



# *The Black River Bear Weekly*



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## **Bullying Awareness Week...**

The Government of Ontario has designated the third week of November as [Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week](#). Though this topic is specifically highlighted during this week, schools actually focus on raising awareness in this area throughout the year. The YRDSB has worked collaboratively with the York Catholic District School Board and the York Regional Police to develop resources to support school-wide cyberbullying awareness initiatives and we are exploring and addressing these areas as part of our focus on modern learning and mental health.

Since so many of our students connect and communicate online, it's important that we provide them with the strategies and thinking skills to navigate these online spaces safely and respectfully. It's also important for parents to model appropriate and respectful communication when they are online. Cyberbullying is the use of electronic devices and or the internet to threaten, embarrass, socially exclude and harass. Cyberbullying can occur through various forms of social media, including: texting, email, chats, websites, instant messaging, smartphones and through pictures/video clips. Cyberbullying is often aggressive behaviour that can be intentional or unintentional, direct or indirect. It may include: mocking, insults, threats, racist, homophobic comments, gossiping, spreading of rumours, excluding, humiliation and shunning.

Parents can help by monitoring their children when online, noting any changes in behaviour and probing if there is a sudden change, talking about the impact of cyberbullying; including the possible legal consequences and reporting to us; at the school or via our online [Report it](#) tool. As a school, we will address bullying situations when we are made aware and respond appropriately;

supporting those who have been targeted as well as working with those who have engaged in the acts of bullying. Bullying is an area that we can all work on reducing together.

*Brian Harrison & Christine Smith*

## The Week Ahead...

Mon. Nov. 18th Day 1	
Tues. Nov. 19th Day 2	
Wed. Nov. 20th Day 3	
Thurs. Nov. 21st Day 5	Pizza Lunch
Fri. Nov. 22nd Day 5	

## Quick Hits...

**Black River PS 2020 Yearbook...**we are still accepting orders for our 2020 Black River PS Yearbook. The cost per book is \$25.00 orders can be placed on [School Cash Online](#). The yearbooks will be published and distributed at the end of the school year.

## Council Corner...

**School Lunchbox Orders...**Our School Council has partnered with [www.lunchboxorders.com](http://www.lunchboxorders.com) as part of its ongoing fundraising plan. For every lunch or Booster Juice order placed a contribution will be made in support of school programs and enhancements. Lunchbox Orders is paperless and cashless. Ordering online is fast and easy and orders may be placed weekly or in advance, for the full length of the program

**Council Updates and information...**Parents are invited to join our **Black River School Council**. Council members work together to support student learning and wellness, host events and enhance our school program. The council meets the **first Monday of the**

**month** (our next meeting is **Monday, Dec. 2nd at 5:30**. Please follow our [Black River School Council Facebook Page](#) for more information on what we are planning and what is happening in the school.

## November @ Black River Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Booster Juice orders due @ 12:00 on <a href="#">Lunch Box Orders</a>	<b>Oct. 28</b> Day 2	<b>Oct. 29</b> 3 Day	<b>Oct. 30</b> Day 4 Booster Juice	<b>Oct. 31</b> 5 Day Pizza Lunch	<b>1</b> 1 Day	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 2 Day Photo Retakes Gr. 7 VIP School Council @ 5:30	<b>5</b> Day 3	<b>6</b> Day 4	<b>7</b> Day 5 Pizza Lunch	<b>8</b> Day 1	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Booster Juice orders due @ 12:00 on <a href="#">Lunch Box Orders</a>	<b>11</b> 2 Day Remembrance Day Service @ 11:00	<b>12</b> Day 3	<b>13</b> Day 4 Intermediate Girls Volleyball @ SDHS Booster Juice	<b>14</b> Day 5 Pizza Lunch Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00-7:30	<b>15</b> PA Day Parent/Teacher Interviews 9:00-11:30	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Day 1	<b>19</b> Day 2	<b>20</b> Day 3	<b>21</b> Day 4 Pizza Lunch	<b>22</b> Day 5	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Diwali	<b>25</b> Day 1	<b>26</b> 2 Day	<b>27</b> Day 3	<b>28</b> 4 Day	<b>29</b> 5 Day	<b>30</b>

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**Please remember to check our school [website](#) calendar for current updates and details on school events.**