As the 2011-2012 school year comes to an end it is a good time to reflect on all of our staff and students’ successes and accomplishments. It has been another tremendous year at Markville Secondary School. Our students have persevered through academic challenges and continue to strive towards excellence. At the same time Markville students balance their academic responsibilities with many of our extracurricular 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 their 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. Johnson and Mr. Seppa, who will be retiring this year and setting out on new endeavours. Thank you for all of your contributions to our school.

To Ms. Aceto, Ms. Faizi, Ms. Poyntz, who are expecting new additions, we wish you many enjoyable moments with your expanded families. We would also like to thank Mr. Aceti and Ms. C. Wong, who were with us as long term occasional teachers this year. We wish Ms. L. Kim and Ms. A. C. Wong all the best as they leave us to join other schools next year. We wish both Ms. Norman and Ms. Grattan, who will be on leave next year, all the best.

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 May all drama classes travelled to Young People’s Theatre to explore the issue of mental health in the powerful and moving production Beyond the Cuckoo’s Nest. The senior drama class attended a performance of Neil Simon’s play Lost in Yonkers at Canadian Stage and had the opportunity to meet and chat with the actors following the performance.

Student written and student directed productions were also created this semester. Senior drama students explored clowning techniques and created their own clowns while the grade 10 ESL drama students created character masks and original plays based on their experiences coming to Canada. The grade 9/10 drama class entertained their audience 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’s major drama production was the comedy murder mystery That’s the Spirit by Tim Kelly. Members of the talented senior drama class spent many long hours rehearsing the production and presented it to the Markville community on May 9, 10, and 11. The spooky “whodunit” entertained audiences with wacky psychics, bumbling police, a crazed hermit, and a ventriloquist dummy named Chester. A good time was had by all.

Finally, we wish to congratulate this year’s Drama Club Award winner, Mary Spray, who will be recognized at this year’s graduation ceremony. Mary has been a very active participant in the drama program during her years at Markville and most recently charmed us with her hilarious performance of “Claire Voyant” in That’s the Spirit. We thank you for your dedication and commitment to Markville Drama, Mary. Your many entertaining performances will not be forgotten and we wish you all the best.
ESL Department

This semester, Markville’s ESL Department welcomed a number of new English Language Learners into the ESL program, keeping our Student Translators busy with translation. In the spring, the ESL classes, along with Ms. Aceto, Mrs. Avgeropoulos, and Ms. Benjamin, participated in The Markham Film Festival where they observed two Canadian films on Canadian geography, history, and culture. In May, our students organized a very successful Chinese Cultural Day where they showcased their various talents. Students played traditional instruments, sang songs, and prepared regional dishes for people to taste.

We wish all our English Language Learners a wonderful summer and are looking forward to seeing them back next semester.

Computer Studies

Games! Games! Games! Students in several of our courses again created some incredible computer games as a summative activity in several of our courses. In our ICS2O course, the grade 10 students used Flash to create arcade games like Guitar Hero, Pac Man, Frogger, Brick Breaker and Alien Invaders. (Earlier in the course they made animated movies using Flash.) Grade 11 students in our Computer Science class used Turing, a teaching language developed at the University of Toronto, to create games such as Super Mario, Othello, Snakes and Ladders and Concentration. And, our grade 12 students created a variety of Solitaire computer card games to demonstrate their Java knowledge.

Robots! Robots! Robots! We have finally integrated robotics into three of our courses. Our grade 10 students from the ICS2O class made some superb devices using LEGO MindStorm Robotics Kits. Working in pairs and as part of their summative activity, they designed, built and programmed a variety of devices including remote controlled vehicles, a railroad crossing signal, an elevator, a three speed transmission, a garage door opener and a sorting machine. Robots also played a big role in our grade 11 and 12 Computer Engineering classes (TEJ3M and TEJ4M).

Gifted Classes! This semester saw the introduction of a unique program for our grade 9 gifted students consisting of part of our grade 9 Introduction to Business Studies course and part of our grade 10 Introduction to Computer Studies program. Here, students mastered several advanced features of word processing, and spreadsheets along with the basics of computer programming. As part of their summative activities students created a variety of vocabulary games such as Memory Match, Synonyms and Antonyms and Boggle.

SHSM! This year also marks the introduction of the Specialist High Skills Major program in Information and Communications Technologies at Markville. The program is jointly offered through the Cooperative Education, Design and Technology and Computer Studies departments and is open to students who are contemplating a career in ICT and would like hands-on work experience as part of their training.

For samples of projects completed by Computer Studies students see our Computer Studies web page at http://www.markville.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/teacher/computers/computers.htm. To find out more about Markville’s SHSM programs see http://www.markville.ss.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/teacher/coop/coop.htm.

Finally, the Computer Studies department would like to congratulate Rahul Patel for placing first in the University of Waterloo Junior Computing Contest with a perfect score. Well done!
Technology

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 illustrate the course work that shows you, as a parent, the exciting projects your child has created over the course of the past year. 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!

The **Tech Design** class has just wrapped up their 3D playground assignments. Starting with concept of “Discovery and Safety,” the students have conceptualized, drawn, and modeled playground designs 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 **Communication Technology Classes** have been working on many real world projects this year varying from the Markville Secondary School Year Book (we sold over 850!) and the social awareness graphic tees in the Graphic Design Course to the Cartoon Sound Effects, Radio Broadcasts and Music Videos in the Television and Broadcasting Course. What a year!

Students from the grade 11 and 12 Communication Technology classes also created this year’s first ever student body video, “I Am Markville.”

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

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. Congratulations to the 30th students who completed this honour this year!
Guidance Department

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

Our guidance department continues to promote a health and well-being focus for our students at Markville with an emphasis on mental health. Our open door policy allows us to see students and parents with any concerns. Feel free to make an appointment on our new Clickbook electronic booking system (link is on our school website) or parents can call Ms. Bradler, our guidance secretary at ext. 105, to make an appointment to see one of our counselors.

As this school year draws to a close, we are sad to say goodbye to a very well-respected and caring member of our department. Mr. Wayne Johnson has decided to retire after 36 rewarding years in teaching. He has been in the guidance department at Markville for many years and has influenced countless students in positive ways through his counseling, teaching and coaching. We wish him well in his retirement.

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

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

The Geography Department at Markville Secondary School over the last year consisted of Mr. Steve Whiler, Ms Mary Faizi, Ms Leah Percy and department head Mr. Bert Duncan.

We continue our policy of introducing technology into our programs - daily plans are available on the departmental website as are many of the required classroom handouts. All the Geography classrooms are now equipped with LCD projectors and with the fifteen computers in one of our classrooms our students were afforded increased opportunities for research.

Over 50 grade nine students participated in the Great Canadian Geography Challenge in January! Congratulations to Alexander Karanis who represented Markville at the provincial level of the competition in April. Well done!

This year saw the introduction of the gifted program in Grade 9 geography. The rich opportunities for research, discussion and exploration of geographic topics and issues were provided by Ms Percy and the students responded with an amazing depth and breadth of analysis.

The heart of the Geography program is the grade nine program. The applied course consisted of a number of hands-on assignments and made good use of the student handbook. The Academic program concentrated on three major student projects: landform building, an eco-film fest (natural resources) and urban population issues. The students were excited to visit the Toronto Zoo in April to conduct research on endangered species.

The entire Geography department staff serves as advisors to the 50-strong Young Activist Club (YAC) made up of excited and dedicated grade 9 and 10 students who want to do more to help their community, their country and their world. YAC raised over $1500.00 for World Vision at a 30 Hour Famine and participated in several social justice and environmental projects.

Visual Art Department

The Visual Arts Department here at Markville continues to develop and incorporate critical thinking skills into all of its curriculum and visual arts courses. Grade nine students are now using i-Pad technology for their traditional hands-on approaches to the visual arts, and more software like Photoshop, and i-Movie, continues to be incorporated into the more technically-based courses, such as Digital photography and Media Arts.

It is now year end, and we are very busy in preparing our graduating senior art students for portfolio exam critiques, and future post-secondary placements. The methodology of these exam interviews prepares graduating students for a smoother entry into the major colleges and universities. We congratulate all of our dedicated and hard working students, who fully intend to enter the world of post-secondary education with a new renewed sense of passion for learning and advancing their education, and ultimately, reaching their goal of success in their field of interest. To all of you, the visual arts department congratulates you, and wishes you all the best of successes, that await you in the challenging and changing world outside.

At this time, I would like to thank Mrs. Kim who is leaving us for a teaching placement 2012/2013 at Stouffville H.S. She has done a great job inspiring our senior art students over this past year, many of which are entering accredited Post-Secondary visual arts venues.

We also bid a fond but sad farewell to Ms. Durante, who is leaving Markville to take a full-time position at Bill Crothers S.S. Ms. Durante has done a remarkable job teaching one of our inspiring classes of grade nine visual arts students.

We also, welcome the return of Mrs. Caston, who will be returning to Markville as Visual Arts department head in September. The year end, allows us to review our positive innovations to all our teaching strategies, and allows for a brief rest period, before once again, it is full steam ahead for us all here in the Markville Visual Arts Department!
FSL and International Languages

Grade 9 French Core - Academic and Gifted
Our Grade 9 French students had an exciting semester in French. Students created Web Pages or other social media which included music videos from YouTube, games and information about themselves, their families or someone of interest. Students also participated in the F.A.M.E (Festival d’ados de monstres effrayants) movie festival and it was a great success. Students created movies, DVD covers and scary masks. The contest was held between Mme Jeffery’s, M Ebrahim’s and Ms Carter’s classes. The award of the “meilleur film” (best film) called “Le Virus” went to Johnny Bi, Kevin Lau, Christy Ma, and Justin Tseng in Mme Jeffery’s class. Congratulations to all participants on a job well done!!!

Once again our French food days in these classes were successful and delicious – many types of French foods were created and became the tasty treats of the day!!!

The Grade 9 Gifted class also had student led activities such as magic mud, making crepes, and making ice cream while communicating completely in French.

Our students finished Grade 9 French with their final task - while exploring their talent, they performed for “Talent Canada: Markville.” Presentations included diverse talents such as break dancing, magic, mime, origami, arts and crafts, singing and playing instruments, juggling and culinary treats!

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

Grade 9 French Applied
The 9 Applied students were quite enthusiastic in term two when it came to any activity involving healthy competition in class. They performed dialogues, created personal Web pages, and did paperless PowerPoint presentation to improve oral communication. They created their own TV shows and presented them. Also, they researched food from many Francophone countries. To finish up the term, they took on the character of a fortune teller to practice their future tense before exams! Bon travail les amis! Bonnes vacances!!!

Grade 9 ELL French (Beginners French)
Beginning French students have learned a great deal of vocabulary this semester and are enjoying their introduction to a new language. They are also learning about the French people, customs and ways of life. Recently, students presented an interview to show their understanding of newly learned question methods. Many celebrities were portrayed in their presentations. Bravo les amis!!

Grade 10 Academic French
Our Grade 10 students explored a variety of themes this year from possible careers, to new French musicians and groups, interpretation of one’s self-image, the joys of laughing and comedy and the sad history of genocide worldwide and the weird world of urban legends. Throughout these units, they read different excerpts, tackled new grammar and improved their oral communication. They competed for their dream apprenticeship in Apprentice Markville, filmed comedy videos, participated in mini-debates and created entertaining chapter seven endings for Machine à la rajeunir. They discussed how to achieve their dreams as they studied Pleins Feux Sur Johanne! To complete their year, they delved into the world of fashion whether they chose a specific French designer or a particular era of interest! Bien fait nos amis!!!! Soyez fiers et fières!

Grade 11 University French
The Grade 11 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 media this semester such as music, films, and internet. They read The Phantom of the Opera and Le petit Nicolas and compared them to the film versions. They wrote about their childhood, became TV critics, enjoyed visiting the ROM, and ended off exploring historical and contemporary social issues while making a magazine and formal presentation to share their discoveries with the class! À la douzième l’année prochaine!!

Grade 12 University French
The Grade 12 class enjoyed participating in Litterature Circles where they completed different roles every two weeks and improved dramatically on their French speaking skills as well as filming and presenting dramatisations on Secrets de Guerre. They studied Les Miserables (both the novel and the film) and thoroughly analysed Le petit prince. They visited the ROM and developed monologues on a historical figure en français! They participated in French debates and presented on an area of interest on La Francophonie as well as writing a 1000 word essay on the subject of their choice. Bravo les étudiants de la douzième – et bonne chance avec vos études au futur!!
Grade 12 French Certificate of Merit
À tous pour vos efforts! To all our fantastic students, we wish you a great summer and good luck in your future studies!

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

Grade 10 Spanish
Ce sont ces jeunes otaries qui vous souhaitent une excellente vacances! To all our fantastic students, we wish you a great summer and good luck in your future studies!

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

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

Matthew Bastien  Halina Li  Andrew Tai  Stephanie Zaslov
Elizabeth Ching  Amanda Lin  Judy Truong  Brittany Zhang
Whitney Ching  Nerissa Sarawan  Charity Wong  Crystal Zhong
Scott Hettstedt  Suruthi Senthivel  Frederick Yuan
Bilal Islah  Fatimah Sorefan-Mangou  Justyne Yuen-Lee

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

The grade 10 Spanish class went on a fun filled field trip to the AGO, the Art Gallery of Ontario to see the Pablo Picasso exhibit from France. Students were exposed to artworks that only a few will get to see in their life time in person. Our field trip continued to Kensington Market. At Kensington Market, students completed an intense scavenger hunt, tried some delicious empanadas along with some sharp cheese from Spanish and Latino countries. Lastly, the students enjoyed the paella and dulces, especially the chocolate filled churros. They are ready for a trip to España!

Señor Ebrahim would like to congratulate the Spanish students for a wonderful semester, all their hard work and dedication. ¡Gracias! ¡See you next year in Grade 11 Spanish! Practice your Spanish daily with those awesome flash cards!

Grade 12 University Spanish
This fun and charismatic group of students were keen in studying Spanish for the third and last time at Markville. 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 dishes were deliciosas!

This year, the grade 12 Spanish class went on a fun filled field trip to the AGO, the Art Gallery of Ontario to see the Pablo Picasso exhibit from France. Students were exposed to artworks that only a few will get to see in their life time in person. Our field trip continued to Chipotles where we had a delicious Burrito lunch. This was followed by a visit to the BMV store and the world’s largest book store where students were exposed to literature in Spanish in the city of Toronto.

The grade 12 students created took part in a competition where they created their own trailers for future Spanish movies. Three of the trailers were chosen for their final task where the students created a 20 minute movie in Spanish. You will be able to find these fine movies on Netflicks very soon.

Señor Ebrahim would like to congratulate the Spanish students for a wonderful semester, all their hard work and education. Thank you for four wonderful years and best of luck with your future endeavours. You will be missed. Gaga y La Celestina van a pensar mucho de ustedes. Mis ojos les van a echar. ¡Vamos a la playa!

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

Shabir Amador-Mughal  Cynthia Duong  Kharina Rose Llanes  Joyce Tan
Clement Chan  Priya Gill  Kyle Maharaj  Jasmine Tsang
Rami Darwish  Janice He  Anita Ngo  Justyne Yuen-Lee
Nadia Djalilvand  Scott Hettstedt  Soojeong Oh  Jeffrey Zhou
Michelle Drubreuil  Jason Leung  Kayla So  Maggie Ma
Amy Duong  Amanda Lin  Mary Spray

Merci (grazie and gracias) à tous pour vos efforts! To all our fantastic students, we wish you a great summer and good luck in your future studies!

Mme Tavernese, M. Ebrahim, Mme Jeffery, Mlle Carter, Mme Stecher
Mathematics Department

Markville students have once again performed extremely well in the University of Waterloo Mathematics Contests. Special congratulations go to the following students, who received certificates of distinction for the February and April 2012 contests.

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The Peer Tutoring Club, coordinated by Mrs. Gabriela Smeianu and Ms. Sandy Wong, continues to be a great success, with large numbers of students volunteering and receiving help on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school in Room 345. Please come in for some extra help when you require it.

Once again, our Mathematics Department is proud to host a number of Faculty of Education students from York University. We would like to congratulate both Ms. Yong and Ms. Umathevan for a very successful placement at Markville SS. We wish them success in their future teaching careers. It has always been our pleasure to help mentor our future teachers.

The Mathematics department is also looking forward to expanding its programming next year. We will be adding a Grade 10 Gifted Math course, as well as a grade 11 Pre-AP course that will lead into our current AP Calculus course.

Math joke:
Why don’t mathematicians need to go to the beach?
Answer: They already have sine and cosine to get a tan!

Have a safe and happy, mathematical summer!
History Department

What a fantastic year!! Europe was absolutely brilliant and Boston was fantastic. Super Trials in grade 10, super debates in the senior grades, new giant murals, gifted history on the way along with continued excellence in the Advanced Placement program.

Stay tuned for information on our spring trip to WASHINGTON in May 2013 when you get back in the fall.

Our students continue to be on the cutting edge. Check out our website for our first published iBook Author on the French Revolution by Anthoula Bourolias, Vanessa Tan and Lucy Liu. Congrats!

The THINK mural in the History hallway was completed by Kristy Keenan, Arielle Ramsundar, Guru Bagawan and Eliza Huang and their huge team of painters, assistants and advisors. The four month long wall project was a great place for conversation, thought and reflection. The masterpiece will be enjoyed by Markville students for generations to come, great legacy team.

Congrats to our AP Economics candidates! Well done to Alan Li, Camille Chen, Lidia Chan, Bonnie Cheung and Zeeshan Janmohammed.

Family Studies

This year’s Iron Chef had a little twist: there were two secret ingredients! Competitors incorporated fresh mint in their appetizers, and fresh basil in their main dishes. Fantastic dishes were created, including roasted eggplant, macaroni bake, Asian salad, cannelloni shells, chicken burgers, and watermelon and feta salad.

In the end, the winning dishes were lamb sliders with goat cheese centres, and apple wood-smoked duck breast on a bed of couscous, drizzled with basil pesto and truffle oil. Congratulations to all staff and students who participated and celebrated their amazing culinary skills! A special thanks also goes out to the staff and student judges and organizers who helped make this event a huge success!

The grade 9 Individual and Family Living class had their hands full raising and providing a healthy environment for their baby eggs. Congratulations to those who were able to keep their babies alive for 5 consecutive days! In addition, students worked on designing and sewing their very own silk-painted pillows!

This semester’s Gr. 12 Food and Nutrition Sciences went to FoodShare Toronto to learn about food sustainability and healthy cooking. Students had the opportunity to learn about the medicinal uses of herbs, forage around the neighbourhood for edible greens, and then put them in a manual blender powered by a stationary bicycle. Students also put their creativity to the test as they developed their signature salads with fresh and local ingredients.
Health and Physical Education

Another semester has flown by for Markville’s Phys. Ed. students. The department continued to provide a wide range of activities both at the school and in the surrounding community. Almost 40 students joined Mr. Bramer, Ms. Mojica and Mr. Sinukoff on a ski and snowboard trip to Mount St. Louis-Moonstone in March. April, as usual, was Hoops for Heart month. Karen Lau, Jimmy Cheung and Andy Hou organized another successful basketball tournament raising nearly $1000.00 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Senior division winners were Mr. Bos, Mr. Lyttle, Devonte Maragh and Mr. Sinukoff. In the junior division, Johnson Lai, Johnson Lau, Stephen Sipidias and Ronny Tse took home the title. The fitness room was full to capacity many nights after school as nearly 50 students joined 12 staff supervisors to work out on a regular basis.

In addition to our usual field trips for tennis, golf and to local fitness clubs, some of Markville’s fitness classes got the opportunity to try their hand at some interactive gaming at Fitness4Success. The semester came to an end with a week long program of Rock Climbing, while several of the girls classes were introduced to the latest craze in fitness work-outs – Zumba. Even our Principal and Vice Principal took time out of their busy days to burn off a few calories!
The annual Athletic Banquet hosted by Markville Athletic Council was yet another grand celebration of this year’s athletic successes, with over 200 athletes and 30 coaches in attendance at the Crystal Fountain. 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. Speaking to Markville’s continued athletic talent were several team and individual YRAA champions: Sr. Boys Volleyball, Jr. Badminton, Newton Zhang (Jr. Badminton), Monique Slowley (Triple Jump), and Anthoula Boroulias (Shot Put). In addition, Monique went onto capture the Central Ontario triple jump title and represent Markville at OFSSA. Way to go Markville!

**CHARACTERS:**

| Grade 9 | Basketball - Girls Junior | Eliisa Kong  
|         | Golf                      | Kevin Hettstedt  
|         | Volleyball - Boys Junior  | Kendra Weeden  
|         | Basketball - Boys Junior  | Navraj Dosanjh  
|         | Baseball - Boys           | Bobby Tu  
|         | Track and Field           | Gohulan Sivakumar  
|         | Slo-pitch - Girls         | Justin Tseng  
|         | Athletes                   | Jessie Ng  
|         |                           | Danny-Mae Toon  

| Grade 10 | Cross-Country Running | Hunter Su  
|          | Soccer - Boys Varsity  | Alex Pope  
|          | Ski Team                | Hailey Prentice  
|          | Volleyball - Girls Junior | Jessie Luc  
|          | Badminton - Junior      | Larry Liu  
|          | Soccer - Girls Jr.      | Mandy Lau  

| Grade 11 | Basketball - Girls Senior | Cecilia Brown  
|          | Basketball - Boys Senior | Ahmed Mughal  
|          | Volleyball - Girls Senior | Anita Ngo  
|          | Badminton - Senior       | Funing Lin  
|          | Ultimate Frisbee         | Raphaela So  

| Grade 12 | Field Hockey | Emily Locker  
|          | Tennis       | Andrew Chin  
|          | Volleyball - Boys Senior | Jeffrey Chin  
|          | Board        | Matt Schurmann  
|          | Swimming     | Robert Canton  
|          | Rugby - Boys | Duncan Ruttle  
|          | Soccer - Girls Sr. | Keith Wong  
|          | Athletes of the Year | Jessie Ng  

**MVPs:**

| Grade 9 Girl | Basketball – Girls Junior | Jessie Ng  
|             | Basketball - Girls Senior | Anthoula Bourolias  
|             | Cross-Country Running     | Newton Zhang  
|             | Field Hockey              | Clare Buckley  
|             | Golf- Boys                | Ryan Thompson  
|             | Golf- Girls               | Erica Thom  
|             | Soccer- Boys              | Trevor Bott  
|             | Tennis- Girls             | Monique Betbadal  
|             | Tennis- Boys              | Tiam Gong Liu  
|             | Volleyball- Sr. Boys      | Cameron Maybee  
|             | Volleyball- Jr. Boys      | Johnson Lau  
|             | Basketball- Jr. Boys      | Ronnie Tse  
|             | Basketball- Sr. Boys      | Shayan Jaffer  
|             | Alpine Ski Team           | Daniel Schurmann  
|             | Snowboard Team            | Aaron Macrae  
|             | Swimming- Sr. Boys        | Ryan Duncan  
|             | Swimming- Sr. Girls       | Kristy Keenan  
|             | Swimming- Jr. Boys        | Tiger Zhou  
|             | Swimming- Jr. Girls       | Valerie Tan  
|             | Volleyball- Jr. Girls     | Erin Lee  
|             | Volleyball- Sr. Girls     | Jessica Chan  
|             | Badminton- Jr            | Newton Zheng  
|             | Badminton - Sr            | Renee Ly  
|             | Rugby                     | Oscar Lau  
|             | Baseball- Boys            | James Koo  
|             | Slo-pitch- Girls          | Adeline Kwan  
|             | Soccer- Girls Jr          | Cindy Dinh  
|             | Soccer- Girls Sr          | Lauren Lee  
|             | Track and Field- Track    | Austin Mathieu  
|             | Track & Field - Throws    | Anthoula  
|             | Track & Field - Jumps     | Monique  
|             | Ultimate Frisbee          | Corey Larson  

**Athletes of the Year:**

| Grade 9 Girl | Jessie Ng  
|             | Newton Zheng  
| Grade 9 Boy | Jessica Luc  
| Grade 10 Girl | Jessica Luc  
| Grade 10 Boy | Ronny Tse  
| Grade 11 Girl | Jessica Chan  
| Grade 11 Boy | Austin Mathieu  
| Grade 12 Girl | Anthoula Bourolias  
| Grade 12 Boy | Andrew Chin  

**Award Recipients**
Business Department

“Business activity affects the daily lives of all Canadians as they work, spend, save, invest, travel, and play. It influences jobs, incomes, and opportunities for personal enterprise. Business has a significant effect on the standard of living and quality of life of Canadians, and on the environment in which they live and which future generations will inherit.” ~ Business Studies, Ontario Curriculum

The Business Studies Department strives to prepare each of our students for their future endeavours. The following is a highlight of each of our courses this semester.

Grade 9 Information Technology in Business (BTT1O1): Our students worked hard all semester learning how to effectively and efficiently use a variety of programs in a business setting. We know all our students will be able to transfer their new skills to be successful in all their future courses.

Grade 10 Introduction to Business (BBI2O1): A great semester was had by all - students showed their business savvy in the "JA Titan" competition held at IBM, learned the importance of business in their everyday lives, revealed their true leadership skills in skits and group work and created amazing business plans for future retail stores. We have some future business tycoons!

Congratulations to William Yang who won the Secondary School Business Plan Competition held by The Town of Markham and the Markham Small Business Centre. He'll receive his award in a special ceremony held in the fall.

Grade 11 Accounting (BAF3M1): The Accounting students had the opportunity to learn about the accounting cycle both within and outside the class this semester, as they shadowed and interviewed a real accountant during Mentor Day.

Grade 11 Law (CLU3M1): The grade 11s have pulled off another successful year. From acting out Hammurabi and Moses at the beginning of the semester to playing the crown prosecutor and defence councils in mock trials; the grade 11s have truly come a long way. There were also fierce debates on whether capital punishment should be reinstated and whether parents should be responsible for youth’s behaviour. A field trip to the Superior Justice Court in downtown Toronto proved to be an eye opener. Wishing you grade 11s the best and hoping to see you again next year in grade 12 law.

Grade 11 Marketing (BMI3C1): The Marketing students learned first hand the importance of primary research when they set up their very own taste test challenges this semester. Some of the topics included whether the testers could tell the difference between Coke and Diet Coke and whether more expensive bottled water is actually tastier than the cheaper brands.
Grade 12 Accounting (BAT4M1): The "Start Living Today" Group from Ms. Li’s Grade 12 Accounting class was this year’s winner of the CMA $5,000 Dollar School Proposal Contest! The award of $5,000 will be presented to Markville at the graduation ceremony on June 26th. The group consisted of Jason Au, Karen Li, Jeffrey Szeto, and Chelsea Wang. Also, congratulations to Jeffrey Liao as he placed 13th out of 348 at the OBEA Grade 12 Accounting Provincial Contest. Congrats to them all!

Grade 12 Business Management (BOH4M1): Students used the case study method to learn about topics and issues in business management and leadership. Students took on the role of the manager and/or leader to formulate alternative strategies and solutions, selecting the best of the alternatives, and justifying their decisions and strategies. The main benefits to students are applying theory to practice, encouraging critical reflection and developing the problem-solving and decision-making skills crucial to life.

Grade 12 Finance (IDC4U6): Come out and try the Stock Market Challenge! Learn about the stock market, bonds, RRSPs, TFSAs, real estate, and various other investments. Do you ever wonder what caused the 2008 financial crisis? Do you know what a Ponzi scheme is? Are you interested in personal finance? If so, sign up for Grade 12 Finance and Investments.

Grade 12 International Business (BBB4M1): Throughout the course and for the final project, our senior students analyzed areas such as political risk, competitive advantages and cultural differences of a country to give their recommendations of whether a Canadian entrepreneur should do business there. Congratulations to all of our graduates and we wish you the best in all your endeavours. Zhù ni chénggong, buena suerte, bonne chance!

Grade 12 Law (CLN4U1): Second semester marked another exciting term for the grade 12 Law class. In June, the students visited the Ontario Courts downtown and learned about the history of law in Ontario at Osgoode Hall. The University Avenue Courts tend to house more serious criminal cases that are not tried at the lower courts. The students had the unique opportunity of hearing an opening address from a Master of the Superior Court of Justice and a Crown Attorney. This trip proved to be a great introduction to the courtroom process which the students were able to use when preparing for the class mock trials.

DECA (Business Club): Our DECA members had a great year once again. Special congratulations to Bonnie Cheung and Lucy Liu who attended the International Competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, in the spring. We encourage all students to come to the meetings in the fall and practice their business knowledge and presentation skills.

Markville Means Business!
Resource Centre

Markville’s Learning Commons continued to be the hub of many academic pursuits. This semester students diligently pursued excellence completing summatives, orals, tests, examinations, group projects, solo endeavours – the list is endless! Their dedication to academic excellence is to be commended. Bravo!

On May 17th Markville readers enjoyed an amazing day at Harborfront in Toronto celebrating reading and schmoozing with some of Canada’s top fiction and non-fiction authors. Students had the opportunity to meet and attend workshops with authors including: Les Stroud (of Survivor Man fame), Neil Pasricha (of ‘You are awesome’! fame), and the very popular Kelley Armstrong (of #1 New York Times Bestselling author fame). What a great day!

Each year a number of students volunteer in our school library. It is with gratitude library staff thanks our 2011-2012 volunteers: Kevin Freeman, Kharina Rose Llanes, Sambave Krisnakumar, Felix Ma, Suruthi Senthilvel, Catherine Varsas, and Sandra Zeng.

Finally, it is that time of year to offer heartfelt congratulations to all our deserving graduates. It is such an exciting time for these young people but it can also be a bit sad to see these amazing students leave us. I would like to say thank you to Fred Yuen for his professionalism and true understanding of responsibility. Most of all I would like to thank Fred for leading with compassion and integrity (and, wearing some very fine tee shirts!) Congratulations!

As always, Library staff wishes all Markville students a safe, relaxing, and super fun summer break.
PS. Congratulations to Felix Ma. We wish you the best!
CONGRATULATIONS to all of our following grads: Adam Wilhelm, Andy Lin, Connor Gasson, Melanie Price, Nicholas Jones, Tyler Crow, Branden Cherry - Francis, Jayde De-Sousa, Kadeen Lawon, Peter Fang, Umair Khan, Purcell Lee, Vivian Liang, Joshua Mckinnon, Samuel Ngo, Jazz Phillips, Roshanthan Sivabalan, Shaheer Tabish, Jacob Vander Velde and Spiros Zabelis.

21 Graduates, 90 students, 3 highly specialized programs have made the Personalized Alternative Education program a successful and growing one. This semester, our Quad program offered such subjects as: Grade 11 and 12 Phys. Ed, Challenge and Change in Society, Chemistry, Grade 11 and 12 College level Graphic Novels and the Literacy English course. Students expressed their satisfaction with the program in that it offered them an opportunity to take 2 subjects in 9 week blocks which they found benefitted them greatly. In the JUMP program (PAID COOP), students were employed at such places as No Frills, Milestones, The Ontario Electrical Commission, Ford Canada, Spellbound Hair Design, Bloomington Cove Retirement Home, All Star Wings, Winners, Springrolls, Garden Basket, McDonalds, Food for Tots, Longos and at many other local community businesses. We thank them for supporting our programs. Our junior program, MAGIC, offered students the opportunity to earn their grade 9 and 10 credits and to learn effective learning strategies to improve attendance and homework skills.

Many thanks to Alice Ruffo, Sandra Adelson, Mike Sinukoff, Connie Passafiume, Steve Holik, Laura Smith and Bina Shah for their creativity and providing the students with much support to help them to be successful.

If interested in enquiring about our varied programs or have a community opportunity for a student please contact Vandita Kant at ext. 232

English Department

It has been yet another fantastic year in the English Department! There was an abundance of activity in the Grade Nine classrooms, as they attended a professional production of Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet and created different inspirational media pieces. Meanwhile, the Grade Ten students performed and filmed exceptional renditions of the play Macbeth for our annual film festival, and the Grade Eleven classes succeeded in extending each other's perspectives with persuasive speeches.

An understanding of classical rhetoric skills was further illustrated by the Grade Twelve students as they performed insightful seminars that required extensive knowledge of critical lenses. This year, Ms. Harding was fortunate enough to work with a wonderful group of enthusiastic young journalists to produce multiple issues of our school newspaper "The Voice". The paper featured topics including pop culture updates, school news, and other lifestyle features. We also offered a creative writing club that took place before and after school in the first semester, run by our very own scribe Ms. Jalaluddin!

In March, Markville held yet another "Spoken Word Festival" in which over 100 students from around the School Board were invited to participate in a series of workshops and performances led by Ms. Bozabalian, our Head of Department. Ms. Izadpanah kept the Girls Club hopping with several impactful and successful events, and iLive continues to thrive under the leadership of Ms. Aceto.

Besides our regular classes, the department was also busy planning for our upcoming New York trip for October 2012! We can't wait to see two Broadway shows, the Museum of Modern Art, the Statue of Liberty, as well as many other incredible attractions! Who knew we could accomplish so much in one year! We look forward to another amazing year together; congratulations to all of our incredible students for all of their hard work and success.
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 Ontario Science Centre (grade 9 & 10) and Canada’s Wonderland (grade 11 & 12 physics). Some classes also made slime and discussed nanoscience with guest presenters from the University of Guelph.

The grade 9 classes walked on Mars and the received the certificates to authenticate their experience courtesy of York University. 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 Waterloo Chem13 News, the Avogadro contest and the University of Toronto Biology Contest in which Jeremy Kwok earned a certificate of excellence for outstanding achievement!

Markville’s Environmental Club worked hard to maintain their gold Ecoschools standing this year with their continued work to make our school greener and more environmentally friendly. The Markville Science Department would like to applaud all of our students on their accomplishments this year. As a final note, the teachers in the science department would like to congratulate this year’s graduates and wish them all the best for the future as they spread their wings and soar across the walls of MSS.

Music

The 2011 – 2012 school year has been yet another busy and rewarding one for the music department. For the 12th straight year, every student has been invited to compete at the Music Fest National Finals. Our students have every reason to be proud of their efforts and performances.

Some of this year’s highlights included:

♫ Our Music Theatre production of Sugar at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
♫ Seven first place and two second place awards from nine groups entered at the Kiwanis Music Festival
♫ Kiwanis Music Festival Challenge Class Award winners for the Symphonic Band
♫ Performance scholarship awards for the Concert Strings, Symphonic Strings, and Wind Ensemble
♫ OMFA Provincial Final qualifications for the Symphonic Band and our first ever Provincial 1st place award
♫ Music Alive Platinum awards for the Concert Strings, Symphonic Strings, Senior Strings, and Concert Band

All of these achievements were in addition to our regular Festive Sounds, Markville Pops, and Jazz Concert series. Though the music program here has experienced consistent success for a number of years, it is nice to know that there is still new ground to break! This year we moved our final Jazz Concert to the “19 On The Park” Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment. It was a wonderful evening of jazz performances, and the beginning of a new tradition at Markville.
Special Education Department

Thanks to the Angels From Heaven Youth Foundation, the DD Community Class enjoyed a well deserved end of year trip to the CN Tower. Our amazing adventure began with the viewing of the first 3D surf film ever created, followed by a fantastic environmental voyage in the CN Tower’s very exciting motion theatre ride. It was then time to gather our nerves and head up to the Look Out Level which offered breathtaking views of Toronto, and finally down a level to the Glass Floor where we were able to stare 1,122 feet to the ground. After working up quite an appetite, we treated our taste buds to a delicious meal at Baton Rouge. A fitting way to end to a perfect day!

Through sustained focus around literacy, numeracy, art, physical education, and building upon our life skills, our community class strives within our school and neighbourhood. We participate in various field trips with our friends from nearby schools and partake in activities such as bowling, mini-putting, Snap tournaments, and going to the mall. On these occasions, we also take pleasure in familiarizing ourselves with riding public transportation. Our class also keeps very busy with our weekly swimming program and trips to the grocery store for our cooking class, during which we prepare scrumptious meals at the end of every week. Life is good in room 230! We continue to learn and grow with one another. We are looking forward to a sun-filled summer and we can’t wait for another fun-filled year!
Co-operative Education

TRY IT! WORK IT! EARN IT!

Congratulations are extended to our second semester students who have completed their Co-op work experiences. We are very proud of the professional way in which our students represented Markville to our Community partners. They have been working as assistants in many fields such as: Television Reporters, Elementary School Teachers, Museum Curators, Computer Technicians, Nurses in Patient Reception & Day Surgery, Legal Clerks, Photography, Retail Sales and Service Clerks, Accountants, Early Childhood Educators, Automotive Service Technicians, Auto Body Technicians, Electricians, Audio/Visual Technicians, Physiotherapy, Administrators, Human Resource Associates, Chefs, Custom Woodworking Specialists, Marketing and Sales, Catering, Graphic Design and Cosmetics. We would like to recognize and thank our many employers for hosting and providing excellent training opportunities for our students. We are grateful for all of your guidance and support.

Also new this year is the introduction of our High Performance Athlete program (HPA). This opportunity is available to students in grades 9-12 who are competing at the provincial level or higher in a qualifying sport. All student athletes enrolled in the HPA program are eligible to earn equivalent Cooperative Education credits related to their in-school courses. These credits count towards the requirements for an OSSD.

Many students participated in our Accelerated OYAP program where they studied at the College level during their last semester of high school and received dual credits. Jimmy Chen will continue studying at Humber College’s culinary arts program, and Brittany Crawford and Shran Shanjith will continue on with their program at Seneca College’s child development practitioner. Congratulations and best of luck to all of our dual credit students!

If you are looking to explore a career of interest, gain work experience and build upon your employability skills, or focus your career path with a Specialist High Skills Major then Co-op is the program for you. We look forward to meeting our new Co-op classes in the 2012/2013 school year. Have a fantastic summer holiday!!

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.
Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) Programs

Markville SS was approved by the Ministry of Education to offer two Specialized High Skills Major (SHSM) programs: one in Business and one in Information and Communication Technology (ICT). As part of this program, students complete a bundle of nine credits, which will include four sector specific courses in their senior years. In addition, these students develop specialized knowledge and skills through a two credit Co-op experience in their sector specific work environment.

In our first year of SHSM at Markville SS, we have 57 students enrolled in the two programs. Students complete sector focussed contextualised learning activities in senior Math and English classes. 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. Students better appreciate how English relates to their individual field of interest. In addition all of our students have had the opportunity to take part in several sector specific certifications in First Aid, CPR, ergonomics, WHMIS and customer service.

Markville S.S. was able to purchase a set of VEX robots which has now been incorporated into our senior computer and computer engineering technology courses. It has resulted in exciting enhancements to the way these courses are taught. Walk into those classes and you see students engaged in robot creation, programming or brainstorming with each other and staff. Similarly our Business department is using tablet computers to model business presentations.

The addition of the SHSM programs has allowed our students to enjoy reach ahead opportunities that have enabled them gain experience in their sector firsthand. They spent a day in the financial district finding out what is it like to be a trader or a financial advisor on Bay St as well as learn about financial management issues. We have had fantastic guest speakers from the Bank of Canada and Bell Business Markets give presentations on topics including Counterfeit Detection workplace trends and job market analysis. They have toured the Schulich School of Business, Seneca IT department and the American Express Corporate headquarters and will soon visit the George Brown Business campus on King Street in May. It has certainly been a positive win for the Markham business community as well. Our partners are also excited by this larger pool of talent as increasing number our students head to co-op placements.

This program has been embraced by students and staff alike. In fact Markville plans to apply for three new SHSM programs: Arts and Culture, Environment and Health and Wellness to begin in September 2013.
School Council

The School Council has had a busy and informative year. Starting with the 1st meeting in September where we held our Council elections. At our November meeting we had Yorkworks a division of YRDSB. www.yorkworks.ca present. Yorkworks is a community-based, full-service employment service available to all residents of York Region.

At our January meeting we had a presentation from Heather Wager (Head of the Guidance Department) on what the guidance department is doing to help the students coping with school, depression, and daily life. Next Ann Cape, from the Library, joined us to discuss the Parent Resource section to be setup in the library. Doug Gillespie and some of his students from the Computer Science Department presented at our February meeting and showed us numerous robotics that they had made in class. Also at every meeting we had students from the Student Council report about all the activities the students had been involved with as well as upcoming events in the school. It was very informative and great to know all this information.

We applied for a Parents Reaching out Pro Grant and with some of the money we received for this we prepared a survey that was distributed via email and Survey Monkey to parents asking what they would like to learn more about to be better able to understand their teen and the pressures they deal with. In response to the survey results we are preparing to have speakers / workshops on requested topics for next year.

The guidance department and School Council presented a guest speaker on April 4th just before the parent teacher interviews. The topic was Teens and Mental Health. Some issues covered were stress management, teen suicide, depression, and coping mechanisms. For the new Parent Resource Section of the Library, we have ordered books on various topics relevant to the survey and teens. More information will come soon on how you will be able to borrow some of these resources.

School Council would love to have any parents and / or guardians join us at our meetings. They are very informative and membership on council is not a requirement for attendance. We would like to thank all the parents who attended meetings this year. Thank you also, to the Student Council, our teacher presenters and guest speakers that joined us, bringing an additional positive dynamic to the meeting.

Have a Great Summer and hope to see you at our first meeting in September.
Lisa Henshall
School Fees and Enhancements

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Community Involvement Hours and Activities

Please note that effective May 1, 2012 changes have been made to both eligible and ineligible community involvement activities, and to the forms associated with these activities. Information regarding these changes is available on the Board’s website: www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/communityinvolvement.
AUGUST 2012 SCHOOL OPENING & REGISTRATION

Dear Markville Secondary School Students & Parents/Guardians:

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

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

- 8:20 – 10:00  Homeroom Information, Lockers, Registration, School Tour, and Period 1 Class
- 10:05 – 10:25  Period 2 Class
- 10:30 – 10:50  Period 4 Class
- 10:55 – 11:15  Period 5 Class
- 11:20 – 11:50  BBQ Lunch (courtyard) for groups A-P
- 8:20 – 10:00  Markfest Cheer and Team Name (large field) for groups Q-PP
- 11:50 – 12:20  BBQ Lunch (courtyard) for groups Q-PP
- 12:25 – 3:00  Workshops to help you be successful in your first year of high school

On Tuesday August 28th regular classes will begin for all grades (grades 9, 10, 11, and 12).

Supporting all students in their Transition to Grade 9

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

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

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

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

a) School Activity Fee - $40.00 – includes a photo ID card, $5.00 towards student printing, school wide activities, events, and intramural sports programs throughout the year. [Grade 10 - 12 also]

b) Grade 9 Orientation Camp - $35.00 – a full day program at Camp Robin Hood, lunch is included.

c) Physical Education Clothing - $25.00 – school shorts ($15.00) and school t-shirt ($10.00) [Grade 10 - 12 also]

d) Yearbook - $35.00 at registration ($40.00 after registration day) [Grade 10 - 12 also]

e) Parking Pass - $25.00 (for those who drive to school) [Grade 10 - 12 only]

f) Graduation Fee (including photo, cap, and gown) - $70.00 [Grade 10 - 12 only]

g) School Council – $10.00 voluntary contribution to School Council to be allocated to initiatives and academic needs throughout the next school year which improve the daily quality of life for students at Markville. [Grade 10 -12 also]

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

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

Report Cards and School Newsletter:

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

Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test Results:

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

Student Timetables:

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

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

Important Dates:
Thursday, August 23rd  Registration for Grade 10-12 students from 10:00–4:00 p.m. and 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 27th  First day of school and registration for Grade 9 students
Registration for remaining Grade 10-12 students from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 28th  First day of school for Grades 10-12. All grades to attend classes.
Wednesday, September 12th  First School Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m. in the library
Friday, October 12th  Interim Report Cards Distributed
Wednesday, October 24th  Parent Engagement Evening (5:30 – 6:30 p.m.)
Parents'/Guardians' Interview Night (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.)
October 25th – November 2nd  Fall Break (no classes for Markville students)
Monday, November 19th  Mid-term Report Card Distribution

School Schedule:
The daily timetable remains as follows:

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

Sincerely,
Steve Bawcyk  Rose Li  Phil Azzopardi
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