

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.

Dear Students, Parents, and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the 2019-2020 school year has come to an end. This has definitely been a year of unique circumstances! I want to recognize and thank you for your patience, support, and perseverance during times of work to rule, rotating strikes, and learning while in quarantine. These challenging times brought out some extraordinary moments that highlighted the wonderful support between all members of the BOSS community. During this past year, students and parents voiced their support for teachers as they fought for better learning conditions; technology was provided to students to support their participation with online learning and teachers worked tirelessly to ensure that lessons could be shared with students on an online platform. This is an incredible community and we at BOSS could not have made this year work without your help.

I also want to share that our commitment to equity work with a focus on anti-Black racism will continue. Critical to our work is ensuring we continue to listen to, hear and understand what our Black students, staff and families are telling us. I would like to share the words of a young Black student from Markham who eloquently shares his lived experiences and I'm positive he echoes the same sentiments of other Black students in the YRDSB.

<https://youtu.be/zvoguiY-Qmo>

Now that we "know better" we must "do better". We must continue to learn and move forward in the right direction so that students are able to learn and thrive in a safe, equitable and inclusive environment. I am optimistic that we can and will work together to support our collective work to eliminate anti-Black racism so that every student we serve is treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to recognize and congratulate the graduating class of 2020. You have worked incredibly hard to prove that even under these unprecedented times that success can be achieved. We are so disappointed that we could not see you celebrate at a prom or have the opportunity to wish you well before you head off to the next chapter in your life. I know that we will have the chance to reunite for a graduation, in some form, in the fall. We will also have a Grad Book and BOSS pen for each graduate at that time. As your GAPPs accounts will be closed, please ensure that you have sent your personal email to bur.oak.ss@yrdsb.ca so that we can communicate graduation ceremony updates with you in the fall.

I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer. I hope to see everyone back here in September!

Take care,

Ms. Li



TO: All Students and Families

FROM: Community and Partnership Developer Team

DATE: Wednesday June 24, 2020

RE: Online Summer Program Opportunities for Children, Youth and Families

With the cancellation of many in-person programs and camps this summer, we are happy to provide you with a list of on-line opportunities for your children and youth. These are being provided by several of our YRDSB community partner organizations. Please right click on the link below to find a list of summer programs organized by category and age group.

[Summer 2020 Online Program Opportunities for Children, Youth and Families](#)

For information that you might require throughout the summer months, about community resources, financial benefits, food programs and mental health supports, please take the [Novel Coronavirus Update link](#) on the YRDSB website to access additional and up to date information.

Please check these links regularly as we will be making weekly updates to available programs and resources. For more information, you can also reach our department by emailing iscs@yrdsb.ca.

We wish all of you a safe and healthy summer.

Sincerely,

Our Inclusive School and Community Services, Community and Partnership Developer Team



During the summer break of July and August, your school community is still here to provide supports.

If you are facing difficulties or challenges (i.e. access to food, shelter, services or locating community resources) contact:

Inclusive School & Community Services York Region District School Board

Email: iscs@yrdsb.ca

Phone: 905-884-2046 Ext. 284

You will be contacted by one of our Community and Partnership Developers:

Oksana Majaski

Yvonne Kelly

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you know York Region District School Board will once again be offering **acceleration and credit recovery/reinforcement courses during the summer.**

- Acceleration courses start Monday, July 6 and ends Wednesday, July 29.
- Session 1 for credit recovery/reinforcement courses start Monday, July 6 and ends Thursday, July 16.
- Session 2 for credit recovery/reinforcement courses start Friday, July 17 and ends Thursday, July 29

Each day starts at the 8:45 am and ends at 3:33 pm. School buildings remain closed and the program will be delivered virtually from home. In some cases, course registrations have been moved to another summer school location to accommodate our learners. Students will be contacted if the course they registered in is cancelled. As an alternative, students can check the [course offerings](#) the day before the first class.

Before the start of the program, students will receive an introductory email from the site administrators sharing important information about summer school remote learning. The classroom teacher will also email with instructions on how to join the class on the first day. YRDSB students will login with their gapps accounts and Non-YRDSB students will be provided with different instructions that will be sent to the email address provided on their registration form.

Students are responsible for attending regularly scheduled classes and submitting work on a daily basis. There are two 15 minute breaks and a 40 minute lunch. Attendance will be taken.

Maria Maiato

Secondary Summer School Remote Learning Coordinator

International and Indigenous Languages Fall Registration

Elementary School Programs

Students in Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8 can learn to read, write and speak a new language or maintain their heritage language. More than 20 different language courses are available. Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will begin in early July 2020. For locations, times and dates, please see the list of [Elementary courses](#).

Research shows that speaking more than one language has many cognitive benefits and may:

- improve how the brain functions such as improving memory and concentration
- enhance decision-making and multi-tasking skills
- open future employment opportunities

Please check our [website](#) in July for the most up to date information on registration and program delivery. Due to space limitations, registration will take place on a first come first served basis.

Secondary School Credit Programs

The Credit International and Indigenous Languages program, offering 15 different languages, is available to students from Grades 9 to 12. Registration is now open for the [upcoming 2020-2021 school course offerings](#), and closes on September 9, 2020.

Did you know there are many benefits to taking credit language courses?

Students can take one International Languages Course as a Group 1- Compulsory or as an Elective Credit towards their Ontario Secondary Diploma. Students can also earn up to three credits towards graduation. If students successfully complete the Level D - University course, it can be used as one of their top six (6) marks for post-secondary entry.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information about our courses, program delivery and registration information.

For More Information

Thank you for your interest in our programs. Please do not hesitate to e-mail us if you have any questions international.languages@yrdsb.ca.

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.



On behalf of BOSS Athletics we would like to congratulate our Senior Athlete's of the Year, Christina Wan and Hesigan Balentheran. Both of these athletes have participated in many sports over their four years here at BOSS. They have represented our school with excellent determination, dedication and sportsmanship.

Best of luck for the future!

Thank you

Andrew Ebisuzaki

Health and Physical Education Department Head
Bur Oak Secondary School

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.