June 2008

Dear Markville Secondary School Grade 9 Students & Parents/Guardians:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome all our new grade 9 students to Markville Secondary School. This letter will remind you of some important information about our school opening for the 2008-2009 school year.

**Grade 9 Orientation Day - Monday August 25^{th}:**

Your first day of school is on Monday August 25^{th} from 8:20 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents and/or guardians are invited to spend the first day of school with you and all students and their parents/guardians join us for lunch. Please arrive to school a little before 8:20 a.m. with your parent/guardian if possible. Locate your name and homeroom class on the pages displayed on the atrium windows and proceed to that classroom. If your name is not posted on a list, please go to the guidance office (located on the 1^{st} floor down the ramp) for assistance. The schedule for the day will be as follows:

- **8:20 – 10:00** Homeroom Info, 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
- **11:15 – 12:15** BBQ Lunch (Students, parents/guardians & staff welcome) & Meet Your Mentors
- **12:25 – 3:00** Workshops to help you be successful in your first year of high school

On Tuesday August 26^{th} regular classes will begin for all grades (grades 9, 10, 11, and 12).

**Registration:**

**Grade 9** students will register and receive their timetable in the main gym on Monday August 25^{th} during their homeroom. Please read the detailed instructions below. This year the following items are required and the fees are as follows:

a) Student Activity Fee - $35.00 – includes a photo ID card and student agenda planner  
   b) Physical Education Clothing - $30.00 – school shorts ($20.00) and school t-shirt ($10.00)  
   c) Yearbook - $35.00 at registration ($40.00 after registration day)  
   d) Grade 9 Markfest program at Camp Robin Hood - $35.00

Please make 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 (grade 9 - 2 students per locker) and will need to bring a combination lock to secure their valuables.

**Calendar of Events:**

On the first day of school all grade 9 students will receive a calendar of important dates for the entire school year. Please ensure that your parents/guardians see this calendar. It is also available on the Markville SS website at www.markvilless.com.

**“Markfest” Grade 9 Orientation at Camp Robin Hood:**

We would like all grade 9 students to participate in our 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 is $35.00 and can be paid at registration. Please see the field trip permission form for more details.

**Important Dates:**

- **Monday August 25**th: First day of school for Grade 9 students
- **Tuesday August 26**th: All grades to attend classes
- **Monday September 1**st: Labour Day Holiday
- **Wednesday September 3**rd: Photo Day
- **Thursday September 4**th: Grade 9 Markfest at Camp Robin Hood
- **Friday September 5**th: Modified School Day followed by “SAC Attack” at 1:30 p.m. – carnival and club/team sign-up
- **Wednesday September 10**th: First School Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the library – elections – all are welcome to attend
- **Friday September 19**th: Photo Retake Day
- **Friday September 26**th: PA Day
- **Monday October 6**th: School Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the library
- **Friday October 10**th: Interim Report Cards Distributed
- **Monday October 13**th: Thanksgiving Holiday
- **Friday October 24**th: PA Day
- **October 27 – 31**: Fall Break (no classes for Markville students)
- **Wednesday November 5**th: “Take Our Kids to Work” – for all Grade 9 students
- **Monday November 10**th: PA Day
- **Wednesday November 12**th: Parents’ Interview Night – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- **Friday November 14**th: Mid-term Report Cards Distributed
- **Wednesday November 19**th: School Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the library

**School Schedule:**

The daily timetable is as follows:

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us (905) 940-8840. We hope that you have a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

Steve Bewcyk  Linda Di Marco  Debbie Linkewich  
Principal    Vice-Principal    Vice-Principal
Markville S.S.
Grade 9 "Markfest"
at Camp Robin Hood

Catch the Maverick Spirit
On September 4th, 2008

The transition from grade 8 to grade 9 is an exciting time for our newest Markville S.S. students. Meeting new teachers, getting used to a new environment and making new friends are some of the challenges that our grade 9 students face. The first month of school is a hectic one at best but understandably more for those students new to high school.

In an attempt to ease the transition into life at Markville S.S. and to help establish a greater sense of community amongst our grade 9’s, we have arranged for an orientation experience at Camp Robin Hood in Markham. Camp Robin Hood possesses the facilities, staff support, and program to assist us in achieving our goals. The program will encompass a variety of co-operative and recreational activities that do not require previous experience and/or skill. With the support of senior student mentor leadership from our school, our grade 9 students will be able to work with positive role models who will enhance their sense of pride and connection to Markville S.S. and assist them in creating new friendships.

The date of this program is September 4th, 2008. The bus will be departing at 8:30 a.m. and returning to Markville S.S. before the end of last period. A B.B.Q. lunch will be provided. Please indicate on the attached permission form whether your child has any dietary or other restrictions that we should be aware of. The cost of this program is $35.00 which can be paid during registration. Permission forms should also be submitted during registration. If the permission form and payment cannot be submitted during registration please ensure your child submits them to his or her homeroom teacher by September 2nd.

Markville S.S. is very excited to be offering this program once again this year and we feel every grade 9 student should participate. Those students that remain at school will be participating in an alternative academic program to be determined at a later date based on numbers. If you have any questions please call the school office at (905) 940-8840.

Sincerely,

Ms. D. Linkewich
Vice-Principal
MARKVILLE SECONDARY SCHOOL (905)940-8840
STUDENT FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

Destination: MARKFEST at CAMP ROBIN HOOD

Purpose of the Field Trip: The grade 9 students will be participating in an all day team building/orientation/leadership program at Camp Robin Hood called “Markfest”. The purpose is to develop a supportive and inclusive atmosphere amongst our new students and to help them make connections with senior students who will be mentors and positive role models throughout the school year. For our students starting their high school career, this will be an invaluable opportunity as the day will facilitate the formation of friendships, build positive peer relationships, and challenge the students both personally and as a group.

Date of Field Trip: Thursday September 4th, 2008
Cost to Student: $35.00 (includes the use of camp facilities, transportation, lunch & snack)
Leaving Markville 8:45 a.m.
Returning to Markville 3:00 p.m.
Mode of Transportation: School Bus

Itinerary:
8:20 Students arrive at school and go to the cafeteria for attendance
8:45 Buses depart for Camp Robin Hood
9:15 Students arrive at camp and proceed with the program
2:40 Program ends and students board the bus
3:00 Buses arrive back at Markville Secondary School

This program is a component of the Ministry of Education’s “Choices into Action”. We would like all grade 9 students to participate.

i. Please complete this form and return it with the program fee ($35.00) at registration or to your homeroom teacher by September 2nd, 2008
ii. This is a school activity supervised by Markville S.S. teachers and camp staff. Please ensure that you follow the Code of Conduct as explained in the Student Agenda Planner on page 5.

We are excited for you to participate in this program and that you represent Markville Secondary School in a positive way by showing good character and by following school and camp rules. The students that are going on this trip are involved because of our belief in them to show good character. This includes attributes such as honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility, and fairness.

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Bottom section to be completed by student, parent/guardian and handed in to Markville S. S. by September 2nd, 2008

Name of Student: (Please print) ___________________________________________ HRM: __________

Please state any food allergy / dietary concerns: __________________________________________

In case of emergency call ___________________________________________________________

Name ___________________________ Daytime Phone __________________________

I agree to abide by the Students’ Code of Conduct and I will be a positive ambassador of Markville S.S.

________________________________________
Signature of Student

I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in this field trip.

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Parent/Guardian Signature