wonderful time at the annual Carnival which was organized by SAC under the leadership of staff advisors Ms. Delairi, Mr. Lee, and Ms. Ye. The afternoon was filled with lots of fun activities including carnival games, inflatables, performances, a pie-in-the-face charity fundraiser, food trucks, bubble tea, and free food, including popcorn, cotton candy, and freezies.

On June 10, student athletes and their coaches celebrated at the Athletic Banquet which took place at Crystal Fountain Event Venue. A special thank you to Ms. Chong, Mr. Ninichuk, and Ms. Wou for supporting the members of MAC in organizing such a successful event in celebration of the athletic achievements of students at our school. A special thank you is also extended to all the staff and parent volunteers who have coached the numerous teams at our school this year.

I would like to extend a huge congratulations to all graduating students who will be celebrating this evening at Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel and Suites. I wish you success in all your future endeavours.

I would also like to thank Ms. Naline Ali, School Council Co-Chair for her many years of leadership and service to our students, staff, and school community. We are thankful for your contributions over the years and wish you and your family all the best in the future.

A communication was sent to all families on June 11 about an administrators update at our school. Vice-Principal Ms. Caravella will be transferring to Stephen Lewis SS and Vice-Principal Mr. Melnyk has been appointed Principal of Milliken Mills HS. I thank Ms. Caravella and Mr. Melnyk for their years of service to the students, staff, and school community, and wish them all the best at their new schools.

It is my pleasure to welcome incoming Vice-Principals Ms. Katrina Morrison and Ms. Angela Rodrigo. I know they are both excited to begin serving our school community and to meet students, staff, and families. Please join me in welcoming them to our school.

After a very busy and successful school year, summer holidays have arrived. On behalf of the administrative team, I would like to wish all students, families, and staff a fun and restful summer spent with family and friends! We look forward to seeing everyone at the end of August for the start of the 2024/2025 school year!

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Hu

Principal
Markville Secondary School

FP@MSS Spotlight

Students at Flash Print @ MSS had a busy, exciting and rewarding time this semester! As students learned to become entrepreneurs, they were each tasked to set up their own business with the expectation to launch in May/June. With assistance offered through the Young Entrepreneurs Pilot Program (a Ministry of Education initiative that seeks to engage students at the elementary and secondary panels in entrepreneurship), students considered different business options and made their final decisions based on the parameters within which they had to work. With their company name and slogan determined and prototypes in hand, student entrepreneurs pitched their companies to stakeholders. 11 ventures pitched to



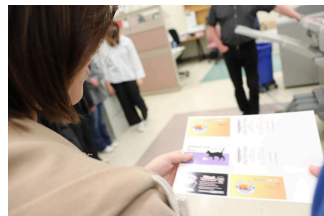
panels of stakeholders that included Ms. Elizabeth Lau (Superintendent), Mr. Ed Law (Trustee), Ms. Karen O'Meara (Experiential Learning Consultant), Ms. Vandita Kant (Head of PAE), Ms. Kristy Macdonald (EOP Consultant), Ms. Janani Pathy (Principal - Student Success) and Ms. Laura Sirju (Student Services Resource Teacher). Student informed the

stakeholders about their ventures.



They actively sought approval to launch their businesses at the Maker Market and to make an appearance at the YRDSB Showcase at Seneca Helix (start of May). Once approvals were granted, students designed their business cards to help further the customer

service that they would offer at the Market. A trip to see Mr. Don Fox at YRDSB Printing Services gave Flash Print students a chance to compare and contrast our facility at school against a corporate print facility (see left). Students left with their own business cards in hand and more ready to face clients in the upcoming Maker Market. But before sales began, all student entrepreneurs attended the very first



[YRDSB Showcase at Seneca Helix](#) where they listened to a dynamic and inspiring keynote speaker. Students had a chance to ask a panel of entrepreneurs questions, too. Our students set up their booths (see bottom left) and interacted one-on-one with other YRDSB elementary and secondary students as well as business mentors and entrepreneurs. This event gave our student entrepreneurs an excellent

opportunity to gauge the level of interest in their products and services that they intended to offer. TVK3DPrints was selected to attend the Provincial Showcase (see right) where they had an



additional chance to set up their booth and speak to people from across Ontario. Starting on May 23 to June 6, students set up their booths in the atrium during periods 3 and 4 and launched their ventures. Students began selling their goods and services and together, they generated a total revenue of \$2601. 10% of their profits was also donated to Room for a Child (a nonprofit organisation that seeks to create bedrooms that help children thrive for families in need) as a way of exercising all ventures' social responsibility. \$174.85 was donated to the director, Mrs. D. Gillespie, along with a selection of products from the various ventures. Pet Printing donated an additional 5% of their profits to Community Cats Toronto. Student entrepreneurs continued to exercise their workplace and learning skills to host the Open House event (right) on June 14th. A special thank you to all of our guests who attended and participated with the student entrepreneurs. Be sure to watch [A YRDSB Story: Flash Print \(Exploring Opportunities Program\)](#) to see the wonder-filled semester we have had. **And CONGRATULATIONS to all FP@MSS students and BEST wishes to those who are graduating!**

LINKS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2IW2rqsKXY> and <https://youtu.be/IQFwgkLQy24>



Guidance Spotlight

Message from Guidance

SUMMER SCHOOL

Students who were unsuccessful in a course and required to repeat or Credit Recover a course, should all have been signed up at this time, where available.

All students will receive Summer School communication just prior to class (if not already). Please note that some Online courses will send communication the morning the course begins. Once in the course, any student who chooses to **drop Summer School**, must inform their Summer School teacher, who will help them navigate the process. Full Disclosure will be told to students on the first day of class - if a student does not want the course to show on their Transcript, they must drop before this date. IMPORTANT: if a student drops a compulsory course, they must notify Guidance **in August via the Google Form that will come with their Timetable**. Guidance will do all we can to add the course back in, however it is important to note that it is incredibly tight, as courses were developed based on the number of students who chose it during course selection.

POST-SECONDARY/GRADUATION SUMMER CREDITS

Grade 12 Graduates who are taking Summer School for Graduation purposes or a Required course, **must submit the course Report Card to the MSS Main Office upon completion** (in particular TDSB, Catholic, and Private courses). The course being added to OUAC/OCAS is not official, nor part of a student's transcript, unless the report card is submitted to MSS. Another OUAC/OCAS upload will occur on **August 8th**. Students must have report cards in to the MSS office in order to be included on their Transcript.

POST-SECONDARY FINANCIAL AID

This online book was written as part of a Master's program. The focus is equitable opportunities for post-secondary education. The book is a one-stop shop for students to learn about post-secondary funding opportunities, and how to submit successful applications.

Click on the "read book" button, and then the "contents" tab on the left-side. From there you can select the type of funding you are looking for. They cover everything from calculating expenses, to applying for scholarships, to financial aid listed by province, and much more. Every chapter has a glossary of terms, learning objectives, videos and "check your learning" quizzes to support student learning. This is a free resource and does not sell any services.

<https://ecampusontario.pressbooks.pub/payforpostsecondary/>

CONFLICTS/TIMETABLES

Guidance has been working through conflicts for weeks and creating timetables that provide students with their graduation and pre-requisite needs. Students with issues or conflicts have been called in. As mentioned in Assemblies and Family Night Webinars, students reaching ahead may find themselves to have a lunch that is outside of the norm for their grade - this is in particular to Grade 10 timetables.

GRADE 11 TIMETABLES: While Guidance has worked hard to resolve as many scheduling conflicts as possible, some students were not able to receive their preferred/Alternate course and/or may have been in a situation of having four classes in a row (no lunch in between classes) - this is especially true for students who have chosen to reach ahead. All affected students were notified by Guidance and invited to come in during exam week to view options.

GRADE 12 TIMETABLES

Owing to classroom constraints and/or scheduling conflicts, several grade 12 students have been scheduled with four classes in a row (no lunch in between classes). While some students very much enjoy this schedule, others may not. The plus side is that students with four in a row likely received the courses that they requested. Students who have four classes in a row on their timetables and who have concerns can fill out the Google form that will be shared in August. Guidance will prioritize these Grade 12 students at that time so students can either drop a course or see if any other changes are possible.

All students will receive a Google Form in August, when they receive their timetable, that allows them to request changes. For students who have changed their pathway and need a pre-requisite, or have dropped a summer compulsory course, or have received a course that was not from their original selection/Alternate (ie Gr 11s who did not come in June when invited), they are asked to complete the Google Form and attend their timetable until notified of a change. Again, the timetable is extremely tight.

SUMMER VOLUNTEERING

Students are encouraged to find opportunities to Volunteer this summer, in an effort to expand their knowledge of self - what interests them, and what they enjoy doing. Students can access the Volunteer Form via the Guidance website [Volunteer Page](#), to attain a supervisor's signature. If a student is unsure if an experience will count towards their Hours, they are encouraged to move forward and partake in the event - even if the experience does not count for Hours, it will count on a resume, which is always a plus!

GUIDANCE SUMMER CLOSURE

Please note that Guidance will be closed for the summer, as of June 28th. Students/families are asked to hold their email inquiries until school begins, as email will not be monitored until then. **No emails about timetables can be answered upon our return, unfortunately.**

If you require support for an immediate safety risk for a youth, please contact 911 or access your local hospital. If you require support from a counselling agency, please contact Kids Help Phone (1-800-668-6868) or 310 COPE (1-855-310-2673), or review the multitude of additional resources that can be accessed on the Guidance [Wellness Page](#).

Have the best...summer...EVER!!!

Your Guidance Team~

Message from Guidance



MSS Mental
Health Resource

This is a mental health resource that will appear in the E-Bulletin weekly that was created by past and present Markville students.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zxvp0ngpV22ikM7Fow2FNIMxX2wErCF5/view?usp=sharing>

Markville Guidance Website Wellness Page:

<https://sites.google.com/gapps.yrdsb.ca/markvilleguidance/wellness>

TRANSLATE A DOCUMENT USING GOOGLE TRANSLATE - [How-To Video](#)

School Notices

Upcoming Dates

August 26	First Day of School
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Community Opportunities Site!

We would like to remind you of our [Community Opportunities Site](#) linked to our school home page where students, families and all community members can access up-to-date information about workshops, seminars, scholarships and more.

The screenshot displays the Markville Secondary School website. At the top, there is a header with the York Region District School Board logo and the school's name. Below the header is a navigation menu with links to various sections. A sidebar on the left contains a calendar of events for November. The main content area features a large photo of students, contact information, and a 'Community Opportunities' icon. A callout box explains the purpose of the icon.

Friday, 3 November

- 7:45am SR Boys Volleyball Tour
- 12:00pm Cross Country Team OF

Monday, 6 November

- Guidance Event: Gr 12 Post Second
- 1:40pm Varsity Hockey Game @
- 2:20pm SR Boys Volleyball Play

Wednesday, 8 November

- OSSLT Days (Library)
- Sem 1 Term 1 Ends
- 8:00am JR Boys Volleyball Tour

[Google Calendar](#)

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Bell Times: 8:20 AM - 3:00 PM

Grade 8 Information Sessions

Community Opportunities

Clicking on this **Community Opportunities** icon will bring families to a webpage with up-to-date links to YRDSB sponsored events and resources for students, families and community members.

*****UPDATED WEEKLY*****

Community Events

July 1, 2024

8:00pm - 10:00pm

Kindred Spirits Orchestra Canada Day Concert

Millennium Bandstand

Celebrate Canada Day with
entertainment by Kindred Spirits
Orchestra.



Celebrate Canada Day July 1

Presented by
Tim Hortons



<https://visitmarkham.ca/canada-day-2024-celebrate-here-in-markham/>