

June 2018

Dear Markville Secondary School Students & Families:

Welcome to Markville!

We hope that everyone has had a successful 2017-2018 school year. This letter will provide you with important information about our school opening procedures for the 2018-2019 school year. The first day of school for Grades 10 - 12 is Tuesday, August 28th.

Parent Information Session – Monday, August 27th - 8:20 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in the Cafeteria

All parents of students new to our school are invited to join us in the Cafeteria to meet the School Administration Team and key staff. During the meeting, parents will receive some important information regarding Markville.

1:1 Digital Device Program

All students are required to bring a laptop or tablet to use in their classrooms. Please note that a Smartphone is not an appropriate device for the 1:1 Program. Laptops and tablets play an integral role in student learning at Markville Secondary School. Students will use Google Apps and other online tools to collaborate, develop digital literacy skills and enhance learning. They are required to bring their devices every day, starting on the first day of school in order to connect to our school network.

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 the school activity fee, which will support the various activities that build and strengthen the sense of community in our school. Regardless of school enhancement fees, the York Region District School Board will continue to deliver high quality programs and remains committed to equity and excellence in education for all students.

The Online Student Activity Fee payment for the 2018 - 2019 school year will occur 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 can register for Cash Online on the Markville school website as soon as the student is registered and has a student number for the school.

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

- a) School Activity Fee: \$40.00 – includes a photo ID card, \$5.00 towards student printing, 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) and school t-shirt (\$10.00)
- c) Yearbook: \$35.00
- 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 initiatives and academic needs which improve the daily quality of life for students at Markville

To view a presentation about school cash online, go to www.keysoftware.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 22nd and we will assist you between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Timetables

Timetables will not be available at the school during the summer. They will be emailed to students beginning on Monday, August 20th, to each student's YRDSB GAPPS account. If you come from a non-YRDSB school and do not have a YRDSB GAPPS account, one will be assigned to you during the first week of school. A printed copy of your timetable will be available in the Main Office on your first day of classes.

The timetable will show which classes are in each semester and should include all of the core courses that were selected. Due to availability of elective courses one or more of the alternate courses may have been scheduled. Alpha lists will be posted on the Atrium windows on August 27th, the first day of school to indicate Period 1 classes for Grade 9 students only. Grades 10 - 12 students without a timetable will receive a paper copy in the Main Office and will proceed directly to their Period 1 class on Tuesday, August 28th.

Timetable Change Requests

Requests for an appointment to try to change a timetable can be made according to the schedule below. Please note that urgent issues will be prioritized before elective course changes. You are asked to line up outside of guidance during the time period for your grade in order to receive an appointment number. Students will be called down according to their grade and number during the first week of classes.

Grade 9: Monday, August 27th, 3 - 4 pm
Grade 12: Tuesday, August 28th, 3 - 4 pm
Grade 11: Wednesday, August 29th, 3 - 4 pm
Grade 10: Friday, August 31, 7:30 – 8:20 am

Lockers

Students will be assigned a locker and a lock (grades 10, 11, 12 - 2 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 school website <http://markville.ss.yrdsb.ca> which has updated school events, achievements, and links to all subjects. We also provide daily attendance reports to parents/guardians using e-mail/phone calls, as well as a weekly e-bulletin every Friday. In order to provide up-to-date attendance reports and other information, we request that all parents/guardians submit current e-mail addresses; by emailing markville.ss@yrdsb.ca. The e-mail should include the student(s) name, date of birth and grade.

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 parent, they must complete the "Consent for Information Sharing - Students at the Age of Majority" form located in the Main Office.

Edsby

The York District School Board introduced Edsby, a new engagement platform tool for our students and families. Edsby provides many opportunities for you 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 you are new to the York Region District School Board, you will receive information on how to activate your Edsby account on the first week of school.

Important Dates

Monday, August 27 th	First Day of School for Grade 9 students
Tuesday, August 28 th	First day of school for Grades 10-12. All grades to attend classes
Thursday, August 30 th	Grade Assemblies
Friday, August 31 st	Photo Day
Monday, September 17 th	First School Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the library
October 29 th - November 2 nd	Fall Break (no classes for Markville students)
Wednesday, November 14 th	Take our Kids to Work Day (Gr. 9)

School Schedule

Students will attend daily classes according to the following schedule:

PERIOD	TIME
National Anthem	8:20 a.m.
1	8:20 – 9:35 a.m.
2 (Homeroom & Announcements)	9:40 – 11:00 a.m.
3	11:05 – 12:20 p.m.
4	12:25 – 1:40 p.m.
5	1:45 – 3:00 p.m.

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

Michael Vlachopoulos
Vice-Principal

Vanessa Wonnacott
Vice-Principal