



# MARKVILLE SS NEWSLETTER

## Principal's Message:

As the 2013-2014 school year comes to an end it is a good time to reflect on all of our staff and students' successes and accomplishments. It has been another tremendous year at Markville Secondary School. Our students have persevered through academic challenges and continue to strive towards excellence. At the same time Markville students balance their academic responsibilities with many of our extra-curricular activities, making them well rounded young individuals. We are proud to recognize and celebrate all of our student successes, which range from Math and Science competitions, athletic championships, and musical awards at various competitions and festivals. The number of students participating in our many clubs, organizations and fundraising events are a true testament to the student spirit and staff dedication at Markville.

Our students' achievements could not be possible without the support from all members of our school community. I would like to commend all of our fine teaching staff as they continue to provide the supportive learning environment that both nurtures and challenges our students to excel. Thank you also to the education assistants, caretakers and support staff who work tirelessly to make learning at our school possible and to our parents and guardians who support our students in so many ways. Whether you attend games, concerts or productions, help with homework, pack a lunch and provide a morning wake-up call or serve as a daily taxi service, we know that your efforts and encouragement have contributed to their success.

Our best wishes are with the following staff – we will be saying goodbye to Ms Bradshaw, Ms Ramdeen and Mr. Sinukoff who will be joining the new staff at Tommy Douglas S.S., Mr. Cotey who will be going to Richmond Green HS and Ms Kandasamy who will be moving to King City S. S. next year. Thank you all for your many contributions to our school over the years. We wish to thank Mr. Simmons, Vice Principal, who will be moving to Pierre Elliott Trudeau S.S. for his support to our admin team this past year. We also say goodbye to two of our E. A.'s, Ms Derrell and Ms Karalliyadda and we wish both Mr. Cvetkovski and Mr. Holik, who will be on leave next year, all the best. We would also like to thank all of the long term occasional staff who joined us this past year – Ms Chan, Ms Norman, Ms Raina, Ms Wong, Mr. Aceti, Mr. Wright and Mr. Struck.

We welcome Ms Obadia as one of our new vice-Principals.

On another note, we would like to remember Ms. Gale Miller, who passed away June 8<sup>th</sup>. She was an Educational Assistant at Markville S.S. for the past 14 years. She worked closely with staff and students, supporting the needs of our students in the Special Education department. Ms. Miller will be greatly missed by all who were lucky enough to know her.

To all those mentioned above and, most importantly, to all our graduates, congratulations! I wish you much success in your future endeavours. I am certain that your time at Markville has provided many positive and lasting memories.

To those who are returning, have a safe and happy summer; we look forward to seeing you back in August.

Mr. S. Bewcyk

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### Looking Ahead...

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| Registration<br>(3:30-6:30 pm)     | Aug 21 |
| Registration<br>(3:30-6:30 pm)     | Aug 25 |
| Gr 9 First Day of school           | Aug 25 |
| First day of school—<br>All Grades | Aug 26 |
| Photo Day                          | Aug 29 |
| Labour Day—no classes              | Sept 1 |

## Dramatic Arts



The second semester has been a busy one for Markville Drama students.

In April, Toronto Second City actor Cary West visited Markville and conducted an interactive workshop on character creation for senior drama students and SHSM arts students. Cary's comedic approach to character helped students prepare for the upcoming spring drama production.

The month of May saw the Drama Club and the Senior Drama Class join forces once again for this year's major drama production, Curse of the Cobra's Kiss by Craig Sodaro. Members of the talented senior drama class spent many long hours rehearsing the production and presented it to the Markville community on May 14 and 15. The show was also performed for over five hundred grade seven students as part of the Markville Grade Seven Transition Days. The comedy murder mystery contained many surprising plot twists and had several of the characters interacting with the audience.

Student written and student directed productions were also created this semester. For two days in June, the students in the Grade 9 Drama Class performed original productions based on their favourite music. Students created plays based on the ideas/themes in a song. All performances ended with a high energy lip dub version set to the music. Along with creating the pieces, students were also responsible for designing props, sets, costumes, lighting, and sound.

Senior drama students explored the origins of comedy in the Ancient Greek Comedy Unit. Their original scripts were performed in the style of the period, but were also parodies of our contemporary society.

Drama trips included students travelling to the Second City Theatre in Toronto to view the play Zombie Boot Camp: Night of the Learning Dread, which explored the issues of human rights and diversity. This show was not only made up of various scripted scenes, but also explored the use of improvisation in theatre. One of our lucky students had the opportunity to participate in the action on stage with the performers.

This year's Stratford Experience saw our students participating in a guided tour of the Stratford Festival's prop and costume warehouse. Hundreds of costumes and props were on display and students also had the opportunity to try on costumes worn by actors from past Stratford Festival productions. Following our drama picnic on the banks of the Avon River, we attended a performance of Alice Through the Looking Glass. Students were impressed with the use of colour, innovative staging, and energetic performances, as this story was brought to life by the talented actors of the Stratford ensemble.

It is with sadness we say goodbye to our grade 12 drama students: Ivan, Kelsey, Claire, Sophie, Meagan, Jackson, Sahar, Bushra, Sambave, Camille, and Brian. Your energy, your enthusiasm, and your many entertaining performances will not be forgotten. You will be missed and we wish you all the best.

Finally, we wish to congratulate this year's Drama Club Award winner, Meagan Black. Meagan has been a very active participant in the drama program during her years at Markville. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Markville Drama.

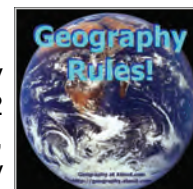




### Dramatic Arts—cont'd



## Geography Department



This year the Geography Department at Markville Secondary School included Leah Percy, Mary Faizi and Sandy Wong. This year, we were happy to offer Grade 12 World Issues, Grade 12 Environment and Resource Management, Grade 11 Travel and Tourism, and Academic, Applied, Gifted and ELL Grade 9 Issues in Canadian Geography courses. All Geography students benefitted greatly this year from working in a fully integrated 1:1 environment where they used digital tools such as Google Apps and Google Earth to increase collaboration and overall performance. Students were able to receive instant and ongoing teacher and peer feedback on their work, which contributed to great improvements in student learning. The students responded with amazing projects that demonstrated considerable depth and breadth of analysis.

The heart of the Geography program at M.S.S. remains the Grade 9 Issues in Canadian Geography course. The applied course consisted of a number of hands-on assignments, simulations and digital activities, which assisted with developing students' Geo and digital-literacy skills. The Academic and Gifted courses concentrated on debating, discussing and deconstructing various geographic issues in Canada and saw students creating digital tourism posters, presenting on environmental issues, debating and creating documentary films to create awareness about a variety of geographic world issues. Students in first semester enjoyed a field trip to Kortright Conservation Centre, where they explored local river systems and participated in a Geo-Cashing competition.

All Geography students this semester welcomed leaders from Me To We and Free The Children, who presented an assembly on global food security. Learning about this issue from people who have actually worked in the field was a highlight for many. The Grade 12 World Issues students, and a select group of Grade 9 students, also participated in a full-day leadership workshop, which included learning about a variety of global issues and creating action plans for making a difference locally and globally. All Geography students did an AMAZING job fundraising, in a friendly inter-class competition, to support our Adopt-A-Village program in Haiti. Together, we raised close to \$2000!

The Gifted program in Grade 9 Geography, under the guidance of Ms. Percy, provided rich opportunities for both digital and hands-on learning, research, discussion and exploration of geographic topics and issues. This semester, students in the Gifted program created their own case studies, made their own unit summary multi-media presentations, debated and participated in Town Hall meetings, simulations and focus groups about the Northern Gateway Pipeline project, among other activities.

Congratulations to Ms. Percy's second semester Gifted Geography students for winning the inter-class competition and raising more than \$300! We continue our commitment to using technology to improve student learning and engagement - daily plans, worksheets and digital tools are all available on our course Moodle websites. All the Geography classrooms are now equipped with LCD projectors, Apple TV, and a shared set of iPad minis. The computer lab in one of our classrooms has afforded increased opportunities for digital learning, inquiry-based and student-led research projects and the chance to create and develop assignments using digital tools.

And finally, the Geography Department's Young Activist Club (YAC) had an incredibly busy and productive year raising awareness about a wide variety of local and global issues including violence against women, global poverty, and education in Haiti among others. They organized their annual global village gift shop, held a 30-Hour Tech Famine to raise money for alternative income programs in Haiti, developed curriculum materials to be sent to an education camp in Haiti, raised awareness about gender inequality through Empowerment Week and capped off the year with the YAC movie night and raffle. Congratulations to all members!

## ESL Department

This year, Markville's English Language Learners have been busy with a number of activities. The advanced students created websites related to their career interests while the beginning level learned all about Canadian celebrations, and another class created YouTube videos showing a variety of symbols represented in their songs. Last semester, a guest speaker came in to talk to the students about Gaming Addictions, and Ms. Mathura also organized a Christmas Party, where the teachers cooked and served the English Language Learners a traditional Christmas Dinner, and each student left with a Christmas gift. Our local MPP, Michael Chan, and Superintendent, Daniel Wu, as well as other representatives from the school board, were also present for the festivities.



Mrs. Avgeropoulos and Ms. Benjamin took the students on two field trips this year. Last semester, we went downtown to Kensington Market where the students spent the day enjoying the snow and investigating the variety of businesses in the area. This semester, the students went on a sailboat cruise of the Toronto Harbour. Students learned about the history of the area and were given an opportunity to hoist the sails and navigate the ship. Everyone enjoyed the sunshine and fresh air.

## Music Department

This has been a very busy year for Markville Music, and one that has resulted in a number of significant accomplishments. In addition to the outstanding music theatre production of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels", and a highly successful concert season, Markville Music has once again achieved incredible festival results.



This year, Markville Music groups received five First Place Awards, seven Gold Ratings, and nine Platinum Ratings. Four of Markville's ensembles (the Concert Band, Concert String Orchestra, Symphonic Band, and Senior String Ensemble) were awarded scholarships for outstanding performances. The Symphonic Band was also chosen to represent the Toronto Kiwanis Festival at the OMFA Provincial Championship and was awarded First Place. What is perhaps most impressive about this year's accomplishments is the fact that every Markville Music group received an invitation to perform at the National Festival.

Congratulations to all Markville Musicians. You have certainly lived up to the Markville tradition of musical excellence this year.

## Technology

Students and parents can access Markville Tech's website and YouTube channel 24/7 through their smart phones, tablets, laptops and home computers. We are excited to be able to offer this compliment to illustrate the exciting projects your child has created over the course of the past year. You can visit us at



<http://www.youtube.com/user/MarkvilleTech>

We are uploading more and more each day!

The **Tech Design** class has just wrapped up their 3D playground assignments. Starting with concept of "Discovery and Safety," the students have conceptualized, drawn, and modelled playground designs for children 6-11 yrs of age. These playgrounds have been a huge success – look for these future designs to be popping up in a park near you!

The **Communication Technology Classes** have been working on many real world projects this year varying from the Markville Secondary School Year Book (we sold over 850!) to the social awareness graphic tees in the Graphic Design Course to the Music Videos in the Television and Broadcasting Course. What a year!

Grade 9 **Integrated Technologies** had the students designing and creating Photoshop illustrations, drafting orthographic drawings and building small cars that are powered on mouse traps! Boy did they fly! The students rotate through each area experiencing different technology teachers and the specialization they offer. Look for their Mouse Trap car videos on the YouTube channel!

The **Woodworking** classes have been studying the broad range of career opportunities available in the manufacturing sector. They have also been planning and fabricating various projects centred on furniture and household design.

Just a reminder that we offer a Certificate of Endorsement in Technological Education for the Ontario Graduation Diploma. This Certificate of Endorsement is a **ministry document** that is recognized by colleges and university entrance programs. Congratulations to the 30 students who received the honour this year!



## Guidance Department

We have had a busy semester in the Guidance Department. We would first like to congratulate our grade 12 graduates for the successful completion of their high school diploma. Once again this year, we have had many students accepted into excellent post secondary education programs. We also want to congratulate our many scholarship winners who went well above and beyond in their academics, commitment to leadership and demonstration of exemplary community service.



Our guidance department continues to promote a health and well-being focus for our students at Markville with an emphasis on mental health. Our open door policy allows us to see students and parents with any concerns. Feel free to make an appointment on our new Clickbook electronic booking system (link is on our school website) or parents can call Ms. Bradler, our guidance secretary at ext. 187, to make an appointment to see one of our counselors.

As this school year draws to a close, we are sad to say goodbye to a very well-respected and caring member of our department. Ms. Kelly Bradshaw has accepted the Guidance Head position at Tommy Douglas Secondary School. At the guidance department at Markville, she has significantly influenced countless students in positive ways through her counseling, coaching and teaching. We will all greatly miss her and wish her well in her new position.

We hope that many of our students are giving back to their community this summer by working on their 40 community service hours. Remember that community service must be a "true service" and cannot be obtained with a "for profit" business.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you back at Markville in August.

## Gifted Program

We have completed our third successful year of the Gifted Program at Markville. We are very proud of our students who continue to strive to achieve their best and challenge themselves with their continued learning. We are proud of the many accomplishments, awards and contests that our students have participated in. The 2014-2015 school year will be our first year of Gifted Grade 12's who will graduate from Markville, and we are looking forward to helping them next year with successful transitioning into their post Markville endeavours. We are also thrilled to be welcoming the newest group of Gifted grade 9's into the school, and are pleased to have so many positive role models to mentor them throughout their high school journey.





## Visual Art Department

The Visual Arts department had a wonderful and exciting semester! Students in the Grade 12 and Senior Studio art course finished up a year-long project collaboration with the Union Villa Seniors Centre, gifting personalized works of art to the residents and displaying those works at City Hall as well as at the annual Union Villa Art how.



Students will be featured in an upcoming documentary regarding this intergenerational art experience.

A special congratulations as well to Mr. Dru's photography student, Kristen Lee who won second place in the OBA Expressly Law Day Visual Arts Contest 2014, for her photograph of two fingers pressed together with a red maple leaf and the a quotation from Pierre Trudeau.

The Visual Arts department would like to extend their heartfelt best wishes to Ms. Harding on the upcoming arrival of her second child in the fall. She will be missed next year!

Best wishes to all of our Visual Arts graduates...may your successes in art continue on in your post-secondary endeavours.

## Science Department

During this fast-paced semester Markville science students were challenged to improve their scientific thinking, investigation, and literacy skills. Many of our courses enhanced the classroom tasks with out-of-school field trip opportunities to places such as: the Ontario Science Centre, the Human Anatomy Lab at the University of Guelph and Canada's Wonderland.



The senior biology classes learned about better nutrition and macromolecules at a hands-on field trip with a nutritionist. The grade 9 and 10 science classes and the grade 11 chemistry classes participated in a science fair which allowed the students to branch out and investigate areas of personal interest. In physics, grade 12 students built devices to safely transport and drop water in a "target zone" and the grade 11 classes built an electromagnet, an electric motor and a Rube Goldberg Machine.



Markville's Environmental Club worked hard to maintain their platinum Ecoschools standing by continuing to make our school greener and more environmentally friendly. Their efforts – combined with the City of Markham – have made Markville Secondary School the very first ZERO WASTE high school in York Region!

As we head into the summer, the Markville Science Department would like to applaud all of our students on their accomplishments this school year. To our graduates and returning students, alike, we wish you safe adventures, relaxation and rejuvenation over the break.

## FSL and International Languages

The **Grade 9 French Academic students** had a fantastic semester two of French. Students created a Web Page which included music videos from YouTube, games and information about themselves and their families. Students also had the opportunity to create scary monster/horror movies, DVD covers and scary masks.

The students finished grade nine French with their final task while exploring their talent as they auditioned for "Talent Canada: Markville." Presentations included diverse talents such as break dancing, sumo wrestling, magic, mime, origami, arts and crafts, singing and playing instruments, baking and juggling!

Students used a lot of technology via the One-to-one program in class which included Moodle, Gapps group work, digital binders and so forth; they also learned about new French sites and games that could be played on-line.

The French food days in all our classes were full of delicious treats from **La Francophonie** – many types of French foods were brought in for all to sample!!!

**Bon Travail Grade 9's! See you in Grade 10 French! Bonnes vacances!!**

These **Grade 9 French Applied students** were very energetic this term when it came to any activity involving healthy competition in class. They performed dialogues, created personal web pages, PowerPoints or Photostories to introduce themselves. To finish up the term, they were exposed to French inventions like the parachute, the pencil, the Braille alphabet and much more! The students worked very hard to engage their audience using their 3-D models plus interactive games. Bon travail les amis!

This semester, the grade nine applied class also had a lesson on crepe making which ended with a feast of delicious crepes during their annual food day.

**Bon travail les amis! Bonnes vacances!!!**

Our **Grade 10 French Academic students** explored a variety of themes this year from possible careers, to new French musicians and groups, interpretation of one's self-image, the joys of laughter and comedy, the terrible history of genocide worldwide, and the wonderfully weird world of urban legends. Throughout these units, they read different excerpts, tackled new grammar and improved their oral communication. They explored opportunities for travel and volunteer work and interviewed to receive a grant to make their dreams come true with their Foundations Task.

As well, they created and filmed entertaining chapter seven endings for **Machine à rajeunir** and studied **Pleins Feux Sur Johanne!** To complete their year, they delved into the world of pop culture and they chose a specific era or French designer to research and present!

**Bien fait nos amis!!!! Soyez fiers et fières!**

Our **Grade 11 University French students** became better acquainted with media – they filmed **Téléjournal**, presented on famous directors, created incredible French magazines on social issues and had a fantastic term **parlant en français!!!**

They also discovered **la grande francophonie** through various media this semester such as music, films, and internet. They sampled great French cuisine during our **café au lait!** They worked in groups on Gapps, read **The Phantom of the Opera** and **Le petit Nicolas** and compared both to the film versions. They became TV critics, visited the AGO doing a scavenger hunt for French artists and sculptors, and finally ended off exploring historical and contemporary social issues while making formal presentation to share their discoveries with the class!

**Bravo les étudiants!! À la douzième l'année prochaine!!**

The **Grade 12 University French class** did a great job in their **Littérature Circles** on **Secrets de Guerre** completing different roles every two weeks; their French speaking skills improved dramatically during this period. Not only did they study an anthology of French literature and authors globally, they also analysed **Les Misérables** (both the novel and the film).

Their studies continued with an in depth analysis of **Le petit prince**. They visited the **ROM** and created monologues on a historical figure of their choice **en français!** The French debates were excellent as were their essays and presentations on **La Francophonie** worldwide. They also tasted great French cuisine during our **café au lait** day!

A fantastic group of French students who are ready for the next step in their study of this language!!

**Bravo les étudiants de la douzième – et bonne chance avec vos études au futur!!**

**Félicitations!** We would like to congratulate the **Grade 12 French students** of the 2013-2014 school year on receiving their **French Certificate of Merit** and wish them well with all their future endeavours!

**Term One:**

- ◆ Sameen Ahmed
- ◆ Kaushal Bagratee
- ◆ Elena Baker
- ◆ Sofija Bekarovksa
- ◆ Sophie He
- ◆ Justin Hui
- ◆ Johnson Lai
- ◆ Megan Lo
- ◆ Winnie Luo
- ◆ Winnie Ong

- ◆ Luxsija thevakumar
- ◆ Yifei Wang
- ◆ Marcus Wong
- ◆ Tracy Xie

**Term Two:**

- ◆ Ester kwong
- ◆ Ashley Lall
- ◆ Vincent Lei
- ◆ Vanessa Li
- ◆ Hunter Su
- ◆ Melinda Tse
- ◆ Megan Way
- ◆ Jackson Yu
- ◆ Jason Yu
- ◆ Florence Zhang
- ◆ Ben Kuai

This energetic and creative bunch of **Grade 10 Spanish students** was quick at grasping the Spanish lingo. They are able to maintain a **three minute conversation, *sin pensar***. Many of the students shared their wild experiences while preparing their Spanish food dish for our **annual *fiesta!*** The dishes were *deliciosas!* At the end of the semester, our students, the actors, did a phenomenal job on their **Markville Movie!**

This semester, **the students took part in our infamous field trip at Kensington Market.** Students quickly travelled through Kensington Market to find answers to their Scavenger Hunt. Students also enjoyed a warm, delicious meal at a Chilean restaurant "**Jumbo Empanadas**". Here, they were shown a demonstration in Spanish on how to make Empanadas plus they got to try three different empanadas.

Señor Ebrahim would like to congratulate the Spanish students for a wonderful semester, all their hard work and dedication. ¡Gracias! **¡See you next year in Grade 11 Spanish!**

This fun yet hardworking group of **Grade 11 Spanish students** were keen in studying Spanish for the second time. The students worked on their conversational skills. They are able to maintain a five minute conversation, *sin pensar*. Many of the students shared their artistic capabilities while preparing a dish from their own culture as they took part in our, "The next food network star!" The dishes were *deliciosas!*

Señor Ebrahim would like to congratulate the Spanish students for a wonderful semester, all their hard work and dedication. **¡Gracias! ¡See you next year in Grade 12 Spanish! Next year, there will be over 57 students enrolled to take this senior course and receive the International Languages Certificate of Merit.**

**Up Coming Events in our department:**

1. Europe—October Break 2014—FSL/International Languages and Family Studies are participating in a trip to France, Spain and Morocco October 2014.
2. Grade 12 (Advanced) University Spanish\* - This course will be offered next year again. Be ready for a fun-filled field trip and movie night! \*Upon completion of this course, students will receive the International Languages Certificate of Merit.

**Merci (and gracias) à tous pour vos efforts!**

**To all our great students, we wish you a great summer and good luck in your future studies!**

Mme Tavernese, M Ebrahim, Mme Jeffery, Mlle Carter



## Health and Physical Education

It was another very active year in the phys. ed. department. In addition to the regular complement of courses (sports based and fitness based) we offered a dance course and a basketball focus course. In these courses, students took field trips to the ACC to take part in a Sports Administration Symposium and Raptors game, to York University to observe a team practice, and to watch the musical Flashdance.



We welcome Ms. Stavrakis back into the department next year. She will be running a course that focuses on volleyball. The department also welcomes Ms. Hewitt, who will be returning to Markville next year to teach health and physical education and alternate education.



Unfortunately, we have to say good-bye to Mr. Sinukoff, who has been appointed the Head of Phys. Ed. at Tommy Douglas High School. His students, his athletes and his colleagues will sorely miss Mr. Sinukoff. We sincerely thank him for his contributions to Markville and wish him all the best at his new school.

### ULTIMATE

In 2013-2014, the Ultimate team had its best season ever, finishing the season in 2nd place out of over 30 teams. Throughout the season we saw some amazing hucks, flicks, dives and catches. We worked hard and played harder. The coaches Mr. Achong, Ms. Kei-Baxter, Mrs. Patel and Ms. Ramdeen would like to thank the team for all their amazing handwork throughout the season. Way to go Mavs!

| <b>Team</b>             | <b>Most Valuable Player (MVP)</b>          | <b>Character Award &amp; Trait</b>                 |
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| Badminton-JR            | <b>Alison Chu &amp; Calvin Chow</b>        | Kavin Mohanathas (optimism, perseverance)          |
| Badminton-SR            | <b>Larry Liu</b>                           | Vincent Ho (respect)                               |
| Baseball-boys           | <b>Tyler Nixon</b>                         | Ting Gan (optimism)                                |
| Basketball-JR girls     | <b>Shirley Liang</b>                       | Kitlyn Chang (courage)                             |
| Basketball-JR boys      | <b>Brandon Wong</b>                        | Nijat Abdulkarimli (initiative)                    |
| Basketball-SR girls     | <b>Jesse Luc</b>                           | Elissa Kong (initiative)                           |
| Basketball-SR boys      | <b>Jared Davis</b>                         | Ty Rombis (optimism)                               |
| X-country running       | <b>Natasha Klasios</b>                     | Michelle Ho (perseverance)                         |
| Field Hockey            | <b>Jane Emblem &amp; Carrie Emblem</b>     | Cindy Dinh (optimism)                              |
| Rock Climbing           | <b>Adam Binhammer</b>                      | Jane Emblem (optimism)                             |
| Rugby-JR boys           | <b>Deandre Myers</b>                       | Alex Chang (perseverance)                          |
| Rugby-SR boys           | <b>Brando Lo</b>                           | Josh Holung (initiative)                           |
| Ski                     | <b>Daniel Schurmann</b>                    | Andrew Coote (optimism)                            |
| Slo-pitch girls         | <b>Laura Cvetkovski</b>                    | Michelle Fong (courage)                            |
| Snowboard               | <b>Alex Dawe</b>                           | Andrew Oh (integrity)                              |
| Soccer-Varsity girls    | <b>Maddison McCormick</b>                  | Cindy Dinh (courage)                               |
| Soccer-Varsity boys     | <b>Jawad Janmohamed</b>                    | Adam Binhammer (perseverance)                      |
| Swimming-JR             | <b>Aiden Yin &amp; Sarah Chen</b>          | Emily Chan (optimism)                              |
| Swimming-SR             | <b>Shuya Huang</b>                         | Tiger Zhou (perseverance)                          |
| Tennis                  | <b>Nicholas Lau</b>                        | Charles Hui (courage)                              |
| Track&Field-JUMPS       | <b>Kamal Slowley &amp; Taliya Campbell</b> | Andrew Oh (integrity)                              |
| Track&Field-THROWS      | <b>Jake Worrall &amp; Sarah Cvetkovski</b> | Gloria Lai (optimism)                              |
| Track&Field-TRACK       | <b>Joseph Ommary &amp; Natasha Klasios</b> | Mujtaba Siddiqui (perseverance)                    |
| Ultimate Frisbee-Tier 2 | <b>Ronny Tse &amp; Jessie Luc</b>          | Johnson Lai (integrity)<br>Erin Lee (perseverance) |
| Ultimate Frisbee-Devel  | <b>Rahib Kanijhyani</b>                    | Varoon Gupta (initiative)                          |
| Volleyball-JR girls     | <b>Sarah Cvetkovski</b>                    | Shirley Liang (perseverance)                       |
| Volleyball-JR boys      | <b>Isaac Lee</b>                           | Andrew Coote (perseverance)                        |
| Volleyball-SR girls     | <b>Erin Lee</b>                            | Jessie Luc (perseverance)                          |
| Volleyball-SR boys      | <b>Ronny Tse</b>                           | Larry Liu (integrity)                              |
| Co-Ed Volleyball        |  | Stephen Sipidias (initiative)                      |

## Business Department



### FIRST Place Finish @ JA Titan Challenge

In May 2014, Mr. Rao's grade ten business class, travelled to IBM to compete in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Achievement *Titan Challenge*. Congratulations to the team of Ricky Chan, John Mark Capulong, Kenneth Fung, and Leon Zhou as they placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall at the competition. Each student was awarded a \$500 post-secondary scholarship to an institution of their choice.

### Markville Shines @ DECA

It was a great year for Markville's DECA team as 56 competitors qualified in February, 2014, for the provincial competition in downtown Toronto and an astounding 8 students qualified for the International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in Atlanta, Georgia held in May, 2014. At ICDC, Jeff Sheng and the team of Lucy Gong, Sahil Bablani and Jeewant Kaur all placed in the top 10.

## Personalized Alternative Education

### **CONGRATULATIONS to all of our following Grads:**

**Aymen Bakri, Alex Dawe, Will Durward, Kunta Fowler, Savanna Freckleton, Siyawash Hamadsay, Dominic Ip, Alex Insanally, Ashley Kalyn, Britney Peters, Kai Liang, Keerthithana Muraleetharan, Jordan Newhook, Lev Pironen, Daniel Reddick, Nicholas Ringwood, Josh Shepperd, Rae Smith, Alex Tang, Christy Winters, Olivia Coombs and Colombo Vongrasamy.**



- ◆ 22 Graduates, 55 students, 4 highly specialized programs have made the Personalized Alternative Education program a successful and growing one.

This semester, our Quad program offered a wide variety of 9 week courses which appealed to many of our students. This year all 13 of our students attending the Dual Credit program at Seneca were very successful.

In the JUMP program (PAID COOP), students were employed at such places as No Frills, The Bay, Jiffy Lube, McDonald's, Montana's, Prince Lee Acres and Bloomington Cove Retirement Home. We also were lucky to partner with 360 Kids to secure jobs for our students. Our local community businesses are to be thanked for providing such great opportunities for our students.

Our junior program, MAGIC, offered students the opportunity to earn their grade 9 and 10 credits and to learn effective learning strategies to improve attendance and homework skills. Our new subject offering, a music class, allowed students to demonstrate their keyboarding and guitar prowess.

We are proud to announce that in the upcoming school year, Markville will be running its first in-house print press. We look forward to serving our school and the community.

Many thanks to all of our PAE teachers for providing an enriching experience for all of our students. If interested in enquiring about our varied programs or have a community opportunity for a student please contact Vandita Kant at 905-940-8840 ext. 232



## Resource Centre

The ultimate goal of 21<sup>st</sup> century educators is to foster our students' critical thinking skills. As teachers we work very hard to ensure our lessons are designed so students have to use their critical thinking skills and become problem solvers. Markville's Library Learning Commons supports both staff and students in this important endeavour.



This year our focus has been to continue to build on the integration of technology and curriculum content into authentic learning events. New DELL laptops and desktops received much applause with their arrival Semester II, 40 plus iPads continue to allow our students to use some phenomenal and, yes, educational APPS as we are always searching and testing new web tools and educational applications.

Late this semester Library staff, under the direction of Mrs. Wilson (Ms. Grainger!) Library staff was able to introduce 'green screen' technology to staff and students as a pilot project. Well, before we could even un – box the equipment, students were lining up to use it! The end result is our students managed to create some very innovative imovies to include in their summative portfolios. Thank you to Mrs. Wilson for her support on this new venture.

On behalf of staff and students, I would also like to say thank you to Ms. Evelyn Chan who joined our Library team in May. We wholeheartedly thank her for jumping right in and getting to work. We will miss your warm smile. We wish you well.

Sometimes saying 'thanks' just doesn't seem adequate enough. Certainly that is the case here as Library staff said 'farewell' to our Library Technician of the past six years. Mrs. Deb Holdsworth has been an invaluable part of our library team and she will be missed. She brought a multitude of skills and an attitude of excellence with her but most of all; we will miss her outstanding commitment to supporting our students'. She always knew exactly which book to recommend! Lucky for us, she has just moved 'downstairs' to be a part of our main office team as Assistant Secretary Administration Support.

In closing, I have to say once again, how lucky I am to spend my days with Markville's incredible students. I loved every minute of this past semester. Relax and refresh, my friends.

## Computer Studies

Computer Science would like to recognize the following students for their excellent performance on **The University of Waterloo Canadian Computing Competition:**

The following 8 students scored a perfect score and were each awarded a **Certificate of Distinction, a plaque and a \$100 cheque:**

- ◆ Horace Huang      ◆ Yuhan Lin      ◆ Alexander Ruffo      ◆ Ian Yuan
- ◆ Max Law      ◆ Nathan Ng      ◆ Dane Thomas      ◆ Gary Zheng

The following students each received a **Certificate of Distinction:**

- ◆ Lily Liu      ◆ Mohammed Nasir      ◆ Ray Ji      ◆ Royce Lai

## Mathematics Department



This was an exciting year for Markville SS Mathematics. There were many programs and activities that ran in both semesters.

This year the math club was revived and run by students Toby Chen and Lillian Zhang. Students were challenged with a variety of math problems and got an opportunity to foster their problem solving skills working through solutions and preparing for Math contests. Students can look forward to joining next year again.

The Peer Tutoring Club, coordinated by Mrs. Gabriela Smeianu had another successful year. Many students volunteered and took advantage of the extra math help on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.

The start of the 1:1 digital literacy program was a success with the Grade 9 students. The program will continue to grow with Grade 10 next year. Students used their tablets and laptops in class to solve problems, collaborate and share information with each other.

Math contests are very popular at Markville SS. Markville students participated in the annual Sunlife Canadian Open and University of Waterloo Math contests this year producing outstanding results.

An average of 1328 schools participated in the Pascal/Cayley/Fermat contests while an average of 570 schools participated in the Fryer/Galois/Hypatia contests

| Math Contest Name              | Grade   | York Region—Placement | Canada—Placement |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Waterloo Canadian Intermediate | 9 & 10  | 5th                   | 50th / 444       |
| Waterloo Canadian Senior       | 11 & 12 | 5th                   | 37th / 535       |
| Pascal                         | 9       | 3rd                   | 29th             |
| Fryer                          | 9       | 3rd                   | 23rd             |
| Cayley                         | 10      | 5th                   | 28th             |
| Galois                         | 10      | 2nd                   | 10th             |
| Fermat                         | 11      | 6th                   | 55th             |
| Hypatia                        | 11      | 4th                   | 34th             |
| Euclid                         | 12      | 5th                   | 22nd / 1490      |

Special congratulations go to the following students, who received certificates of distinction for achieving scores in the top 25% of all participants in their perspective contests. Medals or Plaques are presented to students who achieved the highest score in the school.

| Sunlife Canadian Open<br>(all grades)                                    | Waterloo Canadian Junior   | Waterloo Canadian Senior  |
|--|--|---|
| Toby Chen (Plaque)<br>Lillian Zhang (Plaque)<br>Kristian Hau<br>Lily Liu | Bill Wang (Medal)<br>Lillian Zhang<br>Wesley Hua<br>Selina Wu<br>Vishnu Ramakrishnan<br>Aures Thomas<br>Brian Lin<br>Carmen Li<br>Jiabao Leung<br>Lancy Wang | Toby Chen (Medal)<br>Andrew Chan<br>Beverly Cheng<br>Ke Deng<br>Lily Liu<br>Lun Ding Fan<br>Vickie Hung<br>Ray Ji<br>Royce Lai<br>Larry Liu<br>Samuel Liu<br>Lewis Wang<br>Marcus Wong<br>Daniel Xu<br>Ian Yuan |

| Grade 9 Pascal   | Grade 10 Cayley   | Grade 11 Fermat  |
|--|---|--|
| Garland Zhang (Medal)<br>Jessica Chen<br>Thomas Cheung<br>Victoria Chan<br>Tommy Du<br>Wesley Hua<br>Rahib Kanjiyani<br>Nathan Leung<br>An Li<br>Jennifer Li<br>Krystal Li<br>Brian Lin<br>Daisy Liu<br>Aman Mathur<br>Kavin Mohanathas<br>Brian Qian<br>Nishanth Raveendran<br>Ansh Shah<br>Twyla Sorenson<br>Edwin Tse<br>Dixon Wong<br>Zachary Wong<br>Stephen Xia<br>Karen Zhao<br>Emily Tam | Bill Wang (Medal)<br>Saksham Chaudhry<br>Toby Chen<br>Rafi Ho<br>Rubendran Janendran<br>Carmen Li<br>Jethro Mak<br>Junlin Mon<br>Mohammed Nasir<br>Kevin Pei<br>Aswin Puvitharan<br>Vishnu Ramakrishnan<br>Ammar Sajid<br>Lancy Wang<br>George Wu<br>Selina Wu<br>Lillian Zhang<br>Nicole Zhao<br>Nikita Zurowski | Lily Liu (Medal)<br>Kevin Freeman<br>Lucy Gong<br>Royce Lai<br>Vanessa Leger<br>Alex Liu<br>Vikita Patel<br>Philemon Tsang<br>Lewis Wang<br>William Yang<br>Mabel Zhou |



## Mathematics Department– cont'd

| Grade 9 Fryer  | Grade 10 Galois  | Grade 11 Hypatia                                    |
|--|--|---|
| Edwin Tse ( <b>Medal</b> )<br>Thomas Cheung<br>Jennifer Li<br>Dora Parkinson<br>Joni Poon<br>Emily Tam<br>Frank Zhao | Lillian Zhang ( <b>Medal</b> )<br>Carmen Li<br>Jethro Mak<br>Junlin Mou<br>Kevin Pei<br>Vishnu Ramakrishnan<br>Bill Wang<br>George Wu<br>Selina Wu | Lily Liu ( <b>Medal</b> )<br>Royce Lai<br>Hana Zeng |

| Grade 12 Euclid  |
|--|
| Toby Chen ( <b>Medal</b> )<br>Ke Deng<br>Lun Ding Fan<br>Simon Gong<br>Vivian Guo<br>Ray Ji<br>Lily Liu<br>Debol Pu<br>Ronny Tse<br>Luye Wang<br>Ian Yuan<br>Lillian Zhang<br>Jason Wang |

Special mention goes to Toby Chen and Lillian Zhang who had outstanding results in their respective contest and qualified to participate in the following contests:

- ◆ CMO (Canadian Mathematical Olympiad)
- ◆ APMO (Asian Pacific Mathematical Olympiad)

Have a safe and happy, mathematical summer!

## Special Education Department

This year we had many successes. We would like to say Congratulations to our graduates and best wishes on your future endeavors.

We will have many changes in the 2014/15 school year. Ms. Scagnetti will be the Student Success Lead here at Markville. Congratulations Ms. Scagnetti.

We would like to welcome Ms. Khalili and Ms. Sirju to the Special Education Department.

We also need to say good bye to Geethani Karalliyadda and Deetria Derrell, our part time CWY's, who will be working full time next year. Thank you for your hard work and congratulations on your new position.



The passing of Ms. Miller, our invaluable Educational Assistant, left a void in our department. She worked closely with staff and students, supporting the needs of our students in the Special Education Department. Ms. Miller cared deeply for the students she worked with, encouraging them to meet their potential and engaging them along the way. She was a person who could be depended on and trusted, a wonderful friend, colleague and teacher.

She will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with her family.

## Intensive Program

We've had another great year!! The students worked hard in their academic and elective courses. Several students participated in the Work Experience Program - working at Toys R Us, Best Buy, Varley Art Gallery, Old Navy, CEC East Office, Pizza Hut, and Home Depot. Some students went on field trips to a theatre, track meet, bowling alley, and a restaurant. Have a great summer, everyone!

Ms. Stecher



### The Intensive Class Graduation Luncheon

Congratulations to our  
Graduates:

- ◆ Roy Hayek
- ◆ Ahmed Osman
- ◆ Bennie Siu

## Co-operative Education

Another exciting semester in the MSS Cooperative Education Department has come to an end! Through the semester we have seen our students experience the "real world" and develop an appreciation for the skills it takes to survive in the workplace.

Our placements include experiences within the field of Accounting, Marketing, Medical, Auto Mechanics, Teaching, Computer Graphics, Video Production, Computer Technician, and many more.

This program would not be possible without the generous support and mentoring of our community partners so we would like to extend a special thanks to them!!



Markville Co-op Department offers specialized programs which include:

- ◆ **HPA (High Performance Athletes)** to help students integrate training with earning school credits.
- ◆ **SHSM (Specialist High Skills Major)** which helps acquire skills in a particular field of interest. Markville now offers 5 SHSM programs! Business, Information and Communication Technology, Environment, Arts and Culture, Health and Wellness.
- ◆ **Military Co-op**

Student Benefits include....

- ◆ Gain valuable on-the-job experience
- ◆ Develop interpersonal skills
- ◆ Develop communication skills
- ◆ Promotes career possibilities
- ◆ Build a network of potential future employers and a source of references
- ◆ Increases the opportunity for acceptance into College, University & Apprenticeship programs
- ◆ Develops maturity and self confidence
- ◆ Facilitates the transition from school to work
- ◆ Leads to part time and full time employment
- ◆ And much, much more.....

For more information please contact Shelley Nicholson at 905-940-8840 Ext 227

We are excited to start a fresh new year in August! Have a safe and enjoyable summer!





## Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Programs

Markville's SHSM programs continues to expand to FIVE sectors : Arts and Culture, Business, Environment, Health and Wellness, and Information and Communications Technology. 145 students were registered making this year, OUR THIRD YEAR, a smashing success.

This year our students were able to tour campuses at Guelph University, McMaster University, University of Toronto, Western University and York University. Students shared many Reach Ahead experiences this year including participating in a Human Anatomy lab at Guelph University, doing a strategic analysis at the Rotman School of Business, and participating



in a psychology study at York University. Our students were able to attend conferences such as the My Future First and No Limits, competitions through Deca, and Science, the Living Green Show to see innovative the green initiatives, a show at Stratford festival which included a tour of the costume and props warehouse and even attend foods Lab at Loblaw's...

There were countless opportunities to complete diverse certifi-



cations. Not only did students have opportunities to complete certifications in First Aid, CPR, AED but due to the variety of the SHSM program interests indicated, we were able to offer additional certifications in Leadership, Customer Service, Group Dynamics, Fall Protection, Counterfeit Detection, Infection Control, Training in an Art Form (Improv), Map and Compass, Ergonomics Personality Dimensions, Communication, Fall Protection, Conflict Resolution and Infection Control.

Wait till you see what we will be offering next year!!!

For more information or to see if you are a good candidate for the SHSM program please contact Alice Ruffo at [alice.ruffo@yrdsb.ca](mailto:alice.ruffo@yrdsb.ca) or at 905-940-8840 ext 232. or visit the website at



[http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markville.ss/sp/Pages/Specialist-High-Skills-Major-\(SHSM\).aspx](http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/markville.ss/sp/Pages/Specialist-High-Skills-Major-(SHSM).aspx)

Additional details can be found on the YRDSB website:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/Coop/Pages/SHSM-General-Information.aspx>

## History Department

Europe 2015!! We are heading to **Switzerland, Italy, France and Spain in October 2015**. Be sure to start saving and planning, this is going to be an incredible trip! We will have our first information meeting in the fall.



Thanks again to our Europe and Boston crews for two incredible trips full of learning, laughter and experiences that will last a lifetime.

Congrats to all of our amazing graduates. We wish you all the best in the coming years as you enjoy the accomplishment of finishing high school and move on to new and exciting endeavours. Thank you for everything you brought to Markville!

### Honours Thesis Certificate Winners:

- |                         |                  |                     |
|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| ◆ Hannah Sotropa        | ◆ Patrick Wadham | ◆ Nazia Rehman      |
| ◆ Adam Binhammer        | ◆ Haley Prentice | ◆ Faith Villanueava |
| ◆ Genevieve Tallmeister | ◆ Water Prentice | ◆ Vanessa Nim       |
| ◆ Michelle Betbadal     | ◆ Ayesha Wallia  | ◆ Maryam Sadeghi    |
| ◆ Sameer Gupta          | ◆ Rajan Ohm      | ◆ Ammi Parmar       |

### History Certificate Winners:

- |                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| ◆ Stephanie Moore    | ◆ Janice Wong     |
| ◆ Laura Cvetkovski   | ◆ Hunter Su       |
| ◆ Chloe Sugar        | ◆ Maiyo Shahrawan |
| ◆ Luxsija thevakumar | ◆ Tyler Nixon     |

We will be welcoming back Mr. Marc Nicholson after a year spent teaching in Thailand. Mr. Diluccio will also be returning after a leave where he spent time touring Southeast Asia. Both will be full of stories of great adventures on their return.

A special congratulations to Mr. Rob Cotey, the new Head of History at Richmond Green SS. Mr. Cotey has brought incredible enthusiasm, energy and historical knowledge to us over the last decade. His dedication to our students and his colleagues will be missed but will also serve him well as he takes on new challenges at a new school. Thank you Mr. Cotey!!



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Research clearly demonstrates a direct correlation between parental involvement in a school and student achievement within that school. This makes sense intuitively. Those that pay attention to their investments generally see greater profit than those that do not and what greater investment do we have than our children? Accordingly, the Markville Secondary School Council wants you to bring your ideas, concerns, questions and enthusiasm to our first meeting being held at 7:15 PM on Wednesday, September 17th. At this meeting you will be introduced to the school's administration meet new parents and old acquaintances. Most importantly, you will be able to learn about, and contribute to, the decision making process that drives the school forward. Joining the School Council is as easy as attending meetings that are held five times a school year and as rewarding as the commitment you make. For those that are interested in having a more active role, during the first meeting we will elect a chair, secretary and treasurer. You are welcome to put your name forward and we hope that many of you reading this letter choose to do so.

The executive, along with the members of council oversee the allocation of funds that are received through government grants and voluntary donations. In the past we have contributed to bus ticket purchases for SAL students, post-secondary application assistance, the International African Inventors Museum, bullying workshops, iPads for the display of heart rates etc. as part of the HPE programme and much more. As importantly, the School Council listens to and responds to presentations by the administration, the students and teachers offering its collective wisdom and perspective on new initiatives and procedures being considered by the school. The Parent Council brings forward the concerns of parents and acts as a conduit between the school and its thousands of caregivers, constantly encouraging even greater participation. As such we invite you to make us better by joining the Markville School Council. We will see at 7:15 PM on September 17th in the School Library.

Please note: All meeting s will take place on Wednesdays in the school library and begin at 7:15 PM. This year, we are meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, January 14<sup>th</sup>, February 18<sup>th</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup> .

Sincerely yours,

The Markville Parent Council