

Newsletter Dec 8, 2017



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## Upcoming Dates

Dec 11  
*Holiday Food Drive Continues*

**SAC EVENTS**  
Global Action - Holiday Raffle  
Zero Foot Print Awareness

SHSM Certification  
All Day / D. Wicks

Dec 12  
**SAC EVENTS**  
Global Action Book Drive  
Zero Foot Print Awareness  
Winter Assembly Practice

SHSM Certification  
All Day/ D. Wicks

Swim Meet  
C. Wun  
2:35pm Departure

Dec 13  
**SAC EVENTS**  
Global Action Book Drive  
Zero Foot Print Awareness

Cosmo Club  
P. Stepanian / Client Day

Swim Meet  
YRAA Championships  
C. Wun - All Day

Sr. Boys Basketball  
N. Fernandes  
Departure 2:45pm

Dec 14  
**SAC EVENT**  
Global Action Book Drive

Dec 15  
**SAC EVENTS**  
Global Action Book Drive  
ISA - Red and White Day

## Guidance

### Post-secondary application deadlines

Grade 12 students should be in the process of researching and applying to both diploma and degree programs for next year. Applications for OUAC (Ontario University Application Centre) are due by Jan 17, 2018<sup>th</sup>. Applications for OCAS (Ontario College Application Services) by Feb 1, 2018 for equal consideration. If students are applying for a degree program through OCAS, it is strongly suggested that students follow the same timeline as OUAC. Students who are applying to HIGHLY COMPETITIVE diploma programs should apply well in advance of the Feb 1<sup>st</sup> date. It is important that students do not miss these deadlines as it will impact on next year's plans.

Students and parents are welcome to speak with guidance counsellors about research plans. Two website for searching: [www.electronicinfo.ca](http://www.electronicinfo.ca) (degree programs at university) and [www.ontariocolleges.ca](http://www.ontariocolleges.ca) (degree and diploma programs).

### Fall Festival Event: Pie and Cider 2017

Thanks to the International Student Association, Newcomers Network, ELL Leadership Team and BOSS Admin for hosting our **Fall Festival Event: Pie and Cider!** Approximately 95 newcomers to Canada including International Visa students were invited to enjoy pumpkin and apple pie with hot apple cider. We played games and enjoyed the autumn ambiance: wheat sheaves, pumpkins, gourds and corn stalks. Newcomers Network had the Cultural Mosaic boards on display. Thanks especially to Ms. Shah, our Settlement Worker. Go Bulldogs!

### Semester One: Meet and Greet

Thanks to the International Student Association and Newcomers Network for hosting the Semester One Meet and Greet. Again we filled three classrooms with students playing games including Bingo, Jenga cards and Twister. Snacks and good times were had by all. Thanks to our supervisors: Ms. Shah, Ms. Brown, Mr. Norris, Mr. Rueckert, Ms. Dodham and Ms. Krabi.

## *Message From Our Director*

I am very pleased to report on the election of officers of the York Region District School Board for the year 2018. The results of elections, held at the [Inaugural Board Meeting](#) on Monday, December 4, 2017, are as follows:

Chair of the Board  
Vice-Chair of the Board  
Budget Committee Chair  
Chair's Committee

Corrie McBain  
Juanita Nathan  
Anna DeBartolo  
Corrie McBain  
Loralea Carruthers  
Juanita Nathan  
Cynthia Cordova  
Billy Pang

The [12 trustees](#) of the York Region District School Board, elected every four years through the Municipal Election, oversee public education in York Region. They are empowered under the [Education Act](#) to set [policy](#) and the [strategic direction](#) of the Board.

Under the Education Act, trustees are mandated to;

- promote student achievement and well-being;
- deliver effective and appropriate educational programs;
- develop, maintain and monitor effectiveness of Board policies;
- develop, communicate and review the [Multi-Year Plan](#);
- monitor the performance of the Director of Education; and
- practice responsible stewardship of Board resources.

Please join me in congratulating all of our trustees for their continued leadership in support of York Region learners.

Trustees are accessible to staff and members of the public. Their [contact information](#) is posted on the [Board and Trustee Services](#) page of the BWW and on the Board's public [website](#).

Leslie Johnstone  
Acting Director of Education

## Reminders

The holidays are around the corner and the winter break countdown is on! You still have time to order **fall school photos** in time for the holidays.



Fall photo day orders placed by **phone at 1-888-416-3343 by Friday, December 8th** or **online at [edgeimaging.ca](http://edgeimaging.ca) by Sunday, December 10th\*** will have guaranteed delivery to home before the holidays!

*\*Note: This timeline is not applicable for senior graduation photography programs.*

**Edge Imaging** | 940 Gateway Drive, Burlington, Ontario  
1-866-707-3343 (EDGE) | [edgeimaging.ca](http://edgeimaging.ca) | [@edgeimaging](https://www.instagram.com/edgeimaging)

### Extended Absences

A reminder to all families that students who will miss more than 3 consecutive days of school must complete an extended absence form available in the main office. This form must be completed and submitted to the office at least one week before the absence.

### Holiday Food Drive

Homerooms are currently collecting food donations in support of the Markham food bank. We appreciate your donations to help those in need.

### Missing Valuables

Over the past week several children have lost valuables that they left unattended for long periods of time. Although we do our best to recover missing property, we are not always successful. Please remind your child to pay attention to their valuables. If they find missing or unattended property, please have them bring it to the Main Office. A reminder that Bur Oak S.S. is not responsible for missing or stolen property.

### Important Dates

Please be advised of the following **important dates**:

- The school will be closed for Winter Break from December 22, 2017 to January 5, 2018 inclusive.
- The school will reopen on January 8, 2018.
- Grade 9 EQAO Math - January 18 and 19
- Please note the following dates for the exam schedule. Most exams are written in the morning but students with practical exams may have afternoon appointments.

January 25	January 26	January 29	January 30	January 31
Period 1	Period 2	Period 5	Period 4	Period 3