

Newsletter Sept. 6, 2019



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Upcoming Dates

September 10
Photo Day



September 13/16/17
Gr. 9 Community Hrs./
Library Orientation

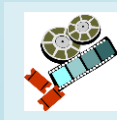
September 16
School Council Mtg.
6:30pm-8:00pm

September 17
Gr. 12 Post Secondary
presentation, P.1
Gr. 9 Community Hrs./
Library Orientation

September 20
Camp Robin Hood, Gr.9

September 23
PA Day

September 24
Movie Night
6:30pm-8pm



September 24-27
Safety Week

September 25
Terry Fox Run

School Council

School Council Meeting **September 16th, 2019 @ 6:30pm**. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Message from Our Trustee

I am so pleased to welcome all of our new and returning families to another school year. As your school board trustee, it is my role to advocate for quality public education in York Region, and to ensure that our students remain at the centre of all of our decision making. The [Board of Trustees](#) makes [policy](#) and [budget](#) decisions, and communicates with the public, among other [responsibilities](#).

We are also responsible for setting direction for the school board, through our [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#). This plan sets out four priorities: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership.

As we start the new school year, I want to highlight the importance of relationships. We want to build and maintain relationships with our families that are built on trust, respect and responsive communication. To support that, I will continue to keep you informed of our work and priorities, and I encourage you to [contact me](#) if you have any questions or concerns. You can also find the [message from the Chair of the Board](#) on the Board's website.

In addition, I invite you to share your feedback on our Board policies. Policies govern everything from field trips, school volunteers, equity and inclusive education, student discipline and much more, and we greatly value input from families on these important matters. We regularly post on our website the [policies that are under review](#) and available for comment as well as information about how to share your feedback. I hope you will take a look.

I know school staff are excited to welcome back students, and I look forward to meeting more of our families throughout the upcoming school year. I encourage you to build a relationship with the staff members and community at your school. There are so many [different ways to get involved](#) and support your child's education. I hope you have a great start to the school year and wish you a happy, safe and successful year ahead.

Allan Tam
Trustee, Markham Wards 4 and 5

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.

International Languages (IL) Program- Credit Courses

Students can earn credits while learning a language. International Languages offers over 15 languages for students in Grades 9 to 12. Level 3 language credit courses can even be counted towards college and university acceptance.

Link to credit course offerings on our website: [ILL Credit Program](#)

Registration for YRDSB Students

The course offerings and sites are available on [My Pathway Planner](#) login page. Students can register through My Pathway Planner up until September 11th. For assistance, view the [My Pathway Planner Tip Sheet](#). Print a copy of the sign-off sheet and obtain parent/guardian signature before submitting the registration form on the first day of classes at the selected language site.

If you do not have the opportunity to register through 'My Pathway Planner' before September 11th, 2019, please download a registration form from this website: (<http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Documents/FOR-nonYRRegistration.pdf>).

Please complete the registration form and submit it to the selected language site on the day of registration. Dates are available in the Credit Program Flyer: [ILL Credit Program](#)

Interested in getting volunteer hours?

Students can earn up to 40 hours of community service in our program towards graduation requirements. Please send us an e-mail to request information about student volunteer opportunities: international.languages@yrdsb.ca

Thank you again for your interest in our programs. Please do not hesitate to e-mail us if you have any questions: international.languages@yrdsb.ca.



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September 3, 2019

Dear families,

We are so excited to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at York Region District School Board. We hope that you are looking forward to a year of learning, growth and discovery. It is important to us that all of our students and families know that they are a valued part of our school community. Each and every child has important and unique contributions to offer and we aim to create learning environments where they feel safe, respected and supported in making those contributions.

It is a privilege to work alongside families to support your children in exploring their interests, learning more about the world around them and reaching their full potential. We are more successful in doing that when there are strong connections between our schools and families, and we hope you will find opportunities to build those important connections throughout the year.

Our work to provide your child with the best possible education is guided by four priorities set out by the Board of Trustees in our Multi-Year Strategic Plan: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Build Collaborative Relationships, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, and Empower Ethical Leadership. [Our plans](#) are available on the Board website or you can make a request through your school office.

As part of our commitment to build collaborative relationships, we will continue to keep you informed about our work at the board and important news and events through our website, social media and through your school. We look forward to connecting with you, and wish you a happy, safe and successful school year.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Louise Sirisko in black ink.

Louise Sirisko
Director of Education

Handwritten signature of Corrie McBain in black ink.

Corrie McBain
Chair of the Board

Aquatic Leadership Program – Fall 2019

Be certified as a lifeguard ready for employment

Program Information:

Effective September 2019, the Aquatic Leadership Program will be offered in partnership between the York Region District School Board, Continuing Education and the City of Markham, the Town of Aurora and the City of Vaughan. The program uses a blended learning format consisting of pool instruction, face-to-face instruction and on-line learning to deliver Ministry of Education credits and Swim, Lifeguarding and Instructor Certifications.

Part 1: City of Markham and Town of Aurora

Upon completion, successful students may earn the following courses and certifications:

- Secondary School Grade 10 Credit - Healthy Living and Aquatic Activities – PAQ2O1
- Bronze Cross (National Lifeguard Certification)
- Bronze Medallion (National Lifeguard Certification)
- Standard First Aid with CPR C

Part 2: City of Vaughan

Upon completion, successful students may earn the following courses and certifications:

- Secondary School Grade 12 Credit - Recreation and Healthy Active Living Leadership - PLF4M
- Lifesaving Society National Lifeguard Certification
- Lifesaving Society Swim and Lifesaving Instructor
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Students must pass the final exam for each aquatic course including the in-water examinations in order to receive their Swim, Lifeguarding and Swim and Lifesaving instructor qualifications. Credits and aquatic certifications may be granted independently.

	City of Markham Part 1	Town of Aurora Part 1	City of Vaughan Part 2
Location	Aaniin Community Centre 5665 14 th Avenue Markham, ON L3S 3K5 905-475-4851	Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex 1400 Wellington St. East Aurora, ON L4G 7B6 905-726-4770	Woodbridge Pool 5020 Highway 7, Woodbridge, ON. L4L 1T1. 905-832-8576
Date	Tuesdays and Thursdays September 24, 2019 – January 14, 2020 Saturday Dec. 7, 2019	Mondays and Wednesdays September 25, 2019 – January 22, 2020 Saturday Dec. 7, 2019	Mondays and Wednesdays September 16, 2019 - January 22, 2020 Saturday, September 28, 2019 Saturday, October 19, 2019 Saturday, December 7, 2019
Time	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Eligibility	Participants must be 13 years or older Currently attending Secondary School Able to swim 400 metres continuously	Participants must be 13 years or older Currently attending Secondary School Able to swim 400 metres continuously	Participants must be 16 years or older by January, 2020 and hold Bronze Cross certification and Standard First Aid.
Cost	\$200 - Covers all materials and Exam Fees	\$200 Covers all materials and Exam Fees	\$250 – Covers all materials and Exam Fees

For more information visit: <http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/ConEd/Pages/ALP-Overview.aspx>

Contact: YRDSB Continuing Education Services at (905) 884-3434 or aquaticleadership@yrdsb.ca

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).