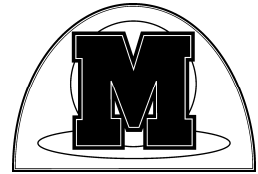


MARKVILLE S.S. NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As another busy year at Markville Secondary School winds down, I would like to take this opportunity to comment upon our many successes and to bid farewell to some very special people. MSS students have once again demonstrated their compassion and dedication to their community by organizing and participating in a variety of worthy causes. Our students continue to be leaders in this area demonstrating a keen work ethic and outstanding character. As well, our students continue to achieve excellent academic, athletic and extra-curricular results, many of which you will read about in detail in our newsletter. I would also like to commend all of our many fine staff members as they continue to provide the supportive learning environment that both nurtures and challenge our students to excel.

On another note, we would like to thank all those long term occasional teachers who covered classes for teachers on leave – Ms Attwell, Ms Chan, Mr. Chung, Mr. Di Gravio, Ms Ernstberger, Ms Harding, Mr Johnson, Ms Obeyesekere, Mr. Patten and Ms Shaikh.

We extend warm wishes to Ms Fremont who will be on leave to take care of her expanding family and Ms Gallant who be returning to school to further her education. As well Mr. Passafiume will be on leave next year. Please enjoy your year off.

Our best wishes are with the following staff - Mr. Anderson and Mr. Kempton as they move on to new experiences at other schools. We shall not forget your many contributions to MSS. We hope that you do not forget us.

On behalf of the staff and students, I bid farewell to Ms Del Col and Mr.Fritz as they retire. We thank you for your many years of devoted service to the school and our profession. We wish you many happy years of retirement.

Sadly, we say farewell to our friend and colleague, Ms. Weaver, Vice Principal, who will be moving on to Sir William Mulock S. S. in September. Her hard work and commitment to her profession, dedication to the staff and students, and unending support for our administrative team will be greatly missed. I know that the staff and students at Sir William Mulock will benefit greatly from her wisdom and experience.

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

And finally I wish to thank all of the parents for their continued support of our school and our students. Dear parents, staff, and students; have a happy, relaxing, and safe summer!

Mr. Stephen Bewcyk, June 2008

GUIDANCE

From the guidance department we would like to extend sincere congratulations to all Markville students for an extremely successful year and wish all returning students continued success. Markville has approximately 400 graduates; 170 who are Ontario Scholars; moving on to post secondary endeavours at University, College, the skilled trades and employment.

We would like to welcome Mrs Stavrakis to our department and wish her all the best for the upcoming year. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Bradler our new guidance secretary

We would like to remind all students that the first day of school for grade 9 students is Monday August 25th. For grade 10-12 students, registration will take place on Monday August 25th in the evening. Grade 10s are asked to register from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., grade 11s should register from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., and grade 12s are asked to register between 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Classes for all grades will begin on Tuesday August 26th at 8:20 a.m. A newsletter was distributed to all students with details regarding school registration; this newsletter is also available on the school website.

Finally, we would like to remind the Markville community that we will be holding our annual University/ College Evening on October 16th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Have a safe and happy summer.

LITERACY @ MARKVILLE

We are very proud of the efforts of our students and staff to build and promote literacy at Markville. Throughout the year our teachers have worked together building a school wide approach to literacy. Markville's literacy program called "Liter8", is a group of eight skills we believe our students must learn in order to demonstrate proficient literacy skills. Our teachers collaborated on these skills this year and continue to build them into the courses they teach. Many of these skills can be practised over the summer through lessons that are available on the school website.

Our literacy team was extremely busy throughout the year organizing and facilitating many activities to show that we know how important strong literacy skills are for all students at Markville. Students participated in a literacy blitz and in both lunch and after school literacy sessions to receive extra support for their literacy skill development. Our grade nine students also participated in a diagnostic test to help the literacy team to prepare to support students to write the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). We are extremely proud of the achievements of Markville students where 88% of our first time eligible students were successful on the test.

FSL AND INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES

The FSL and International languages department had a fantastic year!

The Spanish classes enjoyed partaking in the Latin day festivities where students learned about running of the bulls, Spanish fiestas, quinceñera, Tomatina, Spanish art, cinema, dance and music. The students of Grade 10 and 11 Spanish had a magnificent time at Kensington Market doing their scavenger hunt and trying Spanish Foods at the local shops. Students then proceeded to a fun, dance filled afternoon at Plaza Flamingo. Students learned the Tango, Merengue and Salsa! Vamos a disfrutar! At the end of the semester, the grade 10 students created a children's story book and the grade 11 students created a mini soap opera! The final projects were very well done! 😊

Señor Ebrahim would like to congratulate the Spanish students for a wonderful year, all their hard work and dedication. ¡Gracias!

The Grade 9 French students enjoyed their first year of French at Markville Secondary. Students created a Web Page which included music videos from You Tube, games and information about them and their family. Students also had the opportunity to create the scary monster movies. The Grade 9 French teachers were very impressed with the movies and the hard work that went into them. Bravo! The students then went to perform their final task while learning about famous French people (Dead or Alive!) The ESL French students learned a lot about French cities through their travel brochures.

The Grade 11's explored various forms of literature this year. While studying the Phantom of the Opera, students entered various roles. The students were asked to reflect on their childhood escapades while reading Le Petit Nicolas. Marvellous job on the Social Issue Magazines Grade 11's!

The Grade 12's enjoyed creating monologues, explored Le Petit Prince and Les Misérables. They performed wonderful debates while practicing their French speaking skills. They explored various French cultural aspects, politics, history, art, fashion, literature, music through PowerPoint presentations and formal essays.

We would like to congratulate the Grade 12 French students on receiving their French certificate of merit and wish them well all their future endeavours!

Mme. Tavernese, Mme. Jefferey, M. Ebrahim

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Markville students have once again performed extremely well in the University of Waterloo Mathematics Contests. Special congratulations go to the following students who placed in the top 25% of all **Canadian** competitors.

Pascal (grade 9)

Steven Shi (top mark)
Winnie Huang
Rocken Wong
Bryan Kong
Emily Poon
Jonathan Leung
Rico Van
Thibacg Sivayoganathan
Harry Look
Scott Dorfman
Kevin Fung
Sajuran Pushpanathan
Yanan Wang
Liane Tong

Fryer (grade 9)

Kevin He (silver)

Cayley (grade 10)

Betsy Szeto (top mark)
Caleb Yu
Chris Tworzyanski
Brian Lee
Jongwoo Kim
Rena Chu
Andrew Long
Huan Wang
Ruby Yang
Keirthan Arunthavarajah
Daniel Wai
Alexander Tan
Krupesh Patel
Janahan Rajendra
Kelly Tai
John Liu
Alex Cheun
Ivan Ching

Euclid (grade 12)

Zongyi Zang (top mark)
Yufei Guo
Bijun Wen
Jennifer Wong
Curtis Fang
Queena Lee
Ken Ho
Eugene Chung
Matthew Ip
Wayne Mak
John Wu
Amy Lau
Ming Chen
Nancy Liu
Derek Chan
Michael Moriarty

Galois (grade 10)

Brian Lee (gold)
Chris Tworzyanski (silver)
Caleb Yu (bronze)
Steve Yuen (bronze)

Hypatia (grade 11)

Jane Qin (silver)
Robert Liddell (bronze)
Amy Lau (bronze)
Tiffany Cheung (bronze)
Yufei Guo (bronze)

Canadian Open

Curtis Fang (top mark)
Zongyi Yang
Fred Wu
Bijun Wen
Jennifer Wong
Sammie Liu
Nancy Liu

The department welcomed Ms. Shaikh and Ms. Chan as additions to the department during semester 2 and look forward to Ms. Passfiume's return next year. We welcome Mr. Myers to the department and wish Mr. Gillespie success in his new position as Head of Computer Studies.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Special Education at Markville includes the Education Assistants and the Special Education Resource Teachers who help students to advocate for their learning needs and help them to become independent learners. We also honour the traits of Character Education and are proud of the students we work with in the Community Living and Intensive classrooms as well as all students here at Markville.

We celebrate Sunny Saggu who is graduating as are numerous students exiting for post-secondary education. They've done well to achieve this goal and we believe they are prepared for their futures. We sadly acknowledge that Mrs. Fremont will be leaving Special Education department but welcome the return of Mrs. Adelson in August. Time has flown by as we've busied ourselves in meaningful Special Education activity: securing work placements; taking and enjoying educational field trips; providing support to students, in-class

and on an individual basis; assisting students and teachers in salvaging credits and offering credit recovery. In partnership, we extend our best wishes to parents and guardians for your children's success. Have happy and restful summer.

FAMILY STUDIES

A warm congratulations goes to Ms. Williams' and Ms. Mojica's Food and Nutrition classes for a job well done on their restaurant business project. They worked extremely hard, and gained valuable entrepreneurial skills.

Once again, we would like to thank the staff and students who supported our endeavours. Thanks to your help, we will be donating a combined total of \$218.50 to the Markham Food bank on behalf of Markville Secondary School.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The ESL Department at Markville offers ESL courses starting from level A (beginning level) to level E (advanced level), as well as special sections of Geography, History, French, and Science which have been adapted for English Language Learners. ESL is taught by teachers who have been trained to understand the complexity of developing skills in the English language. Therefore ESL teachers at Markville Secondary School understand the needs of students who do not speak English as a first language.

The ESL program at Markville aims not only to increase proficiency in English, but also to build a strong foundation in students' skills in order for students to achieve success in all subject areas, particularly grade 12 English, and ultimately to be able to graduate. The ESL Department encourages students to strive to do their best. ESL courses are the only courses where students can get the direct language instruction they need for success in mainstream courses. All the ESL courses at Markville are crucial in helping English language learners achieve success.

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTRE

Many congratulations to all our 2008 graduates!

Average number of students visiting the library per day: 600

Resources signed out this school year: 4772

Kindly return all borrowed resources on time! Share!

Volunteers to thank include: Michael, Angela, Sima, Zachary, Jane, Winson, Jagdev, and Anson

It is always possible. Keep working hard!

Laugh!

Lend a hand. Community service hours – get some!

E-resources equal excellence in education!

Staff to thank: Mr. M. Nicholson and Mrs. D. Holdsworth

Laptops are charging

Imagine it and make it happen

Bookmark our webpage

Remember to thank your hard working teachers

August is when our doors open again

Relax and read a book

You are the best students! Have a great summer break!

COMPUTER STUDIES

The end of semester is always a busy time in Computer Studies as our students finish their independent projects in our Engineering and Programming courses. These projects are designed to showcase their many talents and solidify their problem solving and project management skills.

We had another crop of fabulous Flash games from our grade 10 students in Mr Ianni's and Mr Kempton's TIK2O1 classes. The students also produced web sites publicising their games. The grade 11 Computer Engineering students in Mr Kempton's ICE 3M1 class created games in Visual Basic using joysticks that they built from wood, telephone cable, copper piping and a doorstop. The grade 12 Computer Engineering students were given a very open-ended challenge to develop a computer that interfaced with the real world. They responded by making, among other things, a self-guided car, a robot that could solve a Rubik's Cube, a driving simulator, and a robot that played Tic-Tac-Toe. Mr. Gillespie's grade 11 Computer Science students completed their semester by creating a variety of computer games including Othello, Mastermind, Frogger and Checkers. In our grade 12 Computer Science course, Mr Ianni's students programmed a variety of solitaire games using Java.

A selection of student's work can be found in the Computer Science Department's Student Gallery on the school's web site (www.markvilless.com)

In the 2009-2010 school year we hope to offer a Computer Game Development course (IDC4O) designed to introduce senior students to the many aspects involved in creating computer games. They will develop and extend their knowledge and experience in computer programming, software design, project planning and management, entrepreneurship, visual arts, and technical communications. Most of their time will be spent working in teams, developing and applying skills from several disciplines to create 2-D and 3-D educational games for our community living class.

Also, beginning September 2009 all Computer Engineering and Computer Science courses will be offered at both the Academic and Applied levels. As a result, we expect that universities will place a greater emphasis on these courses as entrance requirements for engineering and computer science degrees.

The Computer Studies Department wishes Mr. Kempton success in his new position as the Computer Studies Department Head at Dr. John M. Denison S.S in Newmarket. Replacing him will be Mr. Gillespie, a long time member of the Computer Studies and Mathematics Departments at Markville.

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Markville will be offering two new programs next year:

MAGIC PROGRAM (Markville's Accelerated Get It Credits) is a quad-mester program where students will be eligible to earn 8 credits in 10 week blocks. This program is for students under the age of 17 who would function in a hands-on, small classroom setting with individual teacher's support.

JUMP PROGRAM (JUMP-UP For Success at Markville). This program allows students 17 years and older, who already have 15 credits or more to obtain credits while working. Classes are held one day a week and the rest of the time students are out in the world of work learning life and educational skills.

Contact Ms. Kant, Head of Alternative Education, Extension 232

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

It has been a very busy spring in the Health and Physical Education Department. On April 24th, the Phys. Ed. Leadership Students held their annual Hoops for Heart Basketball Tournament. It was a record year for participants and money raised. The Heat and Stroke Foundation was happy to receive a cheque for \$1500 on behalf of the students of Markville S.S. The winning teams were as follows:

Senior Boys

Norman Au
Edward Chow
Alex Faubert
Josh Mathieu

Junior Boys

JJ Gohal
Shaun Kaye
Leslie Pang
Vikaash Singh

Girls

Laura Gosse
Shannon Gosse
Lindsee Perkins
Melissa Walker

In May, the Phys. Ed. and Drama Departments hosted Grade 8 students from the elementary schools. The day involved a play on how to be successful in grade 9, activities in the gym, tours of the school, watching varsity rugby and ultimate games and a barbeque lunch.

Lunch-time Intramurals for the semester included volleyball, badminton, basketball and dodgeball. Markville students got out their soccer balls during the second week of June to support the Kicks for Kenya tournament. And finally, on June 4th, the annual Athletic Ceremony was held. Below is a list of award winners:

Most Valuable Player Awards

<u>Badminton</u>	<i>Girls Junior</i> <i>Boys Junior</i> <i>Girls Senior</i> <i>Boys Senior</i>	<i>Shirley Wu</i> <i>Ganesh Sathanathan</i> <i>Ashley Tsang</i> <i>Hadrian Liu</i>
<u>Baseball</u>		<i>Adam Jefferson</i>
<u>Basketball</u>	<i>Girls Junior</i> <i>Boys Junior</i> <i>Boys Senior</i>	<i>Sarah Thomson</i> <i>Vikaash Singh</i> <i>Alex Faubert</i>
<u>Cross-Country</u>	<i>Girls</i> <i>Boys</i>	<i>Heather Simpson</i> <i>Matt Hardman</i>
<u>Curling</u>		<i>Matt Hardman</i>
<u>Field Hockey</u>		<i>Noemi Cseresa</i>
<u>Golf</u>		<i>Michael Mound</i>
<u>Hockey</u>		<i>Justin MacDonald</i>
<u>Rugby</u>		<i>Alex McCoy</i>
<u>Skiing</u>	<i>Girls</i> <i>Boys</i>	<i>Anne Crombie</i> <i>Adam Spark</i>
<u>Snowboarding</u>	<i>Girls</i> <i>Boys</i>	<i>Sydney Clements</i> <i>Matt Spark</i>
<u>Soccer</u>	<i>Girls Junior</i> <i>Girls Senior</i> <i>Boys Varsity</i>	<i>Brenda Tse</i> <i>Ashley Neves</i> <i>Billy Nikolaidis</i>
<u>Softball</u>		<i>Rosie Murphy</i>
<u>Swimming</u>	<i>Girls</i> <i>Boys</i>	<i>Stephanie Tan Sebastian Yu</i>
<u>Table Tennis</u>		<i>Vania Olmos</i>
<u>Tennis</u>	<i>Girls</i> <i>Boys</i>	<i>Paraniya Balakumar Dani Saad</i>
<u>Track & Field</u>	<i>Girls Junior</i> <i>Boys Junior</i> <i>Girls Senior</i> <i>Boys Senior</i>	<i>Jessica Horwood</i> <i>Jake Zupansky</i> <i>Megan Locker Lawrence Chen</i>

Ultimate

Rob Liddell

Volleyball

*Girls Junior
Boys Junior
Girls Senior
Boys Senior*

*Rachel Mathieu
Jake Zupansky
Kristi Russell
Matt Spark*

Character Awards

Keith Kong, Tim White, Steven Lam, Josh Chee, Lindsee Perkins, Brandon Aitken, Patrick Dubreuil, Megan Locker (2), Dylan Foster, Matt Nikoladis, Brad Valley, Scott Rade, Vania Olmos, Arsalan Munir, Erica Hagglund, Paulina Klasios, Stephanie Boyce, Janice Huang, Ashley Tsang, Sarah Chin, David Ly, Alisha Somji, Kevin Chao, William Nicolaou, Laura Gosse, Deneene Ricketts, and Rachel Mathieu.

Honour Team

Martin Campbell, Matt Hardman, Megan Locker, Melissa Simbhudas, Adam Spark, Matt Spark

Athletic Leadership Award

Megan Locker

Athletes of the Year

Grade 9

Laura Gosse

Bryan Kong

Grade 10

Rachel Mathieu

Jake Zupansky

Grade 11

Andrea Nelson

Mike Lee

Grade 12

Megan Locker

Matt Spark

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

The Battlefield Tour to France, Belgium and the Netherlands is coming fast! A reminder to parents and students that the trip will occur during the Fall Break and runs from October 24th to November 2nd, 2008. For those going on the trip, please ensure that you have a valid passport and make sure all payments are made to avoid late penalties. We will be meeting in early October for final trip instructions.

Mr. Melnyk's West and the World class developed a superb WWII Exhibit with extraordinary panels and a large 3D model to highlight the history and sites we will be visiting in the fall. Special thanks to: Lisa Alton, Jackie Cummings, Riana Topan and Tracy Wong and so many others for all their extra organization and hard work on this project. The exhibit will be on display again in the fall at our school and in public libraries around the region. The students going on the Battlefield Tour will also add to this exhibit before and after the trip.

Mr. Cotey's Society class spearheaded a War and Genocide website led by Alex Ng. The project will continue to be built in the future. Please see www.markvillehistory.com to visit the beginnings of the website.

Congratulations to all our graduates, all the best in your future endeavours.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

As our Co-op work experiences come to an end there are many successes to be celebrated. Many students have been offered a summer and/or part-time job. Lasting friendships have been established and positive references have been collected for future employment or to include with a university or college application.

Brian MacKay successfully completed his 8 week Basic training as an Electrician at Humber College while earning four high school co-op credits. He has been offered employment with his company and his future as an

Electrician is well underway. Trevor Nelles was signed on as an Electrical apprentice this semester and has also been offered employment which will allow him to continue apprenticing after graduation.

Two of our students, Dana Kissondath and Kevin Fadalti have just returned from a life changing International Co-op experience in Ecuador. They are celebrating their impressive grades from their six credits earned as well as the relationships they have developed with their Ecuadorian host families and the other students from York Region who participated in the program. These friendships will last a lifetime! They are already planning their next trip back.

Our students have been working as assistants to Speech & Language Pathologists, Computer Technicians, Teachers, ECE Workers, Human Resource Managers, Hair Stylists, Graphic Designers, Customer Service Representatives, Chefs, Automotive Service Technicians, Nurses, Accountants, Office Administrators, Electricians, Physiotherapists, Retail Sales Clerks, Auto Body & Collision Service Technicians, Dental Hygienists, and Doctors.

We would like to recognize and thank our many employers for hosting and providing excellent training opportunities to our students during the second semester. We are grateful for your guidance and support. Many thanks to: Ramer Wood P.S., Central Park P.S., Dr. Brown & Associates, Roy H. Crosby P.S., McDonalds, Braised Bull Steakhouse, Town & Country BMW, Thomas Lighting Canada, Toys R Us, Pro-Tek Electric Inc., Sheraton Parkway Hotel, Markham Physiotherapy Clinic, Middlefield Collegiate Institute, Ashton Meadows P.S., Family Day Care Markville, RAF Assembly, True North Nutrition, Canadian Tire, Caterpillar Preschool, KKT Auto Collision, Andrew's Auto, Unionville P.S., Licks, Parkplace, PetsMart, The Bay, Shab's Auto, Heroes World, Markham Stouffville Hospital, Regis Hair Salon, and Best Buy.

Students have been interviewed for the co-op program for the 2008-2009 school year. We are anticipating another successful year of growth, the development of employability skills and valuable, rich experiences for our students as they explore their future careers. If you have any questions regarding the many cooperative education opportunities that are available, or would like to host a co-op student, please contact the co-op office at 905-940-8840 Ext. 227.

BUSINESS STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Business Studies department has had a great year. This year, over 50 students joined the DECA Business Club; making it our largest chapter to date. We also had a very active Markville Business Club, who organized great events to raise money for local charities. In addition, we had a competitive Mock Trial team, who competed at both the regional and provincial level.

The Markville Business Studies staff for 2007-2008 consisted of Mrs. Li, Mr. Ianni, Mr. Timm, Mr. Rao and was led by Ms. Sharp. We are pleased to announce that these five individuals will be staying on to make up the department for the 2008-2009 year.

Mrs. Li and the Business Studies department would like to congratulate Calvin Tan, a Grade 12 accounting student, who achieved outstanding results at the provincial accounting contest held by the Chartered Accountants of Ontario Association. Calvin ranked 2nd in the York region competition and grabbed a spot in the top 20 students in Ontario.

In November 2008, the Business Studies and History department will be leaving for the much anticipated Europe trip. With close to 50 students joining a group of teachers and Administration, this will be an unforgettable experience. Both departments are very excited to have the opportunity of bringing curriculum and instruction to life for our students. Stay tuned for more updates from our department and feel free to visit our website for information about our courses. <http://www.markville.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/teacher/business/business/Business%20Home.htm>

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