

Newsletter Nov. 8, 2019



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## Upcoming Dates



**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**

**December 3**  
**Winterlude Concert**  
**7pm-9pm**

**December 20**  
**Holiday Assembly**  
**(Modified schedule)**

**December 21-**  
**January 5, 2020**  
**Winter Break**

**January 6, 2020**  
**First day back from**  
**Winter Break**

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.

## OUAC Numbers

Grade 12 students eligible to apply to universities in Ontario, have received their **OUAC account number** to their student GAPPS account. These students will need to log into their GAPPS email account to retrieve their OUAC number. If you feel that should have received an email but have not, please drop by Guidance and make an appointment.

## 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.

# 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).