

Newsletter October 12, 2018



Upcoming Dates

October 12
Junior Achievement
Entrepreneurship @ Deloitte

October 16
Interim Report Card
Distribution
Photo Retakes



October 17
Awards Breakfast

October 18
Music Benefit Concert
@ Markham Theatre
Purple Spirit Day
(2SLGBTQ+)

October 22
PA DAY

October 25
Parent/Teacher Interview
6:30pm-8:30pm

October 31
Hallowe'en



November 4
Daylight Saving Time ends

November 5
Grad Photos



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Awards Breakfast – October 17



Each year, we recognize grades 10-12 students who have excelled in the various subject areas in the 2017-2018 school year. In the past, we have invited parents to join us in celebrating their son/daughter's success; unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate parents this year because of the high number of award recipients. We recognize this is a special time for families, so we will be taking a picture of each award recipient and sending it to parents as a keepsake.

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

Post-Secondary Fairs in the Area

Other high schools in the area invite the Bur Oak community to participate in their evening college/university fairs. Thornhill S.S. will have an evening on Oct. 18th. All are free and are open to students of all grade levels.

Upcoming Post-secondary events—October 13th

Angus Glen Library is hosting their 5th annual University and college fair on October 13th from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. All are welcome.
Register to attend at: mplhighereducationfair.eventbrite.ca

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Parent-Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday, October 25th between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Bur Oak Secondary School uses Edsby to manage our scheduling for interviews. If you provided an email address, you should have received an invitation to create an Edsby account. **Only families who have created an Edsby account prior to the schedule being opened on October 17th will have access to the online scheduler.**

Parents/guardians wishing to book an appointment with our Student Success Teacher, Guidance Counsellors and/or Special Education Resource Teachers (SERT), can have their child speak to them directly to book an appointment.

On Wednesday, October 17th, the Edsby Interview Scheduler will open up at 9:00 a.m. for parents to schedule interview times. The scheduler will close at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 25th. For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit <https://edsby.com/help/parents/parent-teacher-interviews/>.

If you do not wish to share your email address and/or create an Edsby account, you can have your child sign up for an interview directly with their teachers or you may contact the Main Office.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact our Main Office.

Provincial Consultations on Education Reform

Ontario has launched consultations on **education reform**. There will be three ways for people to participate:

- An online submission form, available now, that allows people, organizations or groups to provide their views on any of the consultation topics. Submissions can also be sent to the ministry by emailing fortheparents@ontario.ca or ausedesparents@ontario.ca.
- An online survey that will be available soon in English and French, with questions that relate to the key themes below.
- Telephone town halls across Ontario, with separate town halls in English and French. The telephone town hall discussions will be aligned with the themes discussed in the survey. The dates and times of these town halls will be posted on fortheparents.ca as they become available.

The consultations are intended to focus on the following topics:

- How to improve student performance in the disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM);
- How our schools are preparing students with needed job skills; What more can be done to ensure students graduate with important life skills, like financial literacy;
- How to build an updated and age-appropriate Health and Physical Education curriculum that includes subjects like sexual health education, mental health and the legalization of cannabis;
- What measures can be taken to improve standardized testing;
- What steps schools should take regarding the use of technology in classrooms, such as the use of cell phones;
- What elements would participants like to see included in the Ministry of Education
- Parents' Bill of Rights.



華人新移民家長互助小組——支援有特殊需要孩子的新移民家庭

活動主題: 介紹約克區教育局特殊教育課程及服務

語言: 普通話及廣東話

小學 - 2018 年 10 月 4 日 (星期四)

中學 - 2018 年 11 月 8 日 (星期四)

講員: 吳老師 (約克區教育局華人社區聯繫老師)

時間: 早上 10 時至下午 1 時

地點: 萬錦村圖書館 (6031 Highway 7, Markham ON L3P 3A7)

未來活動:

2018 年 12 月 6 日 (星期四) 「ABA 行為分析及塑造合宜行為的策略」

2019 年 1 月 10 日 (星期四) 「特殊需要人士的社區資源及政府資助」

2019 年 2 月 7 日 (星期四) 「正念: 如何平靜與放鬆」

報名或查詢 (可以要求托兒服務):

陳太 (Community Living York South) 905-294-4971 分機 267,

echan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca

Chinese Newcomer Parent Support Group for Families with Children with Developmental Disabilities

Topic: Intro to YRDSB Special Education Program and Services

This event is only available in Mandarin and Cantonese

Elementary - Oct 4, 2018 (Thur)

Secondary - Nov 8, 2018 (Thur)

Speaker: Cathy Ng, Teacher Liaison (YRDSB)

Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Markham Village Library (6031 Highway 7, Markham ON L3P 3A7)

Upcoming topics:

Dec 6, 2018 (Thur): ABA strategies to understand and manage behavior of children with ASD

Jan 10, 2019 (Thur): Community Resource/Funding for Special Needs

Feb 7, 2019 (Thur): Mindfulness

Registration and inquires (Childminding available upon request):

Ellen Chan (Community Living York South) 905-294-4971 ext. 267,

echan@communitylivingyorksouth.ca



SEAS, in partnership with the York Region Board Education,
along with funding provided by the Government of Ontario, presents...

SUPPORTING EAST ASIAN STUDENTS IN YORK REGION



Themes include:

- Unpacking the Model Minority Myth
- Investigating the relationship between Mental Health and Equity
- Exploring culturally relevant and responsive supports

TIME: 6:00 - 8:00PM

6:00 - 6:30PM

Light Dinner & Introduction

6:30 - 8:00PM

Keynote & Interactive Dialogue

WHEN: Wednesday October 24 2018

WHERE: Unionville High School
(201 Town Centre Blvd.)
Room: Library

WHAT IS SEAS?

SEAS (Supporting East Asian Students) is a group of educators who are committed to responding to the lived experiences of East Asian students by advocating for their improved achievement and well-being through equitable practices. Building relationships with students' families, educators, community members and partners is also a focus of our work.

Register via Google Survey by October 19th:
<https://goo.gl/forms/seNW3KCrHbR4vYd62>

SPEAKER:

A.W. Lee is a researcher and educator, specializing in race, gender, and sexuality, with a PhD in Cultural Studies from Queen's University in 2015. He is currently a postdoctoral researcher at The University of Toronto in the Centre for Global Social Policy and has held research and teaching posts at Queen's University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and University of Toronto.



Save the Date

Are you interested in the International Baccalaureate Programme?

The International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The Programme emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the Programme earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We invite students who will be starting **Grade 8** in September to find their area IB School or Candidate School on the YRDSB School Locator (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/pages/school-locator.aspx>) and join us for an information evening to discover what we can offer.



IB Information Evening

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Students and their families interested in York Region District School Board's IB Programme are invited to attend an information session at their area school to learn more about the Programme and application process.

Alexander Mackenzie H.S. @ 7:00 p.m. Bayview S.S. @ 7:00 p.m.
Dr. G.W. Williams S.S. @ 7:00 p.m. Maple H.S. @ 7:00 p.m.
Milliken Mills H.S. @ 7:00 p.m.



Assessment Days

Saturday, November 17, or
Thursday, November 22, 2018

Admission to the York Region District School Board IB Programmes includes an assessment at your area IB School or Candidate School. At the time of application, students will select to write in either the morning on Saturday, November 17 or in the evening on Thursday, November 22. There is a \$35 fee to apply.

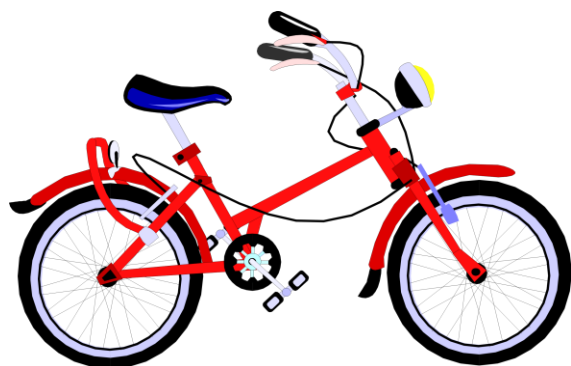


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For more information, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/IB



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