

Newsletter  
September 21 2018



## Upcoming Dates

**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



**October 8**  
Thanksgiving

**October 10/11**  
SHSM First Aid Training  
(in school)

**October 11**  
SHSM PARTY Program

**October 12**  
Junior Achievement  
Entrepreneurship @ Deloitte

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In November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the **Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS)**. The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. Families with a child in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be invited to complete the survey online with their child at home. Students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to complete the survey online during class time. If you are a parent/guardian of child(ren) in Grades 7-12 and do **not** want them to participate in the survey, please contact CCI Research at 1-866-450-4907 **no later than October 9, 2018**.

The surveys are voluntary and confidential. Information about the surveys and the process is available at [www.yrdsb.ca/escs](http://www.yrdsb.ca/escs). This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments.

### Vancouver trip, May 2019:

The Student/Parent Information Evening for the Art and History (proposed) trip to **Vancouver (May 2019)** will be held Tuesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. in the Bur Oak Library. Everyone is welcome ... come and learn all about it!



### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **Evening session for parents and guardians (Tuesday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 – 8:00pm)**

Two sessions will be held. One for parents of grade 11 and 12 students and the other for parents of grades 9 and 10 students

Topics:

Grades 9 and 10: Understanding and Navigating High School  
Grades 11 and 12: Researching Post-Secondary Options

Presentation for the first 45 minutes followed by opportunities for questions.

### **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).