It is hard to imagine that we have now completed the 2008-2009 school year. What a year it has been! We have been witness to the dedication and perseverance of our students in their academics which has resulted in many new and fulfilling achievements and personal bests. We have seen our athletic teams win championships and our musical ensembles win platinum awards at festivals and competitions. We have watched our students involve themselves in an extensive number of clubs, organizations and fund raising endeavours which have benefited numerous charitable organizations.

All of our students' achievements could not be possible without the support they receive 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 all our parents and guardians who support our students in so many ways. Whether you attend games, concerts or productions, help and encourage with homework, provide a morning wake-up call or serve as a daily taxi service we know that your efforts and encouragement have contributed to their school success.

We would also like to wish the teachers who are moving on best wishes for their future careers. Thank you as well to the teachers who were filling in for those who were absent this year. Ms Attwell, Ms Trevelyan, Mr Fava, Mrs Jalalzi and Ms Chan, we wish you all the best as you continue with your teaching careers.

We also will be saying goodbye to Mrs Dolatshahi who will be moving to Bur Oak SS and Mrs Keyzers who will be moving to Westmount CI next year. Thank you both for all of your contributions to our school. We wish both Mrs. Joseph and Mrs. Ramdeen who will be on leave to take care of their expanding families.

On behalf of the staff and students, I bid farewell to Mr. Burling as he retires. 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 two friends and colleagues from our administrative team. Ms Di Marco will be moving to King City Secondary School as Vice Principal in the fall. As well, Ms Linkewich, will be moving on to Milliken Mills Secondary School as Vice Principal in September. Their hard work and commitment to their 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 King City and Milliken Mills will benefit greatly from their experience, wisdom and leadership.

Congratulations to our graduates as you move on to the next stage of your lives. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

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

Mr. S. Bewcyk
Congratulations to all students that successfully completed the 2009 Literacy Test (OSSLT). With new supports in place, such as our Literacy Moodle and after school classes, Markville students did very well this year as 93% of our students passed the OSSLT. As we look ahead to the 2009-2010 we will be starting after school literacy classes early in the new school year for students eligible to write the test in 2010. Please see the school website for more information. www.MarkvilleSS.com

Host Families Wanted by YRLC Homestay Services

Last year over 500 international students attended YRDSB schools in either school year or summer programs and the numbers will increase this year. Some students are requesting to live with Canadian families to experience Canadian culture while improving their English skills.

If your family can provide a caring, comfortable and secure home for an international student either during the school year or for the summer program, please contact Jennifer Recine, Homestay Coordinator at 905-883-0047, ext. 306 or email to jennifer.recine@yrdsb.edu.on.ca. All Homestay applicants will be interviewed and homes will be visited. A Police Check will be required. Remuneration is $200 per week or $800 per month.
Dramatic Arts

It has been a very exciting semester for Markville drama students. In February members of the Markville Drama Club and drama classes participated in Grade 8 Information Night. Dressed in costumes from different time periods, they 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 March the grade 9 and 10 drama classes travelled to the Lorraine Kimsa Theatre for Young People to explore martial arts, Chinese Canadian history, and environmentalism in The Forbidden Phoenix. In April the grade 12 class headed to Stratford to see the theatre classic West Side Story at the Stratford Festival.

Student written and student directed productions were also created this semester. During Grade 8 Orientation Day [May 8], the grade 12 drama class presented their original production What We Learned at Markville for our future grade nine students. In June the grade 10 drama students entertained the Markville Day Care students with four original children’s theatre plays and the grade 9 class created original productions celebrating the multicultural nature of Canada.

The Drama Club’s annual spring production Death By Chocolate was presented to the Markville community on May 13, 14, and 15. A special performance was held for our Community Class and grade 6 and 7 students from Ramer Wood and James Robinson public schools on May 20. This comedy mystery entertained audiences with its sinister twists and hilarious characters and also showcased the talents of our club members. It was also the final club performance for our graduating actors Shauna Furois, Michelle Parkes, Rob Liddell, Ashley Tsang, and Ian Cameron.

Finally, we wish to congratulate this year’s Drama Club Award winner Michelle Parkes who will be recognized at this year’s graduation ceremony. Michelle has been instrumental in the success of the drama program serving as Drama Club president for the past three years. We thank you for your many contributions to drama during your years at Markville.
Alternative Education Department

Markville’s Personalized Alternative Education Dept. continues to grow with a new quadmester program being introduced in the upcoming school year. This year the MAGIC program provided students a non-traditional classroom setting to catch up on grades 9 and 10 credits. Congratulations are extended to the many students who earned their credits this year.

The JUMP program caters to senior students looking to earn their last 8 or fewer elective credits through the world of work. Congrats to all of our seventeen grads as they pursue post secondary education, or enter the world of work. Special congratulations to Julia Lambert and Maira Anwar for their perseverance and initiative to complete their graduation requirements.

The TOP 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 Stephanie Gilis and Bright Nti for demonstrating initiative and perseverance!

A special thank you to Mr. Holik, Ms. Kant, Mrs. Dolatshahi, Mrs. Segal, Mrs. Stavrakis, Ms. Dyson, Mr. Ebrahim, Ms. Jamied and Mr. Patten for their hard work, creativity, humour and empathy to ensure student success.

English Department

This year Markville’s English Department began the year with a new look, thanks to MSS’s Art Club, who graced the English Hall with a portrait of William Shakespeare, and quotes from some of our favourite literature. Innovation continued as our teachers used a grant from the Ontario Teachers Federation to purchase new texts, develop innovative teaching strategies and create on-line resources. We were also very fortunate to welcome two new computers into the department, and look forward to the addition of four more in the coming year. These resources are used by our classes in order to, among other things, conduct research, develop websites, create graphic novels and refine photographic essays.

We have continued to strive toward literary excellence with our second annual Spoken Word 2009: A Festival of Student Voices. This festival welcomed over one hundred students from seven high schools across York Region, as well as Jamaal Vs. May, an American National Champion spoken word artist, who conducted a wonderful poetry workshop for the first half of the day. Beyond that, our students also held character court trials, literary debates, speeches, and worked to refine essay writing skills in an ongoing exploration of critical thinking.

We had the opportunity to move beyond MSS’s walls and watch Elizabethan literature unfold onstage, at the Stratford Theatre and the Classical Theatre Project, and attended Words, Words, Words, the annual YRDSB young writers symposium. We would like to thank all of our parents and students for their ongoing support and success this year, and look forward to another wonderful beginning in September.
Geography Department

Mr. Draper and Mr. Duncan both taught Geography courses this year at Markville. We continued our initiative of continuing to introduce technology into our programs - daily plans are available on the departmental website as are many of the required classroom handouts. With fifteen computers in our classrooms our students were afforded increased opportunities for research. Lesson plans are continually being modified in order to take advantage of this technology. We are excited to announce that next year, the Geography Department, in conjunction with the Languages Department, will offer a week long field trip to Switzerland and Italy during March Break 2010.

The heart of the Geography program is the required grade nine courses. The applied course consisted of a number of hands-on assignments and made good use of the student handbook. We were fortunate to be able to take the Applied and ELL geography classes to the Toronto Zoo. This field trip provided a hands-on experience for the students in their work on endangered species assessments.

The Academic program concentrated on three major student projects: climate change, endangered species and urban planning. The climate change project incorporated a class presentation given in a ‘newscast’ format. The endangered species project this semester took the form of a children’s story book. The students were required to produce an investigation of a Canadian endangered species – written and illustrated for a primary student.

The urban project focused on designing a new urban subdivision in north Markham following the same smart growth principles as the town planners. We were able to co-ordinate this project with a field trip to several communities in Markham and a visit to the Town of Markham’s Planning Department where we listened to an interesting overview of planning in Markham. Overall, the students enjoy the Geography program and the challenges that it offers.

South Asian Club (SOSA)

SOSA celebrated two occasions this school year. Diwali (New Year) and the South Asia Month during the month of May. Special thanks are extended to the executive committee for all of their hard work in holding samosa sales throughout the year, and coordinating a mini—concert during the lunch hours to showcase south Asian fashions, music and dance during the month of May. Congrats to all of the Grads!
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 four hundred graduating students and 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 recognize three students on their unique accomplishments; Linda Xia on her admission and scholarship to Harvard University and Vijay and Vino Jeyapalan, who both won a T D Canada Trust scholarship.

We want to extend a sincere welcome to Mrs. Bradshaw who will be joining our department. Mrs. Bradshaw comes to us from Thornlea SS. Finally we would like to remind all students of our evening registration that will take place on Thursday August 27th from 3pm to 8pm and Monday August 31st from 3pm to 7 pm.

Music Department

It’s hard to believe that the end of another year is at hand. Through the 2008/2009 school year the Music Department has managed to organize and/or perform in:

- 2 Music Camps,
- 4 Concerts
- 1 Music Theatre Production
- 25 + Festival Categories
- 2 Bowling Tournaments
- 1 Music Banquet.

For the fifth or sixth (who’s counting) year in a row, every band, choir and orchestra member student has been invited to compete at a national level, and every ensemble has achieved a gold or platinum standard at a competitive music festival.

To those students who are leaving us next year, many thanks for your contributions, and all the best for you future endeavours. To those that are staying, rest up – we’re going to try to try to raise the bar again next year! To all, have a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing summer; you’ve certainly earned it.
Visual Arts Department

The Art department has had an exciting year involving a number of competitions and a senior art show. The art students this year have proven once again that Markville S.S. has many very talented, aspiring artists. Our senior art show called “Pieces of Me” took place in May at the McKay House on Mainstreet Unionville and it was a great success. We have also been working on building our digital photography program by adding computers to our digital lab. This has been a very exciting addition for our program. Our art club completed a number of murals around the school as well as helped create props for the school play, “Death by Chocolate”. Thanks to all our art club members for an exciting and productive year.

Business Department

The Business Studies department has had another great year. This year, over 60 students joined the DECA Business Club; making it the largest chapter to date. Mr Rao and Ms. Sharp worked with these students every Wednesday in preparation for both the regional and provincial competition. At the provincial level, several of our students placed in the top 10’s. A special thank-you goes out to our co-presidents, Brandon Aitken and Dylan Dilecce for all of their hard work and dedication to DECA at Markville over their four years of high school. In addition, Ms. Sharp coached the competitive Mock Trial team, made up of Savoula Stylianaou, Rachel Laird, Saliya Remtulla, Sarah Chin, Baktash Waseil and Amanda Perkins, who placed 2nd in the York Region Mock Trial tournament of 24 schools- congratulations!

The teachers in our department spend time outside our subject to support student endeavours. On the athletics front, Mr Ianni coached the Junior Girl’s Soccer team and is proud of the team for a successful season. Mr Rao coached both the Junior Girls and the Senior Boy’s Basketball teams. Mr Rao is especially proud of the Senior Boys as they made it to the semi-finals of Tier Two basketball. On an environmental front, with help from Mr. Timm, Markville’s EcoClub recently held their annual clean-up of the Raymerville Woodlot. Last year, the EcoClub officially adopted the Raymerville Woodlot through the town of Markham Adopt-a-Park program.

Last November, the Business Studies and History department embarked on the much anticipated Europe trip. With close to 50 students and several of teachers, this trip was an unforgettable experience. Both departments are thrilled to have had the opportunity of bringing curriculum and instruction to life for our students. We also paired up again and took our students to Boston on May 21st- May 25th. We are looking forward to another action packed year, so stay tuned for more from Business Studies at Markville.
International Languages

FSL AND INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGES
The FSL and International Languages Department had an amazing year!

First all of all, we would like to welcome our newest member of the department Mlle. Carter, a graduate of Markville. Bienvenue!

The Grade 9 French students had a great second term of French at Markville Secondary School. 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. They also had the opportunity to learn about “French Dead People.” Bon Travail Grade 9’s! See you in Grade 10 French!

The students finished their semester by performing 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!

The Grade 9 French students had a fun filled semester as they studied French inventors and inventions from the hot air balloon to the garbage can (Poubelle). As one of the many assignments, students had the opportunity to create their family tree. They finished their year by presenting some creative ideas for helping a charity of their choice.

Our Grade 10 French students worked very hard this semester! They started off the semester by exploring idiomatic expressions. They worked in various group projects including a rap video and PowerPoint presentations, while studying a short novel, Mystère du Lac Carré. Students were also introduced to “Français: En ligne,” French on-line, as they worked online using the Moodle website.

The Grade 11’s learned to role-play the escapades of characters they studied in “Petit Nicolas.” They changed storylines while studying and performing characters in “The Phantom of the Opera.” They recorded Media units, created French magazines and presented social issues on PowerPoint. An excellent group of students to teach! Bravo!
Grade 12
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! (The following students have already received their certificates- Shanthiya, Baktash, Alexandra and Rebecca).

- Samar Albazz
- Janice Au
- Yudish Bagratee
- Becky Chan
- Jennifer Chan
- Rebecca Chee
- Cynthia Chiu
- Lauren Chorniak
- Samantha Cohen
- Michelle Fung
- Stepanie Fung
- Vinny Kaur
- Vivian Lau
- Jacob Lau
- Jacob Leung
- Sammie Liu
- Michelle Parkes
- Adam Strachan
- Baktash Waseil
- Alexandra Wilkes
- Tanya Wong
- Fred Wu
- Jason Wu
- Linda Xiu
- Sarah Zaslov

Parents, please note:

1. FSL/International Languages and Geography are participating in a trip to Switzerland/Italy for March Break 2010.
2. A reminder that the next meeting will be held on September 16th 2009 in Room 318.
3. Our newest course, “Languages for Travel: Italian and Greek” begins in September 2009. This course is open to grade 10-12 students.
4. ¡Hola todos! Hola todos! We are offering Grade 11 (intermediate) Spanish this coming year as well. Be ready for a fun-filled field trip and movie night!

Merci pour tous vos efforts!
To all our fantastic students, we wish you a safe summer holiday!

M Ebrahim, Mme. Jeffery, Mme. Tavernese, Mlle Carter
Science Department

The second semester was a busy and successful one in the science department. Many of our courses supplemented the classroom tasks with field trips to such places as the Kortright Centre (grade 10), the Ontario Science Centre (grade 9), and Canada’s Wonderland (grade 11 & 12 physics).

Once again, Markville participated in the annual York Region Science Olympics held, this year, at Bill Crothers SS. A competitive and fun day was had by all 4 of our teams. The grade 11 biology, chemistry, and physics classes held a Science Fair that allowed them to expand the breadth of their knowledge and work on topics of personal interest. The science club met and offered an opportunity for students to carry out a number of fun experiments including exploding gummy bears and turning pennies into gold.

Many of our senior students competed in various contests including the University of Toronto Biology contest, the University of Waterloo Chem13 News or Avogadro contest and the OAPT Physics contest. As usual, our students performed very well and were honoured for their level of achievement. As we look forward to 2009-2010, we prepare for new curriculum implementation in all science courses.

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.

Computer Studies Department

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.

Students in the grade 10 Computer Studies class spent most of their time this semester creating web pages, Flash movies and Flash games. They finished the semester making programmable robots out of LEGO. The grade 11 Computer Engineering students investigated the many hardware components that are used in building a computer. They also examined the basic circuitry used in constructing computers and created a variety of input and output devices that interface with the computer.

The grade 11 Computer Science class learned the fundamentals of programming in preparation for possible careers in computing. As a culminating project students were asked to create a computer game which they thoroughly enjoyed. The grade 12 Computer Science class spent most of their time learning many of the concepts that they will see if they choose to continue with programming at University. They too finished the course by creating a game of solitaire 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)

Next year all Computer Science courses will be offered at both the University and College pathways. Computer Engineering courses will become part of the Technology Department’s offerings and still continue to offer curriculum similar to what has been taught in previous years in Computer Studies.
History Department

It has been another awesome year!!

**Europe 2008 & Boston 2009:** After an incredible Battlefields of Europe tour in November, we finished up the year with an amazing tour of Boston in May. 50 students and teachers made the trek to see amazing sites like the USS Constitution, the Mayflower, Salem, the house of Paul Revere and the North Church. Another great highlight was catching a Red Sox game at Fenway Park, and the Blue Man Group performance in downtown Boston.

**Washington 2010:** The History Department is planning a trip to Washington for May 2010. All students interested in going please see a History teacher or visit our website for more information. [www.markvillehistory.com](http://www.markvillehistory.com)

**YPI:** Markville is proud to be part of the Youth and Philanthropy program sponsored by the Toskan-Casale Foundation, the creators of MAC cosmetics. Our grade 10 civics students researched grass roots charities in the Markham area and gave a presentation to a panel of judges hoping to win $5000 for their charity. This year's winning team was Ben Cohen, Jamie Liddell, Justin Lumley and Helen Zan for their charity The Center For Dreams. Our winners attended a gala at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on May 27th to celebrate their hard work and dedication to this project. Special thanks to Ms Mathura-Malkos for her tireless efforts with this new and highly successful initiative.

**HP Blueprint for Change Conference:** History students presented at the HP Blueprint for Change Conference about the Paperless classroom. Our students were given rave reviews for their dynamic and impressive use of technology in our Classrooms of the Future. Congrats!!

Have a great summer!!

*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*

* Nelson Mandela
Co-operative Education

As our Co-op work experiences come to an end there are many successes to be celebrated. Congratulations to Jasmine Wu, Doug Hions and Randy Tay who have completed the Accelerated OYAP Program in Culinary Arts at Humber College. Both Randy and Doug will continue their studies full time next year at Humber College while Jasmine will study at George Brown. Norbert Labancz also has reason to celebrate. He has completed the Accelerated OYAP program at Centennial College in Automotive Service. Norbert will continue apprenticing at Town & County BMW as well as continuing his studies at Centennial College. Cameron Mitchell was signed on as an apprentice this semester. Cameron has been working on the skill sets required to become an Electrician. We wish Cameron great success as he graduates in June and continues apprenticing with his company. Amelia Pipher has returned from 13 weeks in Ecuador. She has completed 6 credits in the International Co-op program. Her experience living and working abroad has been life changing and she encourages anyone interested in a truly amazing experience to give it a try.

Our many students have been working as assistants to Teachers, Pastry Chefs, Pharmacists, Hairstylists, Accountants, Chefs, Office Administrators, Travel & Tourism Representatives, Hotel Managers, Music Sales & Service Technician, Diagnostic Imaging Technicians, Early Childhood Educators, Fitness Instructors, Montessori Teachers, Dental Hygienists, Bicycle Sales & Service, Customer Service Representatives, Automotive Service Technicians, Nurses, Electricians, Plumbers, Retail Sales Clerks, Auto Body & Collision Service Technicians, Dental Hygienists, Biomedical Engineers, Funeral Directors, Doctors, and Soldiers in the Canadian Armed Forces.

We would like to recognize and thank our many Community Partners for hosting and providing excellent training opportunities to our students during this first semester. We are grateful for your guidance and support.

Many thanks to:

Lasting friendships have been established with colleagues and classmates, positive references have been collected for future employment, learning experiences have been gained that will aid in applications for university, college and/or the workforce. We are very proud of all of our students this semester!! You have all shown considerable growth and maturity. Many employers have offered our students summer employment. We wish you great success in your summer jobs and into next semester.

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.
Athletics

On Friday June 5th, the Annual Athletics Awards Breakfast was held during periods 1 and 2. As usual, it was a successful event, recognizing Markville’s individual and team athletic successes over the year. The event is the culmination of a huge effort by the Phys. Ed. Department members, the Markville Athletic Council, Markville’s Administration, and support staff.

The most anticipated segment, as always, was the banner unveiling of our YRAA Tier2 Championship Teams: Senior Girl Soccer and both the Junior and Senior Boys Rugby Teams. Individually, the Badminton Team boasted an OFSAA qualifier in Cherry Tsoi for Senior Badminton, and YRAA winners juniors Tim Wu and Suki Lu.

Also recognized were the MVPs of their respective teams, Character Awards, Honour Team and Leadership recipients.

The following were selected as Athletes of the Year:

**Grade 9 Male**—Jeffery Kwan and **Female**—Sofia Li  
**Grade 10 Male**—Bryan Kong and **Female**—Laura Gosse  
**Grade 11 Male**—Jake Zupansky and **Female**—Rachel Mathieu  
**Grade 12 Male**—Connor Fitzsimmons and **Female**—Sharon Li.

The largest ovation of the morning went to the Special Needs Athletic Program (S.N.A.P.) Team members for their competition in basketball, floor hockey and track and field events over the year. New this year to Markville Athletics was the Markville Athletic Council (MAC). President Amanda Perkins and Vice Heather Simpson worked with the rest of the council and Mr. Bos to organize many period 3/4 lunchtime Intramurals, including volleyball, badminton and basketball.

There was also the annual Hoops for Heart 3 on 3 basketball tournament that raised close to $1000 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, organized by Ms. Coleman and Mr. Bramer working closely with MAC and teacher assistants Connor Fitzsimmons and Calvin Chan. The success of the day also relies on the return of many Athletic Alumni to help officiate and provide music for the popular event.

ELL Department

Our English Language Learners come from various backgrounds, speaking a variety of languages. This semester, we have incorporated more technology into the program, allowing students to access course handouts and information through their ESL course web pages. Our senior level students created a class newspaper and are also preparing for their own spoken word. As a culminating activity to the curriculum units on Canada, Ms. Balsdon, Ms. Attwell, and Mrs. Ageropoulos took all English Language Learners on a Scavenger Hunt of downtown Toronto, where they were able to see the various sights and historic buildings. Two clubs are run under the ESL Department. Our Student Translators were kept quite busy this year, translating between students and staff members. Next year we hope to expand the translators’ role to that of ELL Peer Mentors.

The ESL club, under Ms. Izadpanah’s leadership, has also been quite busy this semester. The ESL club is a place where all students new to Canada can drop in and immerse themselves in an English speaking environment, participating in a range of activities which include reading, discussions about life and global and domestic issues, or even watching and analyzing films. The aim of this club is for students to have fun and make friends, improve their English, and share their unique experiences with others.

Next year, we welcome a new member into the ESL Department. We look forward to having Ms. Mathura-Malkos join us as she shares her expertise, teaching both ESL Language courses and ESL History and Civics.
Technology

Technology at Markville S.S. has been inventive, innovative and fun for the students this semester! The Tech. Design class is just wrapping up their exploration with Google Sketchup and graphic design unit of business cards, menus, calendars, and multi media integration of their career proposals.

This semester Communication Technology partnered with many departments at MSS to help provide more video coverage of the school events such as The Iron Chef, the Talent Show, Angel Hair and The Youth and Philanthropy program. Also this year we are excited to be a part of the 8th Annual National Workplace Safety and Insurance Board digital film contest and students in the grade 12 classes produced short digital films to demonstrate the WSIB mandate. Lastly, Markville Comm Tech students entered their short documentary films in the 2009 Hot Docs Film Festival in Toronto. As a year end treat, the CEO of SoHo VFX, Canada’s leading 3D animation company came to speak to the Tech class about working on the latest X-MEN movie and to answer questions about careers in the industry.

Grade 9 Integrated Technologies course has been busy completing various projects in video and audio editing, housing design, Photoshop computer work, drafting and 3D architecture, wood work, plastic design, construction and design. The students rotate through each area to different technology teachers, experiencing their area of specialization.

The Manufacturing 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.

If your son or daughter has taken 6 or more Technology courses at Markville, in grades 9 through 12, they are eligible to receive a Certificate of Endorsement in Technological Education on their Ontario Graduation Diploma! This Certificate of Endorsement is recognized by colleges and university entrance programs.

The Technological Education Department also wishes to congratulate Mr. Burling on his retirement. Mr. Burling has worked hard to help develop the Tech program at Markville for the past 7 years and caps off a career of almost 30 years in teaching. Thank you Mr. Burling and we wish you a relaxing and enjoyable retirement!
GIVE STUDENTS A FISH, AND THEY’LL EAT FOR A DAY.
TEACH THEM TO FISH, AND THEY’LL EAT FOR A LIFETIME.

The Family Studies department continued to provide interesting and innovative learning experiences in the field of Social Sciences. While students learned practical skills applicable to all facets of life, they demonstrated social responsibility through a myriad of activities.

The grade 12 Food and Nutrition classes had the opportunity to go on a field trip to the Fire with Drive Barn to experience urban farming, agricultural sustainability, local and global issues in hunger, and water purification. This experience exposed students to innovative recycling efforts which reuse non-biodegradable products to preserve the earth’s natural resources.

Congratulations to the grade 12 Food and Nutrition classes on a job well done on their “Business of Food” final projects. They learned how to market, merchandise, and run their own catering business, offering Markville delicious treats such as cupcakes, frappaccinos, bubble tea, fries in a cone, brownies, ice cream cookie sandwiches, nanimo bars, and candy apples. Thank you to staff and students for supporting our endeavours; you helped raise money for the Markham Food Bank.

BONSAI!! We hosted our first “Iron Chef Markville” Competition between staff and students. We were very excited to have 10 student teams compete in the elimination round. The top three teams moved on to the finale against the two staff teams. Congratulations to the Markville Red Team (Ms. Sharp, Mrs. Wager, and Mr. Bewcyk) for winning the staff title, and Team Paleo (Billy Nicholidis, Adam Stachan, Kyle Sawada, and Michael Lee) for winning the student division! Special mention goes out to Mrs. Joseph, Mr. McKilliop, Mrs. Passafiume, Mrs. Ruffo, Mrs. Mathura-Malkos, Mr. Bos, and Ms. Mitrevski for making this event a big success. It was an outstanding display of culinary ability and sportsmanship.

Ms. Williams, Ms. Mojica, Ms. Jalalzai and Ms. Grainger would like to thank students for their hard work and enthusiasm. We look forward to teaching the new batch of Social Scientists next year.
Special Education

The Community Class students every day have worked really hard on reading and math, which has been reflected in their Final Report Cards. Well done! They have learned from travelling to our Safety Village. Going to the Bowmanville Zoo; Petticoat Creek and going Mini Putting have been an additional fun part of learning, as was attending our MSS Drama Club’s production of "Death By Chocolate".

In June, we will say goodbye to our graduating student Ken Yu, and say goodbye to Ishaque Shaikh who has been selected to attend the Storefront Program at UHS. Our best wishes are extended to you both!

We will miss Community class teacher Ms. Adelson, who will teach Learning Strategies courses next year, and we welcome back Ms. Fremont as the Community class teacher.

A “thank you” to Ms Adelson, and the same “thank you” to EA’s Ms. Trefler and Ms. Poyntz for their professional support.

The Intensive students have been working hard at Literacy, Numeracy and Living Skills in their courses, and all the students are preparing for final exams with the dedicated support of Mrs. Jamed, and Ms. Miller, our EAs.

The class in June, with Ms. Stecher, attended a year-end trip to Canada’s Wonderland. Jonathan Glass, Nasreen Rasool, & Brock Bontje are finishing their Work Experience jobs and have done very well. We are grateful to the staff at Stitches, E.B. Games, & C.A.R.D. for helping these students develop valuable work skills. Two of our senior students, Leanne Sutter, and David Sauve are graduating in June, and we wish them all the best in the future.

We would also like to thank our SERTs Ms. Mathura-Malkos, Ms. Scagnetti, Mrs. Adelson, Mrs Ramdeen and Mr Treasure for supporting our students with their learning needs through the year. We wish all of the students and parents/guardians, a safe and happy summer vacation!

“All our dreams can come true - if we have the courage to pursue them.”
~ Walt Disney ~
Math Department

The Math department welcomed Mr. Fava to the department during semester 2. In addition to all the exciting events happening in the Mathematics Department, our students have once again performed extremely well on the University of Waterloo Mathematics Contests. Special congratulations go to the following students who placed in the top 25% of all competitors in Canada.

**Pascal (grade 9)**
- Bilal Islah (top mark)
- Jessica Hu Ng
- Andrew Tai
- James Koo
- Elson Leung
- Joyce Tan
- Camille Chen
- Mo Jin
- Halina Li
- Jason Leung

**Fryer (grade 9)**
- Jeffrey Szeto (Bronze)

**Galois (grade 10)**
- Steven Shi (Silver)
- Anson Wong (Silver)
- Anni Dong (Bronze)
- Stanley Tse (Bronze)
- Winnie Huang (Bronze)

**Cayley (grade 10)**
- Anni Dong (top mark)
- Steven Shi
- Victor Diec
- Lantian Li
- Marco Ng
- Winnie Huang
- Emily Poon
- Bryan Kong
- Anthony Yuen
- Jiayin Sun

**Fermat (grade 11)**
- Linda Wang (top mark)
- Betsy Szeto
- Jackson Leung
- Brian Lee
- Jiaer Wang
- Jongwoo Kim
- John Liu
- Caleb Yu
- Ivan Ching
- Andrew Long
- Rena Chu
- Daniel Wai
- Gary Lin

**Hyupatia (grade 11)**
- Betsy Szeto (Gold)
- Mia Song (Gold)
- Yubin Hu (Bronze)
- Tatsuki Shimoda (Bronze)

**Euclid (grade 12)**
- Yufei Guo (top mark)
- Bijun Wen
- Sammie Liu
- Mia Song
- Wen Bo Zhang
- Liu Jin
- Rebecca Wang
- Kathy Ma
- Qiaochu Wang
- Amy Lau
- Mike Lin
- Caleb Yu

**Canadian Open**
- Yufan Wu (top mark)
- Rebecca Wang
- Sammie Liu
- Yufei Guo
- Anni Dong
- Siming Hou
- Herman Liu
- Kathy Ma
- Daniel Wai
- Qiaochu Wang

We are expecting a continuation of improved EQAO results this year and thank Ms. Passafiume for all her hard work. Markville’s Mathematics Department would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer.
Student Success

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

Many thanks can be extended to Mr. Keehn and Ms. Harding for helping approximately 30 students receive credits through credit recovery. 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.

Resource Centre

Author and technology activist Cory Doctorow wrote this year’s White Pine award winning novel Little Brother. This novel is not only a New York Times bestseller but was voted this school year’s number one Young Adult Canadian novel by Ontario students including voters from Markville.

The award, White Pine, is part of the Ontario Library Association’s Forest of Reading Program run here at Markville by teacher librarian Mrs. Cape. Doctorow shares his thrill of winning on his blog writing, “I found myself surrounded by hundreds and hundreds of enthusiastic, high-school age readers from the Ontario school system, and was honoured to receive a popular award for best Canadian young adult novel of 2008... I was delighted to discover that Little Brother won the White Pine award, making it the popular choice for best YA book among Ontario’s high-school students.” If you have not read this action packed novel yet, put this one on your summer time reading list and enjoy! Province wide, OLA’s reading programs attract some 250,000 students – all reading for personal enjoyment.
Another exciting literary event was held at Markville’s own library. We were honoured to host award winning teen author Don Aker on February 26th. Aker’s novels *The First Stone* (2003) and *The Space Between* (2007) are ever popular novels with our students. Lucky students in attendance were thoroughly entertained by Don’s humorous presentation on life as a writer and teacher in his home province Nova Scotia.

Don was very impressed with our students telling us he had “an absolutely marvellous time speaking to [our] students, and [that he will] be raving about Markville for a long, long time.” Well done Markville!

Our library program continues to flourish with the help from many dedicated student volunteers. Many thanks to this semester’s outstanding group including: Angie Azarjeh, Atik Burkutoola, Charlotte Chien, Annie Dong, Humerya Ferdous, Heather Hall, Sima Kasiri, Jason Liu, Liane Tong, Christina Xu. A special thank you to Library Helper and dear friend Amanda Xenophontos.

Finally, and most importantly, congratulations to our graduates. You have been an absolute pleasure to work with each and every day. We wish you all much success and happiness as you continue your learning journey. A special ‘shout out’ to Mrs. Cape’s period four Bubble Trouble master crew: Fraser Jackson, Dylan Dilecce, Samuel Giorgievski, Ben Rabinovitch, Evan Klasios, Naeem Hasham, Michael Sipidias, and Dani Saad. I wish you all the best and thank you for your endless entertainment.
Our vision is that Markville Secondary School is a community of future-oriented, self-disciplined, life-long learners, dedicated to the pursuit of excellence.

Our commitment is to a safe, caring, positive environment that fosters communication and mutual respect.

Our focus is on the personal and ethical values in conjunction with the creative, social, academic, and technological skills needed to be successful in the ever-changing and competitive world.

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