

Newsletter August 31, 2018



Upcoming Dates

September 3
Labour Day

September 4
VISA Orientation
Semester 1 begins, Gr. 9
Staff Mtg.

September 5
Semester 1 begins, Gr. 10-12

September 6
Safe School Assembly
P. 1, Grade 9/10

September 7
Safe School Assembly
P. 1, Grade 11/12

◆ **September 10/11**
Rosh Hashanah

September 13/14
Gr. 9 Community Hrs./
Library Orientation

September 17
Photo Day
Leadership Team Mtg. (LTM)
School Council
6:30pm-8:00pm

September 18
Gr. 12 Post Secondary
presentation, P.1
Gr. 9 Community Hrs./
Library Orientation

◆ **September 19**
Yom Kippur

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School Council

School Council Meeting **September 17th, 2018 @ 6:30pm**. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Message from Our Trustee

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

New Voicemail/Attendance Reporting

Parents will continue to receive a Safe Arrival voicemail and e-mail for Period 1. Another Voicemail and e-mail will be sent after Period 5. E-mails will no longer be sent after each period.

Student Activity Fee

All students are encouraged to contribute to Bur Oak Secondary School's Activity Fee, which helps support a variety of initiatives around the school (i.e. school breakfast program, student celebrations, athletic transportation, clubs, dances, guest speakers), using [School Cash Online](#). These activities help to build a sense of community and belonging. The cost to participate in many events and athletic teams will be decreased based on the payment of this student activity fee.

We extend a very warm welcome to our newest **VP, Vanessa Wonnacott** who will address inquiries and concerns for students with the last names that begin with the letters A-L.

REMINDERS

Warm Weather Attire

With the return of warm weather, please take some time to review the appropriate attire policy with your son or daughter. Items that apply specifically for warm weather include:

- Shorts must be mid-thigh in length
- Shirts must meet bottoms (no bare midriff)
- Tank tops must have wide straps.

Please remember that Bur Oak is a place of where students come each day to learn, work and participate in school life. Appropriate attire formalizes the learning environment and promotes a positive and respectful tone for all members of the school community.

Student Dress Code

Please ensure that students adhere to the Bur Oak student dress code as outlined on page 5 of the attached [Student Handbook](#).

Playground Safety

This is a reminder for all students that concerns have been raised by community members about BOSS student behaviour, especially in Wismer Park. We would like to remind all students that appropriate behaviour and language is expected especially off property so that everyone can enjoy public spaces and feel safe and welcomed. We know that BOSS students will represent themselves and our school in a positive and respectful manner.

We ask that parents remind their children to use the playground equipment at Wismer Park appropriately and to behave in a manner that creates a safe play area for all community members.

Arrivals and Departures

Parents/guardians who **drive their children to school** are reminded to follow the directional signs and use the designated areas for drop off and pick up. Please do not park in the bus / emergency zones and remember that there are no U-turns allowed in the front driveway.

Students who drive to school are reminded that use of the school parking lot is a privilege not a right. Students are expected to drive in accordance with provincial laws. All students are reminded that extreme caution must be used when driving in the school parking lot. Any student who drives carelessly or puts any student, staff member or community member at risk will lose their privilege to use the school parking lot. Parents/Guardians will be contacted and York Regional Police may also be notified.

Students may park in **designated areas** only in the south parking lot at the back of the school. Parking is not allowed in the Emergency Vehicles/Bus Route. To be eligible to use the lot, **students must**

- have a valid student card
- register their car at the office and obtain a parking permit. NOTE: Registration does not guarantee a parking spot.

Students who fail to comply with the parking regulations may:

- be towed at a substantial cost to the owner
- face a "drop" fee (once car is hooked to be towed)
- be ticketed (by the Town of Markham).



