

# Bur Oak E-Bulletin

Newsletter  
November 16, 2018



## Upcoming Dates

**November 12-22**  
Grad Photos



**November 19**  
Grade 8 Open House  
6:30pm-8:30pm  
(doors open @6pm)  
School Council Mtg.  
6:30pm-8pm

**November 22**  
Grade 12 Semi-Formal @  
Grand Cinnamon Banquet  
Hall

**November 23**  
PA Day

**December 4**  
Winterlude Concert  
7pm-9pm

Please click on the attached link in order to access the [School Council Annual Report, 2017-2018](#).

### **School Council Forum**

Parents are invited to attend the **School Council Forum** on **Monday, November 26, 2018** at Milliken Mills High School. Sessions run from 5:30pm to 8:30pm

Board Trustee, Allan Tam  
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## School Council November 19



On Monday November 19, we will be hosting our **School Council** meeting in Room 1066 at 6:30 pm. All Bur Oak parents are welcome to attend. At this meeting we will be reviewing our EQAO results, discussing our recent College tour and touring the school as part of Grade 8 Open House. We hope you can join us.

## Prime Minister's Youth Council

The Prime Minister's Youth Council is accepting applications for the next cohort of members. Canadian youth, permanent residents and protected persons aged 16-24 can apply. Application deadline is November 30, 2018. Further information can be accessed via the link below.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/campaign/prime-ministers-youth-council/need-more-information.html>

## **Graduation Photos** are happening!



Potential graduates should be signing up for their appointment to have their grad pictures taken. Sign-up sheets are in Guidance.

Photos will be taken during the school days between November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

There is a sitting fee of \$30. This could be cash or a cheque made out to Edge Imaging. Proofs will be made available by the company if families want to purchase a package of pictures.

# **Guidance News**

## **Graduation Transcript Verification**

All grade 12 students will be attending a session to verify their graduation requirements and discuss pathway planning. Students will be bringing a form home for parents and guardians to indicate that they have seen the verification form. We will be finishing this next week. Grade 11 students will be participating in a similar activity at the end of November.

## **OUAC PINs for Grade 12 students**

Guidance will be distributing the PINs needed to apply to universities through Ontario University Application Centre beginning on Thursday November 22nd. Students may pick up their PIN from guidance during spares and lunch for the first 15 minutes of each period. Identification will be required.

## **Take Our Kids to Work**

Thanks to all of the parents, guardians, neighbours and relatives for hosting the grade 9 students on Wed. November 14th. We are sure that there were many new experiences as students were able to participate in the world of work for that day.

## **College and University Pathways Fair**

Richmond Hill High School have invited our students to attend a Pathways Fair on November 22nd from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please see the attached flyer.

# RHHS Pathways Fair



**Thursday, November 22, 2018**

**7 to 9 pm**

**Richmond Hill High School Large & Small Gyms**

Meet with college and university representatives to help you gain information about your post-secondary options.

All students, parents/guardians and staff are welcome to attend.

## **Human Rights Commissioner's Office**

York Region District School Board is committed to creating safe, equitable and inclusive learning and working environments. As part of this commitment, the Board established a Human Rights Commissioner's Office (HRCO).

The HRCO was created in response to a growing awareness that a space was needed within the school board environment to effectively address issues of discrimination and harassment specific to the Human Rights Code.

The HRCO is an arms-length office for Human Rights Code compliance under the Board's Human Rights Policy.

The HRCO website provides the YRDSB community access to important information related to human rights, a confidential complaint reporting process and contact information for the office.

The website can be found at [www.yrdsb.ca/hrco](http://www.yrdsb.ca/hrco).



Student Transportation Services of York Region  
320 Bloomington Road West  
Aurora, Ontario L4G 0M1  
905-713-2535  
FAX: 905-713-2533  
Web site: [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)

### School Bus Cancellation Notice

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements.

Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast.

Please note the following;

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries which prevents the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.
- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home.

A bus cancellation message will be available at [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com), by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following @YRDSB and @YCDSB on Twitter.

Parents, students and school staff may also access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

#### RADIO

590 AM	640 AM	680 AM	860 AM	1010 AM	1050 AM
1540 AM	1580 AM	88.5 FM	89.9 FM	92.5 FM	93.1 FM
94.9 FM	95.9 FM	97.3 FM	98.1 FM	99.1 FM	99.9 FM
101.1 FM	102.1 FM	104.5 FM	100.7 FM	105.9	107.1 FM

#### TELEVISION

CITY TV CTV Barrie CTV Toronto CP24 GLOBAL NEWS

# FLU SEASON IS HERE

**Get the flu shot as early as possible**



The first and best step to preventing the flu (or influenza), is to **get the flu shot every year**. The flu spreads quickly and easily from an infected person to others and anyone can get it. Getting the flu shot can protect you, your family and those around you.

Students may be at higher risk of getting the flu as they come together in close public spaces including the classroom, gymnasium, cafeteria and library.

The flu shot is especially important for students who have a chronic condition (e.g. asthma, diabetes) or those who live with or have close contact with a pregnant woman, kids less than five years old, or a resident of a nursing home or other chronic care facility since these groups are at higher risk of getting very sick or being hospitalized because of the flu.

Flu shots are free and are readily available at:

- Health care provider's offices for people six months of age and older
- Participating pharmacies, for people five years of age and older

In addition to getting the flu shot annually, here are some other health tips that can help prevent the spread of the flu:

- Wash your hands well and often with either soap and water or alcohol based hand rub
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze (if you do not have a tissue, cough into your upper sleeve)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Stay home when you're sick
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and shared items

It's important to get the flu shot as early as possible as it can take nearly **two weeks** for the influenza vaccine to take full effect.

To learn more about flu and flu vaccine, visit [york.ca/flu](http://york.ca/flu).

**PUBLIC HEALTH**  
1-877-464-9675  
TTY 1-866-512-6228  
[york.ca/flu](http://york.ca/flu)





## **NEW! Pathways Planning and Course Selection Platform: Grades 7 - 12**

**The York Region District School Board** will be providing your child with an engaging and new interactive online education and career/life planning platform starting in November 2018. Career Cruising will not be available to students after November 15, 2018. Students will be notified via their GAPPS account email of the steps required to save information, that has been stored in their Individual Pathway Plan (IPP,) from Career Cruising into their GAPPS account.

This new platform will include a number of beneficial resources to support your child as they progress through high school, including:

- **Who Am I** – 6 unique assessments for self-exploration and discovery (including Learning Styles, Myers-Briggs Personality, Holland Interests, Knowledge, Motivations, and Compatibility)
- **High School** – A tool to visually plan courses, track progress toward graduation, and instantly identify post-secondary eligibility for opportunities in all pathways
- **Post-Secondary** – A database to explore post-secondary opportunities and compare detailed information on apprenticeships, college programs, university programs and workplace sectors across Canada
- **Goals** – An interactive goal setting tool to set S.M.A.R.T. goals and action plans
- **Occupations** – A database of over 500 occupations to compare comprehensive information on jobs
- **Resumes & Cover Letters** – Interactive tools to record personal experiences, build resumes and write cover letters
- **Money** – An engaging budget-making tool to help students track income and expenses and develop financial literacy
- **Job Search** – A tool to explore real-world job postings that relate to occupations of interest
- **Portfolios** – A portfolio builder to create multiple portfolios and share it with parents, teachers, or future employers

***Students have been emailed instructions on how to back up their pathway planner from Career Cruising. They will need to complete this ASAP to avoid losing this information as we move to this new platform.***

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*Schools will be receiving more information regarding the transition to this new platform in the coming weeks and will continue to provide students and parents/guardians with updates.*



## Legalization of Cannabis

As of October 17, 2018, it will be legal for individuals **19 and older** to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis. It remains illegal for anyone under the age of 19. This is the same as the minimum age for the sale of tobacco and alcohol in Ontario. **Regardless of age, cannabis is not allowed on school property or at school-related events at any time.**

It is illegal for **anyone** regardless of age to smoke or vape any substance, including cannabis:

- at school, on school grounds, and all public areas within 20m of these grounds
- on children's playgrounds and public areas within 20m of playgrounds
- in child care centres, or where an early years program is provided
- in places where home child care is provided – even if children aren't present

*\*Please note that in Markham the by-law states that cannabis can only be consumed in private residences.*

There will be consequences for students if they are believed to be in possession or under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs or cannabis. Suspension will be considered. There are exceptions if the medicinal use of cannabis is outlined in the student's Health Care Plan.

If a student gives alcohol or cannabis to anyone under the age of 19, the school will contact police, suspend the student and consider expulsion.

In YRDSB, we want families and students to be informed about the facts of cannabis legalization. To support this learning, you may find the following resources helpful. You can also request a hard copy through the school office.

[Cannabis: What Parents/Guardians and Caregivers Need to Know](#)

[Cannabis Talk Kit: Know How to Talk with Your Teen](#)

We will continue to provide students with information and support to make positive and healthy decisions.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school's administration.