

Newsletter  
September 28 2018



## Upcoming Dates

**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**

**October 16**  
**Interim Report Card**  
**Distribution**  
**Photo Retakes**



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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.

### 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.

### **Upcoming Post-secondary events—October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Angus Glen Library is hosting their 5<sup>th</sup> annual University and college fair on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 3:00 pm. All are welcome.

Register to attend at: [mplhighereducationfair.eventbrite.ca](https://mplhighereducationfair.eventbrite.ca)

### **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.

### **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.

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.

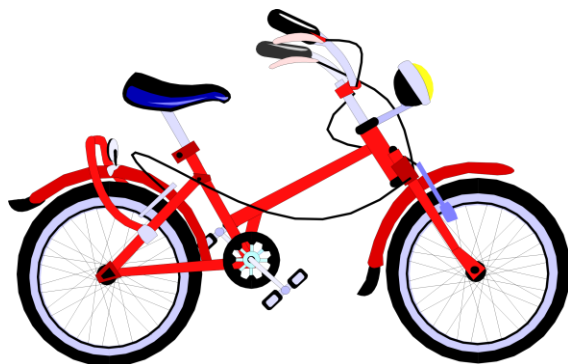


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