

Newsletter Nov. 1, 2019



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## Upcoming Dates

**November 3**  
Daylight Savings Time  
Ends



**November 6**  
Take Your Kids to  
Work Day  
Grade 8 Transition Day  
Term 1 Ends

**November 7**  
Term 2 Begins  
Music Social Night



**November 11**  
Remembrance Day  
Assembly

**November 14**  
SEC Semi-Formal  
(Crystal Fountain)  
6pm-10:30pm

**November 15**  
PA Day

**November 18**  
Grade 8 Open House

**November 27**  
BOSS Spirit Day

Bur Oak Secondary School will be running two assemblies for **Remembrance Day on Monday, November 11th, during periods 1 and 2**. On November 11, the school will be using a **reversed** schedule. Please take time to remind your student(s).

### Timetable: Monday, November 11, 2019

Period 5	8:15 a.m.	to	9:35 a.m.
Period 4	9:40 a.m.	to	10:55 a.m.
Period 3	11:00 a.m.	to	12:15 p.m.
Period 2	12:20 p.m.	to	1:35 p.m.
Period 1	1:40 p.m.	to	2:55 p.m.

### Treaties Recognition Week

Treaties week in Ontario is the first week of November. We recognize the importance of treaties and bring awareness to the treaty relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in the province.

### Holocaust Education Week

The week of November 3 to 10 inclusive marks the 38th annual Holocaust Education Week. The Holocaust was a systemic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its allies, and it's critical that we not allow this cruel chapter of modern history to fade from memory. The focus of this year's Holocaust Education Week is The Holocaust AND NOW. This theme captures the relationship between the Holocaust and the current global rise of Antisemitism.

### Grade 8 Open House

### November 18th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Bur Oak S.S. welcomes families of **Grade 8 students** to learn more about our building and courses for the upcoming 2020-21 school year. Families will have the opportunity to see various departments and opportunities at B.O.S.S. while gaining insight into the transition for grade nine. Doors open @6:00 pm.



*Curriculum & Instructional Services invites the parents of elementary and secondary students:*

## York Region Labour Market Information Night

ALL YRDSB parents and guardians are invited to join the York Region District School Board's Pathways team and the Workforce Planning Board of York Region on **November 7, 2019** for dinner and an evening of learning about the labour market in our communities. Hear from **industry professionals** about current and future **career opportunities, employment trends** and in demand skills.



Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from **Joe Musicco**, a professor from Sheridan College in the Pilon School of Business, who will address the **skills and attitudes** necessary for future success. Guests will then have the opportunity to attend a variety of smaller, more intimate **industry specific workshops** featuring a panel of professionals from a variety of key employment sectors, post secondary education programs and training organizations supporting these fields.

Topics for breakout sessions include,

- Agro-business
- Entrepreneurship and Skilled Trades
- Information and Technology
- Manufacturing
- Motive Power and Logistics
- Deep dive into the York Region Labour Market

### Event Details

Date: **November 7, 2019**, Location: **Sheraton Parkway North**, 600 Highway 7, Richmond Hill, Registration at 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Dinner: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Opening and Keynote: 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to join us for this **FREE** event which is the first of its kind for the York Region District School Board. **Space is limited**

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### Registration Information

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Register online via [bit.ly/YRlabourinfo](http://bit.ly/YRlabourinfo) or at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

A limited number of childcare spaces are available. This complimentary service is available for children ages 6 - 11. Signup for can be done when you register for this event..

Dear parents/guardians,

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), qualified families with children enrolled at our school have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost.

Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at the school and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards\*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

Family size	Annual income*
2 people	\$30,286
3 people	\$37,234
4 people	\$45,206
5 people	\$51,272
6 people	\$57,286
7 people +	\$64,381

Desktop computers are available for \$71 and laptop computers are available for \$161, including software, a two-year hardware and labour depot warranty, and delivery to the school. Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household.

If you are interested in applying, please finalize your order no later than **November 7, 2019** by completing an online application at [www.rcto.ca/outreach](http://www.rcto.ca/outreach) using the group code on the attached program flyer.

Please note: If you do not pay by November 7, 2019 you will not be eligible to receive a computer.

Please note - There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

- Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income
- Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary.

If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, you may arrange to use a school computer to complete the application online.

For more information, including complete application and payment instructions, please refer to the attached program flyer and checklist.

Sincerely,

R. Li  
Principal

## [“Take Our Kids to Work” \(TOKW\) – Wed, November 6, 2019](#)

TOKW is a national initiative that provides our grade 9 students with the opportunity to OBSERVE a work environment for one day.

Take Our Kids to Work day is in its 25th year. On **Wednesday, November 6, 2019** Grade 9 students across Canada will spend the day at the workplace of a parent, guardian, relative, friend or volunteer host. Forms are due back to the period 5 teacher **Tuesday, October 22, 2019**.

Parents and guardians invite their own children to join them at work for the day, but if this is not possible, there are other ways for your child to participate:

- Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to take your child to work.
- Ask a parent who is taking his or her child to work if your son or daughter can join them for the day.
- Contact local businesses and ask if they are participating in Take Our Kids to Work day. Inquire if someone within their organization would be willing to host your child, providing you make the necessary transportation arrangements.

For more information, visit

<https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/events/take-our-kids-to-work-day> website.

If you need further information, please call Ms. McSween (905-202-1234 x1194) for more information.





**Inclusive School and Community Services  
York Region District School Board  
Jointly with  
Association of Sri Lankan Graduates of Canada**

**Are Hosting:**

Guidance for Higher Studies and Career Information Workshops 2019

For secondary students (Grades 9 – 12), parents and guardians

**Admission is Free**

**When:**

Saturday, November 2, 2019

**Time:**

9:30 am – 1:30 pm

**Where:**

Middlefield Collegiate Institute, 525 Highglen Avenue, Markham

[Please Register Here](#)

For further information please contact:

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**In partnership with:**

Canadian Tamil Professionals' Association (CTPA), Canadian Tamil Medical Association (CTMA)  
Sri Lankan Accountants Association of Canada (SAAC), Educators for Tamil Students' Success (YRDSB)



## கனடாவின் இலங்கை பட்டதாரிகளின் சங்கம்

கூட்டாக

சமூக மற்றும் பாடசாலை உள்ளடக்கிய  
யோக் பிராந்திய பாடசாலை வாரியம்

இணைந்து வழங்கும்:

உயர் ஆய்வுகள் மற்றும் தொழில் தகவல் பட்டறைகளுக்கான வழிகாட்டுதல்:2019  
இரண்டாம் நிலை மாணவர்களுக்கு (தரம் 9- 12), பெற்றார் மற்றும் பாதுகாவலர்கள்  
அனுமதி இலவசம்; சிற்றுண்டிகள் வழங்கப்படும் !

எப்பொழுது:

கார்த்திகை, சனிக்கிழமை, 2, 2019

நேரம்:

காலை 9:30 – மதியம் 1:30 வரை

எங்கே:

Middlefield Collegiate Institute, 525 Highglen Avenue (@ Middlefield Road), Markham

தயவு செய்து இங்கே புகிவு செய்யுங்கள்.

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உடன் அனுசரணை வழங்குவோர்:

கனடிய தமிழ் வல்லுநர்கள் சங்கம் (CTPA), கனடிய தமிழ் மருத்துவ சங்கம் (CTMA)  
இலங்கை கணக்காளர் கனடா சங்கம் (SAAC), தமிழ் மாணவர்களின் வெற்றிக்கான கல்வியாளர்கள் (YRDSB)



# NOT A SCHOOL EVENT



We would like to make parents aware that this is not a school event and is not attached to our school or York Region District School Board in any way.

[Grad trips gone wild: S-Trip's high school trips \(CBC Marketplace\)](#)

[Absolutely deplorable: binge drinking, injuries on organized student trips](#)



## **Student Drop Off/Pick-Up**

We'd like to remind the parents of students who get dropped off and/or picked up that they are to do so in the **BACK** school parking lot, not in the front. Failure to do so may result in fines and/or tickets as the front is designated a FIRE ROUTE.

## **Traffic Reminder**

Please remind your child to cross the road only at designated crosswalks. Student safety is our main concern and we thank you in advance for helping keep your child safe.

## **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.



## REMINDERS

### Student Dress Code

Please ensure that students adhere to the Bur Oak student dress code as outlined on page 5 of the attached [BOSS Student Handbook 2019-2020](#).

### 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.

### Spare Periods

A reminder that students are encouraged to use a Spare Period to complete course work or study course material. Students choosing to be at school during their spare are to use the quiet study space provided in our school Library. Students with a Period 5 spare are not allowed to remain in the Main Hallway.

### Safe Arrival/Attendance Reporting

Parents will continue to receive a Safe Arrival e-mail for Period 1 absences. Another e-mail will be sent at the end of the day.

### Request for Faith Accommodations

Attached is a link to the Request for Faith Accommodations [form](#). Further information or clarification can be found in the York Region District School Board Website.

### 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).