It has been another tremendous year at Markville Secondary School. Our students have persevered through academic challenges and continue to strive towards excellence. 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. Thank you to the teachers, educational assistants, caretakers and support staff who work tirelessly to make learning at our school possible. Thank you also 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 our school success.

I would also like to commend all of our fine staff members as they continue to provide the supportive learning environment that both nurtures and challenges our students to excel.

Our best wishes are with the following staff - we will be saying goodbye to Mr. Gomille, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Treasure, who will be retiring this year and setting out on new endeavours. Thank you for all of your contributions to our school. We wish Ms. Schmidt all the best as she leaves us to join the staff at Unionville Secondary School. Your involvement at Markville is greatly appreciated.

To Ms. Liu, Ms. Mitrevski and Ms. Caston, who are with their new additions, we wish you many enjoyable moments with your expanded families while on maternity leave. We would like to thank Ms. Kim and Ms. Chui, who were with us as long term occasional teachers this year and Ms. Quan who will be leaving us to assist at another school next year.

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
Dramatic Arts

It has been a very exciting semester for Markville drama students. In January members of the Markville Drama Club and drama classes participated in Grade 8 Information Night. Dressed in costumes from different time periods, our students performed Street Theatre Tableaux and greeted grade 8 students and their parents giving them a tour of the Dramatic Arts Studio and answering questions about the grade 9 drama program.

In April the grade 9 and 10 drama classes travelled to the Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People to explore the issue of bullying in the production I Think I Can and in May the senior drama class and members of the Drama Club headed to Stratford to see the amazing new production of The Grapes of Wrath at the Stratford Festival.

Student written and student directed productions were also created this semester. The grade 11/12 drama students explored the Theatre of the Absurd creating their own dark comedies with social messages. Grade 10 ESL drama students created character masks and original plays and the grade 9 drama class entertained the Markville Community Class with Stories from Many Lands. This production featured multicultural plays written and directed by the students themselves. Students were also responsible for designing props, sets, costumes, lighting, and sound.

This year students in the Drama Club and the Senior Drama Class joined forces for our annual spring production. Chemical Bonding was presented to the Markville Community Centre on May 11, 12, and 13, while examining the issues faced by today’s teens upon leaving high school, this comedy/drama entertained audiences and also showcased the talents of our drama students.

Finally, we wish to congratulate this year’s Drama Club Award winner, Crystal Parkes, who will be recognized at this year’s graduation ceremony. Crystal has been a very active participant in the drama program during her years at Markville. We thank you for your dedication and commitment to Markville Drama. Your many entertaining performances will not be forgotten and we wish you all the best.
Chemical Bonding
On-stage & behind-the-scene
The Visual Arts department has been a very active and interesting department this year with many exciting changes. First, on behalf of the Visual Arts department, I would like to thank Mrs. Lucy Kim, who acted as Mrs. Caston’s visual arts replacement teacher for this 2nd semester. Thank you Mrs. Kim for all your great work and effort in teaching all our visual arts students here at Markville.

Mrs. Caston who is our visual arts department head has been on maternity leave this second semester with the birth of her second son named Tate. Mrs. Caston will be returning to full time teaching again at Markville by the end of this coming October. We are looking forward to Mrs. Caston’s return!

Mickey Yiu who is a senior grade 11 visual arts student received an honorary mention for her stunning action shot at the annual “Law Day” Contest which is organized by Deidre Anne Newman of the Ontario Bar Association.

Our visual arts department is continually changing in keeping with the ever changing face of technology based learning. Photography courses are now totally digital-based with technological applications growing.

We would like to wish everyone a fantastic and restful summer break. Don’t forget to check out “Art in the Park” during this summer vacation.

Computer Studies

As the second semester comes to a close and students are completing their end-of-semester projects we would like to review some of their accomplishments.

Grade 10 students created a web page which focused on many aspects of computers in various industries. They also had fun creating cartoon animations and arcade games using Flash ActionScript. Game titles included Brick Breaker, Super Mario, Asteroids, Alien Invaders and Snake.

Students in our grade 11 Computer Science class learned the foundations of programming using Turing, a teaching language developed at the University of Toronto. They finished the semester by creating an assortment of games including Othello, Checkers, Connect Four, Concentration and Wheel of Fortune.

In our Grade 12 Computer Science course, students spent much time preparing for post secondary programs in Mathematics, Science, Engineering and Computer Science by learning advanced topics in recursion, pointer variables, linked lists and object oriented programming. They finished off the year learning Java and showcased their knowledge by creating a Java Applet based solitaire game.

Students in our Grade 11 Computer Engineering course analysed computer circuitry, programmed robots and created an interactive game in Visual Basic that used a home made joystick made out of wood, telephone wire and an ordinary door stopper. They also learned how to program robots to respond to a variety of touch and visual sensors.

Our grade 12 Computer Engineering students expanded their knowledge about how computers work and focused much of their energy creating microprocessor based solutions to real world problems. Projects included a garage door opener, an elevator, a burglar alarm and a machine that sorts coloured gum balls.

We are extremely excited that next year we will be able to offer the very first Specialist High Skills Major program in Computers and Information Technology in York Region. This program will operate in conjunction with our Cooperative Studies and Technology departments and will allow us to offer students access to state-of-the-art robotics technology in all of our Computer Engineering courses.
We now have our own YouTube channel for your viewing www.youtube.com/markvilletech

Students and parents can access Markville Tech’s website and YouTube channel 24/7 through their iPhones, iPads, Blackberry’s and other smart phones as well as their laptops and home computers. We are excited to be able to offer this compliment to support the course work as we feel it reassures you, as a parent, that your child can remain caught up with the course work in the event of a prolonged absence.

Our website is http://www.markville.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/teacher/teacher/tech/techmain.htm or you can visit us at http://www.youtube.com/user/MarkvilleTech

We are uploading more and more each day! We also offer a QR Code that is linked to our Google calendar so your student can scan and be updated when their assignments are due at any point.

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

The Communications Classes have been working on many projects this year varying from the anti smoking campaign to health eating with their breakfast cereal designs. The senior classes have mostly focused on entering numerous contests ranging from short documentaries to animation shorts. What a year!

Grade 9 Integrated Technologies course has been busy completing various projects both designing and creating Photoshop computer work, drafting, orthographic drawing and building small cars that are powered on mouse traps and acrylic holders for their iPods. The students rotate through each area experiencing different technology teachers and the specialization they offer. Look for their Egg Drop and 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 and their educational requirements. They have been planning and fabricating various projects centred on furniture and household design.

This year also saw an introduction to a new series of courses designed specifically for the multi billion dollar worldwide beauty industry. Hairstyling and Aesthetics presents hair styling, make up and nail care techniques from a salon/spa perspective. They also use materials, processes, and techniques from the industry to learn the fundamental skills in hairstyling, giving manicures and facials, and providing hair/scalp analyses and treatments. Other topics covered include the related environmental and societal issues which explores secondary and postsecondary pathways leading to careers in the field of hairstyling and aesthetics.

Just a reminder that students wishing to receive a Certificate of Endorsement in Technological Education on their Ontario Graduation Diploma need to select additional Tech courses in grades 10, 11 and 12 to acquire a minimum total of six. This Certificate of Endorsement is a ministry document that is recognized by colleges and university entrance programs.

Markville Tech is excited to be part of a pilot project starting in Fall 2011 called the SHSM which will offer your child a streamlined course selection process to facilitate their entry into work placement and post secondary education. More details to follow!
Guidance Department

We have come to the conclusion of another school year and as customary at this time our entire department would like to congratulate all Markville students on an extremely successful year.

Special congratulations to our over four hundred graduating students and our two hundred Ontario Scholars. We are very proud of all our students’ accomplishments and wish them great success in their post secondary pathways.

Many Markville students have won awards and scholarships this year, congratulations.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Wager on her appointment of Head of Guidance for 2011 and bid a farewell to Mr. Roberts wishing the very best in his retirement. We would also like to welcome Ms Williams to the department for next year.

Special Education

As this newsletter is written, the Special Education Department is being assertive asking teachers for Progress Reports for Identified students prior to June Exams in order to resource and salvage credits. SERTS are speaking to students addressing two items of importance: that self-advocacy happens and students entitled to extra exam time with attached IEP accommodations understand their entitlement, (SERTS will follow up) and, that Sea claim students use their laptops to ideate for their exams in an alternate setting.

New this year’s end, the Department is requesting the return of all laptops before Summer departure. Students requesting their laptops for summer academic use must contact Ms. Achong X 229. It’s wonderful to share good news with all, especially graduates: to hear plans for summer employment, hear travel plans and learn that the majority of students are continuing their post-secondary studies: best wishes.

A reminder that individuals must act to receive Accommodations at the post-secondary by contacting the post secondary’s Special Needs Office after Program and Fee acceptances are received. Pop by during your Breaks to bring us an update on your successes? Equally wonderful, the transition BBQ activities May 17 for grade 8’s were reported as enjoyable and informative. It was great to see fresh enthusiasm from among excited grade 8’s.

There are staff and program changes for our department next year. Mr. Treasure is leaving Special Education; Ms. Ingrid Achong is the new subject head. Ms. Fremont will leave the Community Class and become the co-ordinator for Markville’s new Gifted Program. Accommodations will be IPRC’d for Markville’s identified Alternate Education students next year as the two departments continue their close affinity.

Thank you to our Education Assistants for their safe care and diligence to meet Individual Education Program needs for our Intensive and Developmental classes: Ms’ Miller, Jamed, Poyntz, Treffer, Grattan; thank you to Community teachers Ms. Scagnetti, Mr. Patten, Ms. Trevelyan. Thank you to SERTS - Ms. Adelson, Ms. Fremont, Ms. Stecher, Ms. Achong.

To all students and families, we’ll see you August 29, 30. Have a great summer!
Personalized Alternative Education

Markville’s Personalized Alternative Education Dept. continues to grow with even more programs being offered to service over 105 students this year. The programs are creative in that they allow students to earn credits through in-class instruction, in shorter time frames and through the world of work.

The MAGIC program provides students a non-traditional setting with the opportunity to catch up on grade 9/10 credits. Congratulations are extended to all the MAGIC students who have successfully completed their credits.

The JUMP program caters to senior students looking to earn their last 8 or fewer elective credits through the world of work. Many of our students are working in the retail, restaurant and grocery sectors this year. Congrats to all of our grads as they pursue post secondary education, or enter the world of work. Best of luck to Adam Breen, Gianni Anzalone, Justin Martin, Jamal Mohammed, Barclay Vernon, Jasbir Singh, Hilary Huang, Alyssa Mcmaningwell, Kakit Fan and to many of our grads who are moving on to bigger and better opportunities.

The QUAD program allows senior students to pursue electives in a 9 week program. Students can earn two credits every 9 weeks in a small classroom setting. Congrats to all of our students and grads who have had a successful semester.

A special thank you to Mr. Holik, Ms. Kant, Mrs. Ruffo, Mrs. Passafiume, Mrs. Smith Ms. Vlahopulos, Mr. Achong and Mr. Sinukoff for their hard work, creativity, humour and empathy to ensure student success.

Parents who are interested in providing a work opportunity or volunteer experience for a student in the Alternative Education Program are welcomed to contact Ms. Kant at extension 232

ESL Department

This semester, Markville’s ESL Department welcomed, a new teacher, Miss L. Kim and 35 new English Language Learners into the ESL program. Our student translators were kept busy throughout the semester helping these students adjust to their new environment.

In February, our translators, with the help of Miss Faizi, Miss Chui, and our ESL teachers, along with our School Settlement Worker - Ms. Wu, and the Immigrant Youth Centre, organized a very successful Chinese New Year Celebration for the school.

In May, Ms. Aceto, Mrs. Avgeropoulos, Mrs. Mathura-Malkos, and Ms. Kim, as well as Mr. Azzopardi, our Vice-Principal, took the English Language Learners to Ashbridge’s Bay Park where we enjoyed a day of fun in the sun participating in a variety of activities. We look forward to seeing all of our students back in August.
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 movies, DVD covers and scary masks. Mme Jeffery, M. Ebrahim, Mme Tavernese held a contest between their classes for best movie, best actor, and best actress.

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

Bon Travail Grade 9’s! See you in Grade 10 French!

The 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, Power Points or Photo Stories to introduce themselves. They also filmed a movie and created a newspaper! To finish up the term, they will be taking on the character of a fortune teller to practice their future tense before exams! Bon travail les amis!

The Grade 10 Academic French students explored a variety of themes this year from possible careers, to giving advice, the joys of laughing and comedy and the sad history of genocide. Throughout these units, they read different excerpts, tackled new grammar and improved their oral communication. They competed for their dream apprenticeship option, created a radio show and filmed comedy videos. To finish off everything, they explored all the fun of eras past! Bravo les dixèmes, vous avez bossé très fort!!!! Soyez fiers et fières!

Grade 11 University French students filmed Téléjournal, presented on famous directors, created fantastic French magazines and had a great term parlant en français!!! They also discovered *la grande francophonie* through various medias this semester such as music, films, internet. They read *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Le petit Nicolas*. They wrote about their childhood, they presented Phantom skits and ended off exploring contemporary social issues while making a magazine and formal presentation to share their discoveries with the class!

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*!

The grade 11 Spanish class went on a 21 km tour of downtown Toronto where they visited many Spanish spots. This included Burrito Boys, BMV (book store), Dundas Square, and lastly, the Carlton Theatre where they watched a movie titled, “Biutiful”. Los estudiantes saben que es siempre en los ojos. Mirame, con los ojos que me miran.

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!
The **Grade 12 University French** explored the French language from different destinations worldwide and through different mediums this term. A highlight was their literature circles where they came prepared to discuss the novel *Secrets de Guerre* from a variety of critical perspectives. They participated in debates, wrote letters to the Prime Minister, wrote two major essays and attempted to speak in the target language on a regular basis. *Les meilleurs voeux l’an prochain dans tous vos poursuits!*

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

- Ibrahim Alhaq
- Maggie Bell
- Veronica Chinniah
- Olivia Chiu
- Leanna Chow
- Joanne Darakji
- Hassina Farzam
- Despina Ikik
- Bilal Islah
- Angus Lau
- Jenna Leang
- Kitty Liang
- Joyce Lin
- Vivian Liu
- Lauren Lyew
- Lavana Nagendran
- Crystal Parkes
- Avni Patel
- Sean Pollock
- Fatimah Sorefan-Mangou
- Liane Tong
- Anson Wong

**¡Felicitationes!** We would like to congratulate the following Italian and Spanish students on receiving their **International Language Certificate of Merit** and wish them well with all their future endeavours!

- Shabir Amador-Mughal
- Michelle Chung Tiam Fook
- Taylor Dhanasar
- Michelle Dubreuil
- Hassina Farzam
- Dayan Lahera
- Kharina Llanes
- Lauren Lyew
- Catherine Ma
- Maggie Ma
- Bianca Mok
- Rachel Tam
- Yanan Wang
- Weiling Yang

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR DEPARTMENT:**

**EUROPE OCTOBER BREAK 2012.**

First meeting is June 15, 2011 after school in room 318. Let the countdown begin!!!

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

To all our fantastic students, we wish you well!

M Ebrahim, Mme. Jeffery, Mme. Tavernese, Mlle Carter, Mme Stetcher
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.

**Mathematics Department**

**Pascal (Grade 9)**
- Nathan Liu (Top Score)
- Kevin Huo

**Fryer (Grade 9)**
- Larry Liu (Bronze)

**Cayley (Grade 10)**
- Rahul Patel (Top score)
- Vinothan Selvalingam
- Kevin Ma
- Steve Jiang
- Ivan Mock
- Crystal Su
- Sharvanjan Sivakumar
- Ralph Lee

**Galois (Grade 10)**
- Lesley Tsui (Silver)
- Kevin Ma (Bronze)
- Shitai Ouyang (Bronze)
- Ivan Mock (Bronze)
- Crystal(585,703),(812,714)

**Fermat (Grade 11)**
- Bilal Islah (Top score)
- Charlene Tong
- Jessica Hung
- Annie Poon
- Clement Chan
- Yolanda Jin
- Elizabeth Ching
- Chloris Li
- Candy Tan
- William Wang
- Joyce Tan
- Tay Hiok Hng
- Wen Jing Lin
- Janice Ou
- Jeffrey Szeto

**Euclid (Grade 12)**
- Anni Dong (top score)
- Charlene Tong
- Rocken Wong
- Zhiilin Long
- Anson Wong
- Xin Liu
- Yujing Zou
- Yiran Gu
- Gloria Hu
- Xiangguan Ren
- Yunqi Zhang
- Steven Shi
- Wei Chen
- Angus Lau
- Harry Look
- Chi Tung Kong

**Hypatia (Grade 11)**
- Haojun Luo (Bronze)

The department is also looking forward to offering a gifted mathematics program at the grade 9 level next year. We also welcome the return of Mrs. Connie Passafiume and Mr. Duane Myers from leaves. Have a safe and happy, mathematical summer!
History Department

EUROPE OCTOBER 2011
We are all getting so excited for the October trip to Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary and Austria. There are 90 students and staff coming on this trip and it is getting so much closer. For all parents of students going on the trip there will be a Parents Meeting for the trip in late September to go over last minute details. Remember that all information is available on our website: www.markvillehistory.com (Travel into History).

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS
The History department would like to send our best wishes to all of our graduating students. This has been a wonderful graduating class and we wish you every success as you venture onto the next step of your journey. Well done and all the best!

AP ECONOMICS
Congratulations to all students that completed the Advanced Placement for Economics. All the best next year!
Athletics

On Wednesday June 15, the annual Athletic Banquet took place recognizing Markville’s individual and team athletic successes over the past year. In a much different format to previous years, the Athletic Council organized a semi formal evening dinner and dance at the Crystal Fountain. With over 260 athletes and 30 coaches in attendance, the event was nothing short of amazing. The evening was an opportunity for the MVPs and Character recipients of their respective teams, as well as the Athletes of the Year to be acknowledged by their peers and coaches/teachers. Of particular note are the team and individual YRAA championships including Monique Slowley (triple jump), Anthoula Boroulias (shot put), Jason Hui and Jessica Chen (badminton tier 2 mixed doubles) and Rugby (tier 2 Sr boys).

The largest ovation of the evening went to the Special Needs Athletic Program (S.N.A.P.) team members for their competition in floor hockey and track and field events over the year. Included in this was special recognition of Marcel Williams for receiving the “Yes I Can!” award from the Council for Exceptional Children for remarkable accomplishments in athletics.

MSS Athletes of the Year:

Grade 9 Female  
Jessica Luc

Grade 10 Female  
Eartha Weber

Grade 11 Female  
Sofia Li

Grade 12 Female  
Laura Gosse

Grade 9 Male  
Johnson Lau

Grade 10 Male  
Austin Mathieu

Grade 11 Male  
Andrew Chin

Grade 12 Male  
Jonathan Thompson
MVP Awards 2010-11

Jr. Badminton
Jessica Chen
Jr. Badminton
Jason Hui
Sr. Badminton
Suki Lu
Sr. Badminton
Timothy Wu
Baseball
Bryan Kong
Jr. Basketball
Jessica Luc
Jr. Basketball
Sharu Ahilan
Sr. Basketball
Lindsee Perkins
Sr. Basketball
Jamal Rehman
Cross-Country
Eartha Weber
Cross-Country
Matt Li
Field Hockey
Laura Gosse
Golf
Casey Hawley
Sr. Hockey
Scott Murphy
Jr. Rugby
Brendan Stewart
Sr. Rugby
Shane Singh
Ski
Daniel Schurmunn
Jr. Soccer
Cindy Dinh
Sr. Soccer
Laura Gosse
Sr. Track & Field
Austin Matheiu
Sr. Soccer
Jonathan Neves
Sr. Track & Field
Monique Slowley
Snowboard
Jake Zupansky
Jr. Swimming
Jing Pan
Sr. Swimming
Yifei Wang
Jr. Rugby
Melissa Walker
Sr. Rugby
Brian Mok
Tennis
Nichola Chan
Tennis
Angus Lau

MSS Athletic Leadership Award:

MSS Honour Team

MSS Athletic Leadership Award: Lindsee Perkins

MSS Honour Team

Maggie Bell
Laura Gosse
Bryan Kong
Lindsee Perkins
Rachel Tam
Sarah Thomson
Jonathan Thompson
Ryan Yip
Health and Physical Education

It has been a very busy spring in the Health and Physical Education Department. On April 28th, leadership students Adheeb Rifdi and Jamal Rehman helped to organize the annual Hoops for Heart Basketball Tournament. The Heart and Stroke Foundation was happy to receive another cheque from Markville SS for over $1000. The winning teams were as follows:

**Senior Boys Division**  
Eric Wei  
Derek Lin  
Shaun Chen  
Miki Zheng

**Junior Boys Division**  
Jared Davis  
Ahmed Mughal  
Mathew Lau  
Illija Bojcev

Markville’s new fitness room has been a very busy place after school as members of the Fitness and Weight Club have been taking advantage of not only the new facility, but new equipment as well. The physical education department would like to thank the iLive club who donated $1000.00 towards the purchase of a new elliptical machine. Appreciation also goes out to the supervisors who kept the room open four nights a week after school and almost every morning:

Mr. Holik, Ms. Norman, Mr. Wiskin, Mrs. Avgropoulos, Mrs. McCallum, Mr. Keehn, Ms. Kei-Baxter, Ms. Aceto, Ms. Smith, Mr. Sinukoff, Mr. Bramer and Ms. Coleman. And finally, congratulations goes to the most dedicated members of the club for their exceptional motivation and work ethic: Vincent Au, Carlton Chan, Daniel Cheung, Jordan Newhook, and Sean Ng who will be receiving a t-shirt for their outstanding effort.

This semester physical education classes have taken advantage of many local facilities outside of school in their pursuit of a healthy lifestyle. The senior classes have had field trips to Markham Bowl, The Driving Range on 14th, Markham Tennis Club and Goodlife Fitness. Aussie X Instructors came in to our classes to introduce all phys. ed. students to the sport of cricket, and self-defence instructors did week long courses with all of the grade 9 and 10 students.

**Grade 9 Character Award Winners:**  
Cross-Country Running  
Jason Wong  
Tennis Team  
Michelle Betbadal  
Jr Badminton Team  
Onasvi Kharsikar  
Ultimate Team  
Johnson Lai

**Grade 10 Character Award Winners:**  
Jr Girls Soccer  
Misty Keenan  
Track and Field  
Eartha Weber  
Jr Boys Rugby  
Steven Fry  
Jr Boys Volleyball  
Hamid Shihabdeen  
Jr Girls Volleyball  
Anita Ngo  
Jr Girls Basketball  
Raphaela So  
Jr Boys Basketball  
Ibrahim Albazz

**Grade 11 Character Award Winners:**  
Sr Boys Volleyball  
Jeffrey Kwan  
Field Hockey  
Emily Locker  
Ski Team  
Lauren Glenny  
Track and Field  
Anthoula Bourolias  
Sr Girls Basketball  
Cynthia Duong  
Tennis Team  
Monique Betbadal

**Grade 12 Character Award Winners:**  
Swim Team  
Caleb Chee  
Baseball  
Carina Amaral  
Cross-Country Running  
Jasmine Moreli-Bellai  
Snowboard Team  
Alex Hoover  
Sr Boys Soccer  
Tim White  
Sr Girls Soccer  
Shannon Gosses  
Sr. Boys Basketball  
Adheeb Rifdi  
Golf Team  
Travis Mathieu  
Sr Girls Volleyball  
Jessica Horwood  
Sr. Badminton team  
Bryan Kong  
Boys Rugby & Boys Hockey  
Jonathan Thompson
Markville truly does mean business; as our department continues to grow in the number of sections we are running and the number of faculty members we have. We believe there are several reasons why students continue to flock to our program and some of these reasons are highlighted here for you to read.

Firstly, some of our grade 10 *Intro. to Business* students applied their business knowledge in this year’s Junior Achievement Titan Challenge at IBM. The students became CEO’s of corporations and made crucial decisions about prices, production levels, investment capital, marketing, and practiced corporate social responsibility. Several of our students became top Titans of Markville SS and received gift cards for their good business decision-making skills.

Also, this year, DECA had its most successful year ever! From regional’s to provincials, this year’s DECA team performed well at the competitions and won a record amount of medals. For the first time in Markville history, two members, Anni Dong and Frank Fu, qualified for the international competition in Orlando, Florida. They represented Markville well, placing in the 70th percentile in their respective categories.

Moreover, this year each of the grade 11 accounting students had the opportunity to job shadow an accountant at their workplace. This exciting opportunity allowed the students to experience a day in the life of an accountant, and offered the chance for the students to apply the knowledge they learnt in class to real world situations.

The accounting students also participated in several competitions organized by various associations outside of the school and achieved great success overall. In a contest organized by the Ontario Business Educators Association (OBEA), Lisa Luo ranked 4th in Ontario. In the COIN competition put on by the Chartered Accountants of Ontario, Iris Long placed 30th overall. Lastly, in an amazing competition put on by the Certified Management Accountants Association, a team of our students (Rocken Wong, Eddie Yu, Gloria Hu, Anni Dong, and Jennifer Chan) won the grand prize of $5000 to implement an impressive school proposal plan that they wrote. The $5,000 award will be presented to these students at the Graduation Ceremony on June 29th.

Moreover, for our law classes, guest speakers from Correction Services Canada, a criminal defence lawyer, our community street beat officers and a trip to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, helped to give these students a varied perspective as to what laws looks like in Canada.

Lastly, the Specialist High Skills Major in Business Studies that the Ministry of Education approved for Markville to begin in September, has proven to be very popular, with over 45 students signing up to start this program in its inaugural year. Business looks bright at Markville!
Resource Centre

Students filled the library all five periods this semester diligently working on assignments. On May 26th our White Pine Readers had a blast at Bill Crothers Secondary School meeting authors Natale Ghent, Gravity Brings Me Down, Richard Scarsbrook, The Monkeyface Chronicles, (this year’s big winner), and Markville’s personal favourite, Courtney Summers author of Some Girls Are. A heartfelt thank you to always fun and fabulous students Vanessa Kwan, Catherine Voss, Sambave Krishnakumar, and Ruhab Sadiq.

With the support of Markville’s Administration team, improvements to our technology protocol have continued to occur. A new sound system has been added to our SMARTboard presentation area enhancing both our student and guest presentations. Our Seminar Room offers students a place to meet and work on group projects as well as servicing our Student Success extra help program. Our Laptop classroom area has likewise been enhanced with a permanent LCD projector and, this fall, will provide 27 brand new laptops for students. The desktop lab is always busy as teachers use with their classes for the many research based projects. Students do get an opportunity on their lunch period to use the computers and get some work done.

(Don’t worry guys. I won’t talk about the games you play!) 😊

Summer is here...finally! To library staff – Mr. M. Nicholson, Ms. M. Grainger, and Mrs. D. Holdsworth – have a relaxing and enjoyable summer vacation. You are an amazing team to work with – how lucky I am!

A HUGE Thank you to our volunteers this semester:

As always the Library must acknowledge all our incredible volunteers. Please join me in thanking these clever and eager to help students:

- Humayera Ferdous
- Joanna Li
- Iris Long
- Suruthi Senthivel
- Jesse Shaver
- Stephanie Zhang

Joining author Courtney Summers here, are Markville students (from left to right) Vanessa Kwan, Sambave Krishnakumar, Ms. Summers, Catherine Varsos, and Ruhab Sadiq.
English Department

The English Department was full of activity this year, and we are very proud of all of our students for their amazing contributions. Grade nines created blogs for Greek deities, fashioned Mockingbird artifacts out of novel themes and decorated the classrooms with their artistry.

For the first time, grade ten students put on a Macbeth Film Festival, showcasing their artistry in the MSS Library. The grade eleven and twelve students participated in the fourth annual Spoken Word Festival (alongside over one hundred students from eight YRDSB high schools) and put their classical rhetoric skills on fantastic display.

The Girls Club was a huge success, and culminated in a flash mob in support of the Because I’m A Girl Campaign, led by Ms. Izadpanah and her amazing mentors. Several of our students attended the Words, Words, Words Writing symposium at BCSS, learning about spoken word, graphic novels and novel writing from professional artists.

All in all, it was a hugely busy and successful year. Congratulations to all English teachers and students for an amazing effort. See you in September!

Geography Department

Things have changed in the Geography Department at Markville Secondary School. Mr. Graham Draper retired on February 25, 2011. Graham had been in the Geography Department since the school opened in 1990, serving as the Department head until 2005. Graham was a solid teacher and an excellent mentor; he is a prolific writer and a good friend. He will be missed after 33 years in the profession! Graham’s departure happened at a time of growth in the Geography department. We were pleased to welcome Ms. Mary Faizi to the Department in February and equally pleased to welcome Ms. Leah Percy who will join the department in August. Both Ms. Faizi and Ms. Percy bring a wealth of talent and skills to the department.

We continue our policy of introducing technology into our programs – both geography classrooms are now equipped with built-in LCD projectors and daily lesson plans are continually being modified in order to take advantage of this technology.

Initially spearheaded by Ms. Faizi, the department has embraced a new school club. The Young Activist Club (YAC) is made up of excited and dedicated grade 9 students who want to do more to help their community, their country and their world. This semester the YAC club petitioned for and had approved the building of a bus shelter at one of the school YRT stops; walked and raised money for the MS Society; sold ‘Seeds of Hope’ to aid farmers in Afghanistan through World Vision and raised about $500.00 for children with cancer by participating in the Inside Ride campaign.

The Department is also excited to be part of the new gifted program coming to Markville in September. Providing interesting and challenging opportunities both in and outside the classroom has been the focus of a number of departmental meetings this past semester.

The members of the department wish all students at Markville and happy and safe summer holiday.
Family Studies

This year’s Iron Chef Event was a success! Three student-group finalists competed against the staff team to vie for supremacy as this year’s “Cake Bosses.” Using lemons (secret ingredient), staff and students created beautiful and delicious cakes which highlighted their talents and creativity. Congratulations to the teacher team on their winning graduation cake – complete with a book and graduation cap lined in fondant!

Ms. Mojica’s Gr. 12 Food and Nutrition Sciences class put on a Sustainability Challenge for Gr. 9 and Gr. 10 homerooms. The students participated in green initiatives such as collecting garbage and recycling around the school, turning lights off during the period, bringing litter less lunches and reusable water bottles, and donating old electronics and non-perishable food items for a local food bank. The winning class enjoyed a breakfast prepared and served by the Gr. 12 Food and Nutrition class. Thank you to all Gr. 9 and Gr. 10 participating homerooms for making a difference!

As part of their sustainability initiative, Ms. Mojica’s Gr. 12 Food and Nutrition classes teamed up with Ms. Jalalauddin’s English class and the Eco Club to plant a multitude of flowers and shrubs at the front of Markville Secondary. The event showcased determination, hard work, and cooperation, and will keep Markville looking inviting and beautiful.

Ms. Mojica’s Gr. 12 Philosophy and Gr. 12 Food and Nutrition Sciences classes had an amazing field trip to Scanlon Creek this year. With a wilderness survival theme, students foraged for food, built shelters, made a communal meal over the fire, and discussed the seven challenges humans face in survival situations: hunger, thirst, cold, illness/injury, boredom, fear, and panic. The students also had a chance to be in touch with nature during the quiet/meditation time.

Ms. Priebe-Nizar’s grade 11 Parenting class (HPW3C1) made sock monkeys for children in Haiti together with the community living class. They also wore sympathy pregnancy bellies and even cared for simulated newborn babies for a few days. To top it all off, the class ran a 2 day playschool for preschool age kids where many children of Markville teachers attended. What a blast! Way to go guys! Students also took a trip downtown to St. Lawrence and Kensington Markets for the culinary experience of multicultural Canada.

Ms. Williams’ grade 11 Anthropology students took a field trip to the Royal Ontario Museum to visit the dinosaur and biodiversity exhibit. Students explored the theories pertaining to human origins and conducted social science experiments that test human behaviour.

The Family Studies department and the Moderns department took students to Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec City during March Break. Students learned about our rich Canadian culture, history, and political structure. Students were able to visit the Parliament building, the War Museum and the Biodome. They enjoyed beavertails, poutine and maple treats, as well as snow shoeing, snow tubing and dog-sledding. Students had a fantastic time! We look forward to our next joint adventure when we visit the Mediterranean during the 2012 October break.

A special thanks goes out to Gavin Davis for the colourful mural creation that he painted on the wall of the Family Studies hallway.
Music

The 2010 – 2011 school year will be long remembered as being incredibly busy and incredibly successful for Markville Music. Every ensemble excelled in competition, bringing an unprecedented number of awards back to the school. In addition, every ensemble in the school has been invited to compete at next year’s 40th Anniversary MusicFest National Finals festival in Ottawa.

Some of this year’s highlights included:

♫ Wonderful Town at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
♫ OMFA Provincial Final qualifications for the Symphonic Band and the Senior Wind Ensemble
♫ Kiwanis Music Festival Challenge Class Award winners for the Senior Wind Ensemble
♫ Music Alive Platinum awards for the Concert Strings, Symphonic Strings, Chamber Strings, Senior Strings, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Senior Choral Ensemble, and Senior Jazz Ensemble
♫ Junior performance tour to Chicago, Illinois
♫ Senior performance tour to Disney World in Orlando, Florida

All of these achievements were in addition to our regular Festive Sounds and Markville Pops concert series.

Although our music program has been highly regarded for a number of years, this year has been an exceptional one in many regards, and these accomplishments will be difficult to repeat. Of course, that’s not to say that we won’t try!

As always, thanks to both students and staff for your support and hard work. Your efforts have certainly paid off. A special thank you goes out to those students who are leaving us next year. Your contributions have been deeply appreciated, and you will be missed. We wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

To those students that are staying, rest up—we’re going to try to raise the bar again next year! To all, have a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing summer; you’ve certainly earned it.
Science Department

The second semester was a busy and successful one in the science department. In the classroom, students developed their knowledge and understanding while working to improve their scientific thought, investigation, and literacy skills.

Many of our courses supplemented the classroom tasks with field trips to such places as the Humber Arboretum (grade 9) and Canada’s Wonderland (grade 11 & 12 physics). Some classes also made slime and discussed nanoscience with guest presenters from the University of Guelph (grade 11 chemistry and grade 9). The grade 9 and 10 science classes and the grade 11 physics and chemistry classes participated in a science fair which allowed the students to branch out and investigate areas of personal interest.

Many of our senior students competed in various contests including the University of Toronto Biology contest, the University of Waterloo Chem13 News or Avogadro contests and the OAPT Physics contest. As usual, our students performed very well and were honoured for their level of achievement.

Markville’s Eco-Club achieved gold status this year with their continued work undertaking a waste audit and developing ideas to reduce energy consumption throughout the school. Special congratulations go to Sarah Lee on winning the WWF Green Community School Grant worth $3800 to be used next year to make our school even greener!

Finally, the teachers in the science department would like to congratulate this year’s graduates and wish them all the best for their future as they move beyond the walls of MSS.
Student Success

As another school year draws to a close, we need to congratulate our students for their hard work, great effort and enthusiasm for learning. The Student Success Team at Markville consists of a group of teachers who help to support students who need additional encouragement to succeed and maintain good attendance patterns as well as additional monitoring to ensure that they do not get behind in their courses.

In addition some of our students require further support developing effective learning strategies and one-on-one assistance with areas of difficulty. We work in conjunction with classroom teachers who work extremely diligently every day to ensure the success of each student. Many of our students this year who have had credits at risk have faced their challenges and achieved these credits. Some have not been successful at achieving every credit but have gained better learning skills that will help them to improve next year. Some of our students completed credits through our credit recovery program which allowed them additional time to complete expectations for a course taken during a previous semester for which they were not successful.

Thanks also to you, our dedicated parents, and your efforts in supporting your son or daughter in their endeavors to be successful in school. Encouraging learning skills such as time management, using agendas, preparing study schedules and ensuring that your child has a quiet place for home work and studying, free from distractions, are all very useful ways that parents can promote success for their children.

Many of our parents involved themselves in school life by communicating regularly with the teachers at Markville and attending important school events such as parent/teacher interview night. Your strong support is greatly appreciated and can contribute greatly toward the success of your child. Thanks for all of your hard work.

Heather Wager
Student Success Teacher
Co-operative Education

Congratulations to our students who will be completing their Co-op work experiences this month. We are very proud of the professional way in which our students represented Markville to our Community partners. They have been working as assistants to Elementary School Teachers, Optometrists, Computer Technicians, Childbirth & Children’s Nurses, Speech and Language Specialists, Baker’s, Dentists, Day Surgery Nurses, Retail Sales and Service Clerks, Accountants, Early Childhood Educators, Automotive Service Technicians, Pharmacists, Diagnostic Imaging Technicians, Seamstress’, Administrators, Human Resource Associates, Chefs, Custom Woodworking Specialists, Marketing, Landscaping, Catering and Sales, and Music Teachers. We would like to recognize and thank our many employers for hosting and providing excellent training opportunities to our students during the first semester. We are grateful for your guidance and support.

Training Consultants from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, parents and employers all participated in a ceremony where two of our students were signed on as apprentices. Antonio Attardo in Cabinet Making and Britany Crawford in Early Childhood Education. These students have been working all semester on the skill sets and competencies required in their trades. Many students have expressed an interest in applying for the Accelerated OYAP program where they will be studying at College during their last semester of high school and receiving dual credits. Jimmy Chen has been chosen as this year’s recipient of the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP) scholarship for his dedication, commitment, and talent in the culinary arts field.

This September we will implement our new Specialist High Skills Major program. As a part of the specialist program these students who will be focussing their studies in either Business or Information and Communication Technology will complete two or more co-op credits in their field of speciality.

Priya Gill has just returned from Ecuador where she participated in the International Co-op Program earning 6 high school credits. She had an amazing and life changing experience working and living with her Ecuadorian family.

Interviews were completed in May for all students participating in the Co-op program for next year. Welcome to all who were successful and we look forward to working with you in the next school year.

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.
Markville SS is excited to have been recently approved by the Ministry of Education to offer two SHSM programs: one in Business and one in Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The programs are designed for students who have already identified an interest in pursuing a career in either Business or ICT. As part of this program, students will have to complete a bundle of nine credits, which will include four sector specific courses in their senior years. In addition, these students will develop specialized knowledge and skills through a two credit co-op experience in their sector specific work environment.

The students at Markville are excited as they see this as an opportunity to focus their studies in the area that they plan on working in the future. No need for them to ask “Where will I use this?” In fact it is a requirement that these students complete an activity in a senior math and English class with their sector focus. For example students in a Business SHSM student may have to write a business proposal in their grade 12 English class while an ICT SHSM student may make a movie trailer script as an English assignment.

Right now Markville SS. is seeking community partners in the Markham area to host our students. There is an opportunity for our business community to help us out by taking on one or more of our students as volunteers. Generally, the student volunteer has the following characteristics:

- is a senior high school student, i.e., grade 11 or 12;
- would be available for a 16 week block in Term 1 (mid-Sept thru mid-Jan) excluding Christmas Break and week of Oct. 24) and or a 16 week block in Term 2 (mid-Feb thru mid-June) excluding week of March Break;
- would be available for three hours a day either mornings 8 - 11am or afternoons 1 - 4pm (this is flexible) Tuesday through Friday each week plus many Mondays.

These students tend to be computer savvy, creative eager beavers who want to develop their knowledge of these areas and are willing to work to learn. If you are interested in potentially hosting a student or two, please call Alice Ruffo at 905-940-8440 ext 232 or e-mail alice.ruffo@yrdsb.edu.on.ca for more information.
What Matters to You and Your Community? Have Your Say?

Living in York Region: Our Community Check-up is a snapshot of the quality of life in York Region across a series of community, environmental and economic indicators. It is a project of York Region Community Foundation, in partnership with York University’s Knowledge Mobilization Unit and with funding generously provided by The Ontario Trillium Foundation.

Living in York Region: Our Community Check-up will use the Community Foundation of Canada’s VitalSigns framework and, in that way, become part of a network of communities across Canada that annually check-up on measures of community vitality.

The Living in York Region Resident Survey is a key element of the report – it will gather residents’ perspectives and allow them to share experiences and opinions about what it is like to live, work, play or attend school in York Region.

The survey is based on 12 Issue Areas identified through research and recommended by York Region residents during a series of focus groups held over the past six months. The survey, available online at or in paper format, can be completed in English, French, Chinese, Italian, Farsi or Russian. Residents will be able to complete the survey until June 17, 2011.

What matters to you and your community? Have your say! Complete the LinYR Resident’s Survey until June 17, 2011.

Go To:
www.livinginYR.ca
Ontario schools will soon have a healthier approach to selling lunches, snacks and drinks. The School Food and Beverage policy (PPM 150) is being introduced to ensure that healthy food and beverages are sold in schools.

The policy, which includes new nutrition standards, was announced in January 2010.

Schools must be in full compliance beginning September 1, 2011, at the start of the 2011-12 school year. The nutrition standards are based on the principles of healthy eating outlined in Canada’s Food Guide.

Introducing nutrition standards is one part of the government’s plan to develop healthy learning environments and improve student achievement in Ontario schools. Research has shown that children who eat a healthy diet are more attentive, more ready to learn and more likely to be successful in school.

The policy applies to food and beverages sold in all venues on school property, such as cafeterias, vending machines and tuck shops; through all programs, including catered lunch programs, and at all events on school property, including bake sales and sports events.

In addition to making healthy changes to the food and beverages sold in our school, we can use this opportunity to ensure the food and beverages we offer in our school at no cost (e.g. fun fairs, classroom celebrations, etc.) are also healthy. We ask for your support as we work to improve the nutrition environment at our school and throughout our school community. Please contact the administration or a member of our School Council with any questions or concerns.

For more information about the Ontario School Food and Beverage policy, please visit: www.york.ca/nutrition or www.edu.gov.on.ca/extra/eng/ppm/150.html.

Sincerely,

Steve Bewcyk       Lisa Henshall and Sue Boyuk
Principal          School Council Chairs
Message from our Trustee

As the weather becomes warmer and our school year nears its end, our thoughts turn to summer vacation and opportunities for family fun.

Summer is also a great time to reflect on our successes, as well as identify areas of opportunity and new possibilities in planning for the next school year. This year has brought a lot of excitement and many successes including student performances, athletic tournaments and school community events, as well as compassion demonstrated by many of the schools who showed their support for Japan, among the many in need. Of course I would be remiss if I didn’t mention the incredible work our schools have done to enhance student achievement and well-being.

I encourage you to take time with your family to reflect on the school year and think about opportunities and possibilities for the next school year. More importantly, celebrate with your child all of their successes. Summer is a great time to immerse in learning, whether it’s exploring the lakes or forests, enjoying outdoor sports or relaxing with a good book under a tree.

Thank you to staff and parents for ensuring a nurturing and inclusive learning environment for our students. It’s been a fantastic school year and I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer vacation.

Sincerely,

Your School Trustee

Ada Yeung