

Markham boosts SDSS

STOUFFVILLE — Almost one-third of the enrolment at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School originates from North Markham. This student 'migration', due to overcrowding at Markham High, currently stands at about 250. The total attendance at S.D.S.S., should level off at about 840 although the figure was 805 on opening day.

The integration system's working well, Principal John Nikifork told The Tribune. Comments by Markham students are very positive.

"There's a friendly atmosphere here," Mr. Nikifork said, "a positive climate that was created by (former principal) Mike Muir and is carrying forward."

To better accommodate the Markham students, Mr. Nikifork's planning a late bus around 4:15 p.m., so those who wish can involve themselves in extra-curricular activities and subject help. At present, five buses travel to and from S.D.S.S. with Markham students daily. This is an increase of two over last year.

Change In 1985 The present system will undergo a major change, Mr. Nikifork agrees, when the new Unionville High School opens in September, 1985. To deal with this, one meeting has already been held with others planned for the future.

"The boundaries will have to be redrawn," the principal states. He expects Unionville will accommodate only Grades 9 and 10 in 1985-86 and possibly Grade 11. This way, the disruption will be less traumatic.

He's hoping those students now attending Stouffville High from Markham will be given a choice. He's confident most in the senior grades will want to remain.

"Certainly, we'll want to dislocate as few as possible," he said.

"Best School Ever" "This is my best school," Principal Nikifork claims, "I consider myself very fortunate." Because of the "positive atmosphere" that prevails, there's been no rush to approve a Code of Conduct edict at S.D.S.S., although one is currently being prepared for submission to the Board at the end of September.

"We're working on what we already

have," Mr. Nikifork said. He hopes proposed changes will be four-fold and involve not only the teachers, students and parents, but the community as a whole.

In this connection, Mr. Nikifork expressed delight with the school's new head caretaker, Neil Dysart, describing him as "excellent". Four teachers have been added to staff.

"Welcome Day" The old program of Grade 9 "Initiation" is out, and Mr. Nikifork has no thought of bringing it back, calling it "an embarrassment" to students. Instead, a "Welcome Day" is proposed with a dance in the school at night.

The principal praised the 1984-85 Students' Council under the leadership of Kelly Cowan. He feels the school will be the beneficiary of their co-operation and expertise.



Fifteen-year-old Judy Bartolic, R.R. 4, Stouffville, hopes to apply her artistic talents to a future career. She enjoys landscape painting best. Judy's a Grade 11 student at Sacred Heart High School, Newmarket. —Jim Thomas

"Girl Next Door" Artistic touch

By Jim Thomas
GORMLEY — Fifteen-year-old Judy Bartolic of R.R. 4, Stouffville, isn't sure what career she'll follow after graduation from Sacred Heart High, Newmarket. However, if she follows in the footsteps of her three older sisters, Cathy, Helen and Monica, she'll go on to university—but not necessarily the University of Guelph. Helen and Monica are in their third years there. Cathy's a Guelph University graduate and currently employed there.

Judy's our "Girl Next-Door." Art is a favorite hobby, Judy admits, and she'd like to expand on this. Landscape painting is her specialty.

Judy adds to the interior beauty at James White Florists. She works there during the summer holidays and on weekends, "doing a little bit of everything," she says.

Judy was only three years old when her parents moved from Toronto to the Clubine family farm, north of the Stouffville Road. While she remembers nothing of big city life, she has no desire to

relive those first three years. The country suits her just fine.

For ten days this summer, Judy served as a camp counsellor.

On the occasion of her parents' 25th wedding anniversary, the girls pooled their resources, and presented them with a trip to Hungary. Judy says she hopes to travel there herself some day. Her knowledge of the language is sufficient "to get by," she feels.

Since the majority of graduates from St. Mark's go to Sacred Heart, Judy enjoys the school. "That's where my friends are," she says.

Her church association is St. Patrick's, Markham.

Judy appreciates the co-operation of her mother and sisters in 'chauffeur'ing her from place to place. But she's looking forward to the day when she obtains her own licence and can chauffeur herself.

In addition to painting, swimming and camping are favorite recreational pastimes.

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