

# Bur Oak E-Bulletin

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## Graduating Student Reminders and Updates

Families are encouraged to keep an eye on their emails from Post-Secondary Institutions to confirm details and ensure they submit their confirmation for selected programs before the stated deadlines. Students who are concerned about options after the OUAC last-date for offers on May 27th should make arrangements to connect with their Guidance Counsellor.

## Scholarship and Awards Updates

Just a reminder to families, we do update our [Scholarship and Awards](#) page with information we receive from many community resources. Bur Oak School Awards for 2020 are being finalized and the applications for these awards will open in the coming weeks. Students can review the previous award criteria from 2019 [here](#).

Students who will be receiving awards from the Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MACCA), please note that the event has been rescheduled to November, 2020.

## **Summer School e-Learning**

Included below is information regarding the Summer School e-Learning:

- **Course dates:** July 2, 2020 – July 27, 2020
- **Registration period for YRDSB students:** May 8, 2020 (noon) – June 25, 2020 (noon)

A confirmation for interested students may be submitted to the [SSEL Student Confirmation Summer 2020 form](#). You will need to log on to your YRDSB GAPPs account to access the form.

Students may apply online by visiting the [e-Learning website](#), after receiving permission from their home school.

## **Attention Parents and Guardians**

Please be advised that teachers may be trying to get in touch with you regarding your student and may be calling from a blocked telephone number.

As a parent or guardian of a young woman, in grades 7 to 12, you are invited to attend the **Build a Dream Digital Career Discovery Expo** on Wednesday May 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Build a Dream 'at Home Edition' will give you and your daughter(s) the chance to explore a wide range of career paths in the skilled trades, science, technology, engineering, and emergency services. This FREE event will be packed with panelists, on-demand video libraries, DIY activities, games, prizes and more!

To register for this free event visit: [dreamathome.eventbrite.ca](https://dreamathome.eventbrite.ca)

Please note that registration is required and that space is limited.

## **NEW! Grade 8 Reach Ahead 2020 Summer Credit Language Program & Grade 9 to 12 Students (Spanish & Mandarin)**

- Grade 8 students can now take a Grade 9 credit course this summer in Spanish or Mandarin.
- Grades 9 to 12 students can now take Level B or C summer credit courses in Spanish or Mandarin.
- Prerequisites are not required for any Level B international languages course.
- This is an 18-day program (July 6-29, Monday to Friday, 8:45 a.m. to 3:33 p.m. daily) for one credit introductory (Level B) international languages course.

Click on the attached [YRDSB link](#) for more information and details regarding registration.

## **Student Course Requests For Summer School and Changes For 2020-21**

All students who are returning to Bur Oak have just received an email from Guidance providing details on how to request course changes for Summer School and for next school year. Please be sure to discuss any ideas with them and have them complete the YRDSB-Only Accessible Forms provided.

Parent/Guardian permission will be requested, and often times a follow up interview may be required. We ask that if you request a change, to please watch for follow up instructions sent by email.

### **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.

## **FREE Live Tour of The Museum of the Jewish People**

You are invited to join a unique and [FREE live tour from Beit Hatfutsot, The Museum of the Jewish People](#), on **June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The tour explores synagogues from diverse Jewish communities around the world including from the Caribbean, Egypt, Ukraine, Germany, India, Ancient Greece, Italy, and Poland. You will have the opportunity to view Beit Hatfutsot's world-renowned collection of synagogue models and their associated original artifacts.

This opportunity was coordinated for mid-June, following the month of May designated as Jewish Heritage Month, as a way for interested YRDSB families and parents to take part in learning about Jewish culture and heritage. We recognize that there are opportunities all year-round to learn about the diverse communities that make up our schools, in addition to the heritage months throughout the year. For instance, Ontario's Arts Curriculum encourages students to learn about a variety of works of art and artistic traditions from diverse communities, times, and places.

If you are interested in this opportunity, **please register using the [online registration form](#) by June 12<sup>th</sup>** to book your spot for the live tour on June 16<sup>th</sup>. This opportunity is made available for free to YRDSB students and their families. If you would like additional information about the tour and have any questions, please email YRDSB's Community Partnership Developer [leonora.buskin@yrdsb.ca](mailto:leonora.buskin@yrdsb.ca). Alternatively, leave her a voicemail with your name and number at **905-727-0022 x 4101** and your call will be returned.

After completing the registration form, you will be sent an email receipt with information on how to access the live tour with a link to the live tour. The live tour is made available through the ZOOM video platform. You do not need to download ZOOM to participate. To ensure privacy, the primary video footage presented during the live tour will be of the tour guide and the tour itself, and participants' videos will be disabled and muted. This set up is to ensure privacy of our participants. You will be able to ask questions during the live tour through a chat box feature. For a small group, it may be possible for participants to ask questions unmuted; however, the chat box will nevertheless be used as the primary method for asking questions.

Thank you for taking the time to read about this opportunity!



# VISIT THE MUSEUM OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME!



## FREE REGIONAL YRDSB FAMILY ENGAGEMENT: BEIT HATFUTSOT LIVE TOUR

June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 | 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

FREE | REGISTER BY JUNE 12

All ages and people of all backgrounds welcome!

This opportunity is for YRDSB students and their families.

The whole family is welcome to join!

TO REGISTER EMAIL [LEONORA.BUSKIN@YRDSB.CA](mailto:LEONORA.BUSKIN@YRDSB.CA). ALTERNATIVELY, LEAVE A VOICEMAIL WITH  
YOUR NAME AND NUMBER AT [905-727-0022](tel:905-727-0022) x [4101](tel:4101), AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED.

After registering, you will receive information on how to access the live tour with a link.

Are you bored at home? Wish you can get out and see something new?  
Well, together we can visit Beit Hatfutsot, The Museum of the Jewish People!

Together, we will virtually travel to four different continents while learning about Jewish communities from different parts of the world including from the Caribbean, Egypt, Germany, India, Ancient Greece, Italy, Ukraine and Poland!

\*Ontario's Arts Curriculum encourages students to learn about a variety of works of art and artistic traditions from diverse communities, times and places.



# 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 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.