Dear Markville Secondary School Students & Parents/Guardians:

We hope that everyone has had a successful 2011-2012 school year. It is with great pleasure that we welcome all our new grade 9 students and their families to Markville Secondary School. This letter will remind you of some important information about report card distribution and our school opening for the 2012-2013 school year.

Grade 9 Orientation Day – Monday, August 27th:
The first day of school, for grade 9 students, is on Monday, August 27th from 8:20 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All Parents and/or Guardians, of grade 9 students, are invited to spend the first morning of school with you, in addition to joining us for lunch at the school. Please arrive at school a little before 8:20 a.m. with your Parent/Guardian, if possible. An information session will be held for Parents/Guardians to explain school expectations and what life at high school is like. Please proceed to the appropriate station in the Atrium to pick up your timetable and then proceed to your period 1 Homeroom classroom. The schedule for the day will be as follows:

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<td>8:20 – 10:00</td>
<td>Homeroom Information, Lockers, Registration, School Tour, and Period 1 Class</td>
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<td>BBQ Lunch (courtyard) for groups A-P</td>
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<td>BBQ Lunch (courtyard) for groups Q-FF</td>
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<td>12:25 – 3:00</td>
<td>Workshops to help you be successful in your first year of high school</td>
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On Tuesday August 28th regular classes will begin for all grades (grades 9, 10, 11, and 12).

Supporting all students in their Transition to Grade 9

We would like all grade 9 students to participate in our grade 9 transition program which includes several important activities. One activity is a team building/leadership program at Camp Robin Hood. Grade 9 students will be led by their mentors (senior students) through the activities that have been planned by teachers, mentors and camp staff. The cost of the program has been listed as part of the grade 9 registration fees. Please see the grade 9 transition information sheet and field trip permission form for more details.

Registration: Grade 9 students will register in the main gym on Monday, August 27th during their homeroom period first day of classes.

Grade 10, 11 and 12 students will register in the cafeteria on Thursday August 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Registration is also possible on Monday, August 27th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for all remaining students. The first day of classes for grades 10, 11 & 12 is Tuesday August 28th. Grade 9 will also attend on this day.

Please read the detailed instructions below. This year the following items are required and the fees are as follows:

a) School Activity Fee - $40.00 – includes a photo ID card, $5.00 towards student printing, school wide activities, events, and intramural sports programs throughout the year. [Grade 10 - 12 also]
b) Grade 9 Orientation Camp - $35.00 – a full day program at Camp Robin Hood, lunch is included.
c) Physical Education Clothing - $25.00 – school shorts ($15.00) and school t-shirt ($10.00) [Grade 10 - 12 also]
d) Yearbook - $35.00 at registration ($40.00 after registration day) [Grade 10 - 12 also]
e) Parking Pass - $25.00 (for those who drive to school) [Grade 10 - 12 only]
f) Graduation Fee (including photo, cap, and gown) - $70.00 [Grade 10 - 12 only]
g) School Council – $10.00 voluntary contribution to School Council to be allocated to initiatives and academic needs throughout the next school year which improve the daily quality of life for students at Markville. [Grade 10 - 12 also]

Please make all cheques payable to Markville Secondary School – one cheque can cover any combination of items. At registration you will be issued a copy of the registration form. Keep this form in a safe place as this is your proof of payment for your student fees. Students will be assigned a locker and will need to bring a combination lock to secure their valuables.
**School Fees and Enhancements**

Given the new fee guidelines from the Ministry of Education, there will be a change in the ability of schools to collect fees from students. Schools currently charge fees for supplies related to coursework required for graduation. The new guidelines do not allow these fees to be charged, with the exception of regional programs; however, they do allow fees for enhanced materials that are voluntary enrichments beyond what is necessary to meet the curriculum expectations. Most classes will continue as usual, but the scope of some programs may change. In addition, participation in athletics programs will be more expensive as the majority of costs will be funded by student athletes. Families will be encouraged to contribute toward a school activity fee, which will support the various activities that build and strengthen the sense of community in our schools. As always, 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.

**Communication with Home**

At Markville SS we provide several ways to help us communicate and share information on a regular basis. We are proud of our school website, [www.markville.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.markville.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca), which has updated school events, achievements, and links to all subjects. We also provide daily attendance reports to parents and guardians using e-mail. In order to facilitate us in providing up to date attendance information, we encourage all parents and guardians to submit current e-mail addresses; these can be updated by sending your e-mail address to markville.ss@yrdsb.edu.on.ca. Your e-mail should include your child’s name, date of birth and grade.

**Report Cards and School Newsletter:**

Report cards for students that had no outstanding fines or unreturned textbooks have been included with this mailing. Outstanding fees or fines must be paid before a report card is issued. Students may return textbooks or pay outstanding fees at the school office during the summer hours of 9:00 to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from July 9th through to July 26th and from August 13th through to the beginning of the school year. Fridays the school office is closed. This year, in order to continue to promote environmentally friendly practices, our school newsletter has been posted on the school website. Please go to [www.markville.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca](http://www.markville.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca) during the summer months to read all about the 2011-2012 year in review.

**Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test Results:**

All students who wrote the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) in March and were not successful were notified in June. A copy of these results has been included in this mailing. A copy of the test results will also be filed in your Ontario Student Record (OSR).

**Student Timetables:**

Students will receive a copy of their timetable at registration. If you still have textbooks, library books or equipment from the 2011-2012 school year, please ensure that you bring all outstanding materials or the money to replace them to school on August 23rd or 27th. In June, each student with a schedule conflict was given the opportunity to resolve the conflict with the help of a guidance counselor. Students needing timetable adjustments resulting from the completion of a summer school course will be seen by a guidance counselor as quickly as possible. Please follow the timetable that you have received until the issue is resolved with a guidance counselor.
AUGUST 2012 SCHOOL OPENING & REGISTRATION

**Calendar of Events:**
This was also included in the mailing that went out to students.

**Important Dates:**

- **Thursday, August 23rd**
  Registration for Grade 10-12 students from 10:00–4:00 p.m. and 5:00–7:00 p.m.
- **Monday, August 27th**
  First day of school and registration for Grade 9 students
  Registration for remaining Grade 10-12 students from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, August 28th**
  First day of school for Grades 10-12. All grades to attend classes.
- **Wednesday, September 12th**
  First School Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the library
- **Friday, October 12th**
  Interim Report Cards Distributed
- **Wednesday, October 24th**
  Parent Engagement Evening (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)
  Parents'/Guardians' Interview Night (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)
- **October 29th – November 2nd**
  Fall Break (no classes for Markville students)
- **Monday, November 19th**
  Mid-term Report Card Distribution

**School Schedule:**
The daily timetable remains as follows:

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

Sincerely,

Steve Bewcyk                      Rose Li                   Phil Azzopardi
Principal                        Vice-Principal            Vice-Principal