

Newsletter
September 14, 2018



Upcoming Dates

September 17

Photo Day 

Leadership Team Mtg. (LTM)
School Council
6:30pm-8:00pm

September 18

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

September 19

Yom Kippur

September 20

WE Day Field Trip
MADD Assembly Gr. 12, P.1

September 21

Gr. 9 Camp Robin Hood

September 24

PA Day

September 26

Terry Fox Run

October 2

Parents Information Night
6:30pm-8pm

October 4

Post-Secondary Mini Fair
SEC Movie Night

October 5

Bossilicious



World Teacher Day

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School Council

School Council Meeting **September 17th, 2018 @ 6:30pm**. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Grade 9 Day at Camp Robin Hood:

Over 340 grade 9 students have registered and paid for **Camp Robin Hood**. The day promises to be a great experience for all staff and students involved. A special thanks goes out to Ms. Andersen and Ms. Wong for all of their hard work getting this day organized.

Please note the following reminders for grade 9's:

- wear your Bur Oak 2018-2019 camp shirts on Friday
- dress appropriately for the weather – layers are always a good idea
- if you do not have a shirt – please see Ms. Wong in Student Success ASAP

Updated Information:

Parents / guardians are encouraged to make sure we have your up- to-date contact information. If you have moved, changed jobs or mobile number, please contact the Main Office. Please also ensure that we have up-to-date information for any allergies or illnesses your child may have.

Early Bird Special on Semi Formal tickets:

This year our annual Semi-Formal will be held at the **Chandni Grand Banquet Hall** on November 22 from 6:00 until 10:30 pm. We are offering an early bird discount to all students who have paid their student engagement fee. These students will be able to purchase their Semi-Formal tickets for only \$35 – a savings of \$10. This price is only available until September 30, so do not delay!

If you have not yet paid the student engagement fee for your child, please do so now. This fee not only subsidizes Semi-formal and Prom but also pays for a number of events at the school including Bossilicious and Carnival.

Note to all Parents about the Parking Lot on September 21:

We will have 10 school busses in the front of Bur Oak for 8:15 on the morning of September 21st.

Parents are asked to please encourage students to walk, bike or take transit to school on that day. If you must drive your child to school, **please use the back loop for drop off.**

New Voicemail/Attendance Reporting

Parents will continue to receive a Safe Arrival voicemail and e-mail for Period 1.

Another Voicemail and e-mail will be sent after Period 5. E-mails will no longer be sent after each period.

Message from Our Trustee

I am pleased to welcome all of our students and families to the start of the 2018-2019 school year. This is an exciting time of year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and is looking forward to the months ahead.

York Region District School Board is committed to advancing student achievement and well-being. The Trustees' new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#), developed based on feedback from the community, outlines four priorities that will guide this work: Foster Well-Being and Mental Health, Champion Equity and Inclusivity, Build Collaborative Relationships and Empower Ethical Leadership. Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts.

Our schools are stronger when families are engaged. There are many different ways families can support their child's learning and get involved in life at the school, and I hope that you find opportunities to get engaged.

I wish you all the best for the upcoming school year.

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.



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September 5, 2018

Dear Families,

We wish to take this opportunity to welcome our new and returning families. We hope that everyone is having a great start to the school year.

This time of year brings with it new beginnings, new routines and new opportunities for growth. As we kick off the 2018-19 school year, we are excited to share with you information regarding our Board's new [Multi-Year Strategic Plan](#).

Last year, we held Town Hall meetings throughout York Region. Over 2,000 responses were collected from students, families, staff and community members. Thank you to everyone who provided valuable insights and feedback that helped inform the new direction of our Board.

Based on your responses, the Board of Trustees developed a new Multi-Year Strategic Plan with four main priorities. The four priorities are:

- **Foster Well-Being and Mental Health**
 - We create safe, healthy and inclusive learning and working environments.
- **Champion Equity and Inclusivity**
 - We develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes to remove barriers in support of all learners.
- **Build Collaborative Relationships**
 - We build trusting relationships based on respectful and responsive communication.
- **Empower Ethical Leadership**
 - We lead ethically by focusing on students and upholding our values.

These four priorities are designed to help all of our students succeed this upcoming year and enrich their learning experiences.

As parents, and our most important partners in education, we hope that you will join us in our work to support all students in reaching their full potential.

All the best for 2018-19!

Sincerely,

Louise Sirisko
Director of Education

Corrie McBain
Chair of the Board

REMINDERS

Warm Weather Attire

With the return of warm weather, please take some time to review the appropriate attire policy with your son or daughter as outlined on page 5 of the [Student Handbook](#).

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.

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).