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# Bur Oak Secondary School

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**Dear Grade 9 Student and Parent/Guardian:**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Bur Oak Secondary School. We are very excited to have you join our school and know that you will have a great learning experience. There are countless activities, clubs and sport teams that you can choose to be involved in. Below, you will find a number of items to help you prepare for September.

Students can pay school fees on [School Cash Online](https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/)

- Visit <https://yrdsb.schoolcashonline.com/> to create an account.
- Complete the payment of any applicable fees between July 2, 2019 - August 30, 2019.
- School Cash Online is strongly encouraged and the preferred method of payment. If paying at school on September 3, please note only a **CASH** payment can be accepted to pay for fees.
- Look for School Start-Up email on August 27, 2019 containing:
  - School Start-Up Information
  - Locker Information
  - Student Semester 1 timetable

<p><b>Course Change Procedures</b><b>Student Activity Fee:</b> This fee supports the school breakfast program, student groups, Student Council and Event Council activities (i.e. dances, movie night, Bossilicious, Carnival), grade 9 day BBQ, student celebrations, athletic transportation, clubs, councils, and guest speakers. These activities build a sense of community and belonging.</p> <p>The cost to participate in many events and athletic teams will be decreased based on the payment of this student activity fee.</p> <p>The student activity fee also offsets the cost of student printing. Students will receive 40 pages of printing each semester (<i>subsequent pages are at the cost of \$0.10 / page</i>)</p>	\$40
<p><b>Camp Robin Hood:</b> New this year, all grade 9s will be participating in a day of leadership and team building activities on September 20, 2019. This day is specifically designed for our grade 9 students to help them in their transition to high school. The focus of the day is developing leadership and cooperative skills, and building bonds and trust with new friends. Camp activities will be led by Camp Robin Staff supported by a trained group of BOSS mentors from grades 10 to 12 and supervised by BOSS grade 9 teachers. Fees include all camp activities, lunch, transportation and a grade 9 t'shirt. Students will leave school at 8:15 AM and return for 2:55 PM. Students will receive their camp day shirt on September 3 and must also wear it for Camp Day.</p>	\$30

<p><b><u>Physical Education Uniform:</u></b>  All Physical and Health Education students are required to wear Bur Oak's athletic attire when participating in Physical Education classes. This clothing is intended to be purchased once and used for your entire high school career. Students will receive two T-shirts and one pair of shorts.</p> <p>Additional athletic wear are available on School Cash Online.</p>	\$30
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**LOCKS**

Locks for individual lockers will be provided by the school. This lock is the only lock students may use. This lock is school property and must remain on the locker at the end of the school year.

**PHOTO DAY**

On September 10th, 2019. Edge Imaging photographers will be taking student pictures for student photo I.D. cards and photo packages for students in Grades 9-12. **It is compulsory that all students have a Student Activity card with photo I.D.**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL:**

Parent/guardians, would you like to get involved or just learn more about high school and how to support your child? Come out to the first meeting of the 2019-20 School Year being held on Monday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Come out and learn more!

**OFFICE SUMMER HOURS:**

Beginning the week of July 2, the school office will be open Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding statutory holidays and the week of July 22 - August 9 inclusive. Please call ahead before visiting our office.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

Date	Event
July 2	Online payment of school fees opens - <a href="#">ONLINE PAYMENT</a>
August 27	Confirmation Emails sent to all students and parents/guardians - School Start Up Information, Locker Information, Semester 1 Timetable, and Course Change Procedures. Students should check their GAPPS email.
August 30	Complete online payment of applicable school fees.
September 3	First day of school for Grade 9 students. Students are to go to their homerooms as listed on their timetables. All parents are invited to stay for an informational assembly in the cafeteria from 8:15 until 9:15 AM

We are looking forward to seeing you and your son/daughter on **Tuesday, September 3th.**

Best wishes for a safe and wonderful summer.