

Bur Oak E-Bulletin

Newsletter
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Dear families,

We are incredibly proud of our graduates and we know you are too! While we can't celebrate together this June, we're excited to share a few ways that you can help us celebrate the class of 2020.

The Grad Cap Project

The Grad Cap Project is a way for members of our school communities to show their support for our graduates and to celebrate their achievements.

Staff members, students and families are encouraged to participate in the following ways:

- Download the [YRDSB Grad Cap poster](#) and display it in a window for all to see.
- Flip your social media profile image to the Grad Cap image.
- Post the Grad Cap poster to your social media accounts with the hashtag #YRDSBgrad.

[Twitter Card Download](#) - Please right-click and 'Save as a picture'

[Instagram Card Download](#) - Please right-click and 'Save as a picture'

[Social Icon Download](#) - Please right-click and 'Save as a picture'

Years in the Making Musical Send-Off

We all miss our students so much, and we wanted to say congratulations in a very special way so we put together a [musical send-off](#) with a very special guest. Please share this with your grad, and why not share it with your friends and family to help share some joy and celebrate the achievements of the class of 2020!

You can help to support the sharing of these musical send-offs by posting it to your social accounts or by reposting @YRDSB on Twitter or yrdsb.schools on Instagram.

Visit [YRDSB's graduation page](#) for more information and to access all of the materials and videos. You will also find video greetings from the Board Chair and our Student Trustees and a message from our Director.

School Banners

In addition, feel free to stop by the school and take a photo of your grad in front of the congratulatory banner that has been affixed to the exterior of the school.

Congratulations class of 2020! We look forward to celebrating your accomplishments when we can all be together again.



Frank Scarpitti
Mayor

June 2020

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR FRANK SCARPITTI

On behalf of Members of Council and the City of Markham, I am very pleased to congratulate the Class of 2020 on your upcoming graduation.

This is a milestone marking the beginning of another exciting chapter in your life. While this may be a challenging time, it does not deter from what lies ahead for you, a future full of promise and hope.

You should all be very proud of your outstanding accomplishments, knowing that you have achieved high academic and personal standards beyond what anyone could have imagined. I understand your graduation ceremonies and celebrations will not be the same this year, however, this should not take away from the joy of this momentous occasion. You should be very proud, as I am sure your families, teachers and friends are proud of you.

As Mayor, I commend you for your outstanding hard work, determination and resiliency. I am confident you are on the road toward success.

I wish you the best in all your future endeavours.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank Scarpitti".

Frank Scarpitti
Mayor



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Due to these ever changing and challenging times you are reminded to kindly continue to check your emails regularly throughout the summer for the most current updates from Bur Oak Secondary School and YRDSB regarding your student.

Summer School 2020-21

YRDSB Summer School courses will continue to be offered during the month of July. To help reduce the spread of COVID-19, Continuing Education Services is adjusting its Summer Learning program offerings to align with public health guidelines. Please be advised that our traditional in class face-to-face summer programs will move to a remote learning delivery model as per Ministry direction.

For students wishing still to register for summer school, please review the offerings for both Remote Learning Summer School and eLearning Summer School. Once you have decided on your program choice, you must complete the Bur Oak Request form before registering for any summer credit program. (Please note, this also includes Private School and International Languages programs offered in other school boards)

bit.ly/BOSSsummerRequest

For more information about YRDSB Offerings please see the two sites listed below.

[Remote Learning Summer School](#)

[Summer School eLearning](#)

Please note: All summer school courses require parent/guardian permission that needs to be received by our department. Please ensure that you complete all steps. For those families who have still not confirmed after their scheduled meeting should make arrangements quickly as spaces are running out for both Summer courses and the possible replacement course for next year.

Report Cards

This year, all students will receive an electronic copy of their report card. The Board will communicate more information about how parents can access these reports. Reports should be distributed by July 3.

New Information: Credit Upgrading Program

YRDSB has announced a two-week upgrade program that is currently being **offered for Grade 11 and 12 students**. Running from July 6-16, this package of courses will be offered for select Math, Science and English offerings. These courses are taught with instruction in a remote learning model with students expected to attend lessons through digital contact while at home.

This program is for students who earned a passing grade in the course, but would benefit from a 2-week intensive revisiting of course materials guided by a teacher. This course will not count as an additional credit towards graduation and may not be taken at the same time as another summer school course.

Courses available

English: Grade 11 College and University
 Grade 12 College and University

Math: Grade 11 Workplace, College, University/College and University
 Grade 12 Workplace, College, Data Management, Advanced Functions,
 Calculus

Science Grade 11 College & University Biology, University Chemistry, University
 Physics
 Grade 12 University Biology, University Chemistry and University Physics

Students who had received their credit in any of these courses during the 2019-20 school year in either semester are eligible for the upgrade program. Spaces are limited – please have students complete the Summer Request Form to proceed: bit.ly/BOSSsummerRequest

International Languages - Secondary Students

Registration for International Languages Courses for September are now being accepted. If you are interested in these courses, please register through MyBlueprint. Mr. Milberg will follow-up with you with an appointment to review your request. More information can be found in the link below:

[International Languages - Secondary Students](#)

Course Change Requests for 2020-21

Students wishing to make changes to their courses for next year are strongly encouraged to make those requests as soon as possible. It is much more challenging to fulfill requests in September for all parties. Please have students fill out their change request at: bit.ly/BOSSchanges2021. A counsellor will send follow up details and confirmation emails. While we may not be able to accommodate every request received, students will be placed on Wait Lists and receive priority to spaces that become available in the new year.

Notice:

During the school closure related to the current Pandemic, referrals to CRES partners listed below can continue to be made by YRDSB Psychology and Social Work, as well as directly by parents/families/student (as applicable). Some of our partners are offering a limited range of services. Please contact these agencies directly to learn more about their current offering of service.

Click on the attached link for helpful YRDSB information regarding [COVID 19 Community Resources for Behaviour, Mental Health and Financial Supports](#).

Please refer to the attached links for more YRDSB information regarding [Novel Coronavirus FAQ](#) and [Novel Coronavirus Updates](#).

York Region District School Board is committed to student well-being and mental health. YRDSB has developed a [Student Suicide Intervention Protocol](#) to help keep students safe in the event of suicidal thoughts or actions. The Student Suicide Intervention Protocol will be implemented starting fall 2019. Please take a moment to review the Student Suicide Intervention Protocol notice YRDSB Student that is a part of the YRDSB website.

MARKHAM AFRICAN CARIBBEAN CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

2020 Scholarship Application Package



The **Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA)** has awarded scholarships to students going to College or University for the past 32 years.

The MACCA event will take place in November, 2020. Please follow the attached link in order to access the full [MACCA Scholarship Application Package 2020](#). And note that the deadline to apply is Friday, June 26th, 2020.