

Newsletter Feb 9, 2018



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## Upcoming Dates

**February 9**  
**Report Card Distribution**

**February 12**  
**Photo Day**  
**Cosmo Club, Client Day**

**February 13**  
**SHSM Arts & Culture Museum**  
**Curation**  
**Parent Course Presentation**  
**6:30pm**

**February 13-15**  
**Band Competition @ LeParc**

**February 14**  
  
**Course Fair**  
**Cedar Glen YMCA Camp**  
**UBC Michael Smith Science**  
**Challenge**  
**Waterloo Computing Contest**  
**Student Council Fundraising**  
**Day**

**February 15**  
**OSSLT Practice Test**  
**Careers in Automotive Sector**

**February 16**  
  
**Lunar New Year**

**February 19**  
**Family Day**

**February 22**  
**Design Sprint Competition**

**February 27**  
**Math Contests**

**February 28**  
**African Heritage Month**  
**Assembly**

## Guidance

### Course Selection Fall 2018: Save the Dates

Parents and Guardians are invited to attend the Course Selection 2018 Information evening on Tuesday, February 13th. The grade specific presentations will begin at 6:30 pm. Guidance counsellors will provide the same presentation that was given to students during the previous week (Feb 7 – 9th). General pathway questions and course planning questions will be addressed.

A course fair will be held for students on Wednesday, February 14th during period 1. Students in grades 9 to 11 will be given the opportunity to visit Teachers and ask questions about courses. The Grade 12 potential grads will attend an assembly outlining the next steps for post-secondary planning.

### Important Information for Students Turning 18

Under the Education Act, parents/guardians have a right to access their child's Ontario Student Record if the child is under 18.

If the student is 18 or over, the Board/school must follow the privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act regarding the disclosure of personal information about the student to their parents/guardians.

Students 18 or over must provide written permission by signing the Consent for Information Sharing form to allow parents/guardians to continue to access school-related information about the student. This includes academic progress, attendance and behaviour.

Students can also obtain the form from the school office.

## After School Literacy Program

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is a requirement for students who wish to graduate with a secondary school diploma. This year the OSSLT will be written by all eligible students across the province on Tuesday, April 10, 2018. As a school, we have taken many steps to assist our students in completing the test successfully. One way that we have chosen to help of our students is by offering an After School Literacy Program to intensively target and reinforce the reading and writing skills specific to the OSSLT.

The After School Literacy Program (ALP) will *begin* February 20, 2018 and will consist of 10 ninety-minute sessions. Sessions will run every Tuesday and Thursday for five weeks. Students will receive intensive practice with reading and writing skills and strategies.

**Student Registration Forms** are attached at the end of this bulletin for you to print and complete. They are also available in the BOSS Library. **Completed forms must be submitted to Ms. Wan in the Library by Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Spaces are limited; Please return completed forms as soon as possible.**

Please direct any questions about the BOSS After School Literacy Program to Ms. Wan. She can be reached by email at [angela.wan@yrdsb.ca](mailto:angela.wan@yrdsb.ca)

### After School Literacy Course Schedule Semester 2 - 2017/2018

Session	Date
1	Tuesday, February 20, 2018
2	Thursday, February 22, 2018
3	Tuesday, February 27, 2018
4	Thursday, March 1, 2018
5	Tuesday, March 6, 2018
6	Thursday, March 8, 2018
March Break (March 12-16, 2018)	
7	Tuesday, March 20, 2018
8	Thursday, March 22, 2018
9	Tuesday, March 27, 2018
10	Thursday, March 29, 2018

## Reminders

Students may check out the Guidance Board for summer job opportunities, including Canada's Wonderland.

Please drive carefully on school property and respect all traffic signs.

Many outdoor spaces are now snow covered, please take care on walkways and stay off of all ponds.

Please remind your child to respect all members of our Bur Oak community. Students should not walk on or “cut through” private property or back yards.

Please return the After School Literacy Forms

To Access the School Handbook click [Here](#)

### Missing Valuables

Over the past week several children have lost valuables that they left unattended for long periods of time. Although we do our best to recover missing property, we are not always successful. Please remind your child to pay attention to their valuables. If they find missing or unattended property, please have them bring it to the Main Office. A reminder that Bur Oak S.S. is not responsible for missing or stolen property.

### Important Dates

- February 9 - Report Card Distribution
- March 19 - School Council - All are welcome to attend
- Semester 2 Exams are June 20-June 26 inclusive. All students are required to be at school during this time.

## Visa Orientation

Congratulations for another outstanding Visa Orientation Bur Oak Bulldogs!

On Tuesday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 24, 2018, we welcomed over 20 International Visa Students to our school from China and Taiwan. Thanks to the International Students Association (ISA), Newcomer's Network and many other student leaders and volunteers for making the days a huge success.

On the first day, Mr. Milberg started our session with a fantastic presentation on School Council activities and events, encouraging us to be involved in school life. Ms. McCombes, Ms. Wan and Ms. Bruce, along with the library team, hosted a meet and greet and a library scavenger hunt. Ms. Mask explained how lockers worked and assigned them to the new students who tried the new locks. Ms. Li, Ms. Garnett and Ms. Krabi ensured that the breakfast and afternoon snacks and prizes were ready. Ms. Dodham and Ms. Wan organized a school wide scavenger hunt, while Ms. Brown, Mr. Norris and Ms. Wan supported the team building games and ESL class meet and greet.

On the second day, student ambassadors and teachers allowed our new students to visit classrooms during period 1 and 2. Mr. Chapman encouraged eight students to enjoy some physical activity in the gym while the remainder enjoyed creating a "card for charity" while earning their first community involvement hour in Ontario! Thanks to all of the other students who joined the activity and interacted with our new students. The "card for charity" event was hosted by the CICS organization from the Immigrant Youth Centre and we appreciate the continuous support from the Youth Workers. Our last cards were donated to 360 Youth during the holidays.

We also enjoyed our School Settlement Worker's presentation. Ms. Hina Shah shared a video about new students arriving to Ontario. She is a huge support to all of our students.

Thanks to Ms. Li, Ms. Sloan and Ms. McAlpine for meeting the students and delivering the safe schools presentation. Ms. Wan and Mr. Rowe ensured that students had access to a Google Form so that we could continue to hear our students' voices while they reflected on the activities over the past two days and supported our improvement for next time.

Finally, the ELL Leadership Team: Ms. Li, Ms. McAlpine, Ms. Sloan, Ms. Dodham, Ms. Brown, Mr. Norris, Ms. Wan, Ms. McCombes and Ms. Krabi worked out agendas and scheduling issues. Thank you very much for your dedication!

Students: Remember to fill out your Community Involvement Hours Form and have Ms. Krabi sign it in Guidance.



**AFTER SCHOOL CREDIT RECOVERY PROGRAM  
LITERACY/NUMERACY  
STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM**

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

STUDENT ID NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname

First Name

GENDER: M ☐ F ☐

DATE OF BIRTH:

YEAR

MONTH

DAY

ADDRESS:

Number

Street Name

Town/City

POSTAL CODE

HOME TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCY STATUS: CANADIAN CITIZEN ☐ PERMANENT RESIDENT ☐

VISA STUDENT ☐ - Elementary Visa Students pay \$68.55 - cheque attached ☐

- Secondary Visa Students pay \$102.80 - cheque attached ☐

ABORIGINAL HERITAGE: FIRST NATION ☐ INUIT ☐ METIS ☐

The After School Literacy Program at BOSS will run from February 20 to March 29, 2018.  
Sessions will occur at BOSS every Tuesday & Thursday after school from 3:00pm - 4:30pm.

NOTE TO STUDENT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN: Punctuality and regular attendance are vital to the process of learning and the completion of this Program.

STUDENT AGREEMENT—My signature indicates my commitment to the Program.

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN APPROVAL

This student has my approval to enrol in the course listed:

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL'S APPROVAL (original signature required please).

PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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