

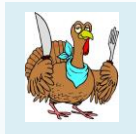
Newsletter Oct. 4, 2019



## Upcoming Dates

**October 9**  
Yom Kippur

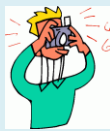
**October 14**  
Thanksgiving Day



**October 15**  
Interim Report Card  
Distribution

**October 16**  
Awards Breakfast

**October 22**  
Photo Re-take Day



**October 24**  
Parent Teacher  
Interviews

**October 29**  
Spookfest  
5-7pm

**October 31**  
Halloween  
BOSS Spirit Day

**November 3**  
Daylight Savings Time  
Ends

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE



### Schools Closed to Students beginning Monday, October 7, 2019 due to CUPE School Support Staff Members Strike

Notice has been provided by CUPE, the provincial school support staff members' union that all YRDSB school support staff will be on strike beginning Monday, October 7, 2019.

If the strike proceeds, on Monday, October 7, 2019, all schools will be closed to students for the duration of the strike. All transportation services (including buses, taxis, etc.) and before and after care programs are cancelled. Independent child-care programs in schools may continue - please contact your childcare provider.

You must make alternate arrangements for your children beginning Monday, October 7, 2019.

Once we receive additional information regarding the return to work, we will inform you. Please continue to monitor media, [www.yrdsb.ca](http://www.yrdsb.ca) or Twitter: [@YRDSB](https://twitter.com/YRDSB)

## 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 your child safe.

## "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.

## **YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol**

Fair Notice Insert for School Newsletter October 2019.

York Region District School Board is committed to student well-being and mental health. YRDSB has developed a **Student Suicide Intervention Protocol** to help keep students safe in the event of suicidal thoughts or actions. The Student Suicide Intervention Protocol will be implemented starting fall 2019. Youth suicide is a complex, emotionally-charged and sadly real problem in Canada. It is the second leading cause of death amongst young people. It's important to recognize that those who struggle with mental health have personal strength and resilience and the potential to overcome difficulties to ultimately thrive.

The YRDSB Student Suicide Intervention Protocol is designed to address the six steps involved when responding to current and present thoughts of suicide, as well as actions related to suicide. In addition, the Protocol is governed by a set of guiding principles which are underpinned by a culturally responsive and reflective practice.

Suicide is not culturally neutral. Our cultural and ethnic backgrounds will inform how each of us understands suicide. To see all the guiding principles, refer to the print version of the [YRDSB- Student Suicide Intervention Protocol](#) on the board website.

Given the urgent need to help keep students safe from suicide, each school has access to Board staff trained in suicide intervention. In the urgent situation of suicide intervention, staff trained in suicide intervention do not require parental / guardian consent to intervene. However, we do make every effort to contact parents/ guardians to apprise you of your child's situation and the assistance provided. Parents/guardians are an integral part of keeping their children safe. In the event that the intervention protocol is used, a record of the intervention will be shared with you and a copy will be created and stored in a private and confidential on-line records management system. In accordance with privacy and health records legislation, a copy will be retained until the student turns 31 years of age. As per the protocol parental/guardian (student if 18 or over) consent will be sought to share the intervention plan with those members identified in the record. If you have any questions about the Student Suicide Intervention Protocol, please contact your school principal.



### **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.

### **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).