

October 31, 2008

Construction set to start next month...

Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Neighbours,

Construction on the new Markham District High School will finally get under way starting the week of November 10th. The playing fields will be closed to activity effective November 3rd, as crews begin to prepare the site for the transformation, which is expected to take about two years to complete.

As with any large scale construction project, there will be some adjustments required of all staff, students and visitors throughout the period. Please obey all flagmen and signs regarding traffic flow and parking as the school and exercise caution, care and courtesy when driving or walking near construction vehicles.

There will also be some other temporary features in place on the property during the construction. To control the drainage of surface water on and from the school grounds, two fenced "settling ponds" will be dug at the southeast and southwest portions of the property. These ponds will collect and remove water accumulation from rain and snow melt.

The walkway located in the southwest portion of the football field linking the field to Captain Rolph Boulevard will be closed starting November 3rd and will remain closed for approximately eight weeks. Students will be updated on the date that the walkway will be re-opened. While we have been assured of every effort by construction officials to minimize disruption to our school community and residential neighbours, there will undoubtedly be some hiccups along the way.

We sincerely appreciate your patience and look forward to maintaining the school's strong tradition of good character and community presence, during and beyond the construction of our new facilities.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Clarke". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margaret Clarke
Principal