



School Council

Date: Nov 15, 2021

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BUR OAK SS
INSPIRED TO LEARN



Agenda

- Land Acknowledgement
- Welcome
- Student Council Update
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Land Acknowledgement

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.



Guidance Updates

- Post secondary planning and class meetings for senior students
- Transitions for grade 8s has begun!
- Course Offerings for 2022-23 in development
- Course Planning for next year available to students late December!

Election & School Council Forum Update

Ranu Sharma - Chair
Lisa Wu - Secretary



SCHOOL UPDATES

Close Contact Sports



- After consultation with YR Public Health, indoor sports may now resume for students who are fully vaccinated
- Volleyball and basketball may resume
- For any indoor high-contact sports offered as an extra-curricular activity, all participating students must provide proof of full vaccination.
- YRDSB is developing a secure portal where students will be able to attest their vaccination status

Non-sanctioned December Event



It has come to our attention that a semi-formal dance is being organized in the community on Friday, December 17, at the Markham Convention Centre in Toronto.

THIS EVENT IS NOT A BOSS or YRDSB EVENT. The administration and staff of BOSS have not organized a semi-formal event this school year due to COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

For events organized in the community such as this dance, school staff have not been involved in the planning and will not supervise or participate. Therefore, we strongly recommend that parents and guardians review all aspects of these events when deciding on attendance with their child. This review should include COVID-19 health and safety protocols, pre-dance and post-dance activities, possession or use of alcohol and or illegal drugs, transportation to and from the event and appropriate behaviour.

Thank you,

Bur Oak SS Administration Team

- The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) will be on Thursday, November 18. Being successful on the test is ONE way for students to meet their literacy requirement for graduation
- For the fall sitting, all eligible Gr. 11 and non-graduating Gr. 12s will be participating.
- Gr. 10s will be writing in the Spring.
- The test measures a student's literacy skills at the end of Gr. 9; our Gr. 11s are in a good place to be successful on the test
- To prepare for the OSSLT, students have joined a Literacy Google Classroom to access support materials, we have opened 2 After School Literacy courses, offered weekly one-hour prep sessions leading up to the test, and all students had the opportunity to take a practice test on November 3.

Upcoming Events



- Nov. 16:** OSSLT Virtual Assembly (Block 3 - 8:20 a.m.)
- Nov 18:** OSSLT (Asynchronous Day for students, not including grade 11s and non-graduating grade 12s writing the OSSLT and students in Community Classes)
- Nov. 25-30:** Report Card Distribution
- Dec. 18-Jan 2:** Holiday Break

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NEW BEGINNINGS

A Message from Principal Ms. Li

Welcome back Bulldogs! It has been so great to see our students back in the building. We are grateful that we are able to get back to learning, connecting and sharing the journey together. Our staff is energized and excited to have the students back.


MORE IN THIS EDITION:

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The screenshot shows the website for Bur Oak Secondary School. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, School Information, News & Events, Departments, Athletics, Students, Parents, Guidance, Library, and School Council. Below the navigation is a calendar for September 2021, showing events for the 20th through 27th. To the right of the calendar is a 'School Re-Opening Plan' section with a video player. Further right is a 'Contact Information' section with phone, fax, and email details. Below the contact info are several quick links: 'Principal's Message', 'Trustee Message', 'School News', and 'teachassist'. At the bottom, there is a 'REPORT IT' section for caring and safe schools, and a 'School Cash Online' section for paying student items.



QUESTIONS?



Next Meeting
Monday, January 17th at 6:30 p.m.