

Newsletter June 1, 2018



## Upcoming Dates

**June 5**  
Athletic  
Celebration

**June 12-13**  
Math EQAO

**June 15**  
Eid-al-Fitr



**June 19**  
Graduation Tea



**June 20-26**  
EXAMS

**June 27**  
Exam Review day and  
Inclement Weather day

**June 28**  
Graduation Day  
PA Day

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## Guidance

### Exams

This year's exams will run from **June 20 – 26**. Any exams that have to be postponed due to a closure of the building (weather, power outage, etc.) will be written the morning of June 27. All students are expected to attend their exams on the assigned date. Students, parents and guardians are advised not to make any travel plans that depart before the evening of June 27. Any student with an exam conflict must see Ms. Sloan as soon as possible.

This year the order of exams will be as follows:

June 20	June 21	June 22	June 25	June 26	June 27
Period 5	Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Exam Review and Inclement Weather Day

### Scholarship Opportunity for Grade 12 students

The Markham African Caribbean Canadian Association (MAACA) will be awarding scholarships of \$1000 to successful candidates. Selection is based on the student's involvement and dedication to their community and academic achievements. The complete application should be mailed to MACCA by Friday, June 22, 2018. Applications can be accessed in the Guidance department or at <http://www.macca1987.com/scholarships.html>

### Graduation June 2018 (Save the Date)

The BOSS graduation is being held at the school on Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Potential graduates will receive two tickets for guests. Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the ceremony starts at 6:30 pm. Invitations and tickets will be available in the Main Office starting May 23, 2018. Graduates will be given their gowns and caps at the Grad Tea on June 19<sup>th</sup>. This will allow for family photographs at home before the ceremony.



## ***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. Items that apply specifically for warm weather include:

- Shorts must be mid-thigh in length
- Shirts must meet bottoms (no bare midriff)
- Tank tops must have wide straps.

Please remember that Bur Oak is a place of where students come each day to learn, work and participate in school life. Appropriate attire formalizes the learning environment and promotes a positive and respectful tone for all members of the school community.

### **E-Learning Summer School**

Summer school courses are also available in an E learning format. These courses are generally at the grade 11 and 12 levels. Students need to make a Guidance appointment to receive the paper part of the application. This will ensure that Guidance is aware that the student has signed up online. There is a \$20 fee for the application and this is paid as part of the online application. Exams will be held at the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre. <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/e-learning/Pages/default.aspx>

Summer school is only available in July and students cannot sign up for both classroom format and e-learning at the same time.

### **Summer School Registration Continues**

Students are still able to register for classroom based summer school through Career Cruising. Students will need to book a guidance appointment to discuss their proposed plans.

- Acceleration (4 weeks)
- Reinforcement (2 weeks)—usually for students who were not successful in their first attempt

### **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.

### **After School Protocol**

All students must leave school by 3:30 unless under the direct supervision of a teacher. The school is **not open on week-ends**. Students looking for a place to meet to work together are encouraged to use the Public Library.

## Mon Sheong Golden Jubilee Scholarship

This scholarship is presented annually to students who demonstrate well-rounded excellence and desire to make real change—whether in their communities or around the world. Applicants are considered for academic standing, voluntary community involvement, leadership, character, and aspirations to make a difference.

This year there will be 3 recipients for the Mon Sheong Golden Jubilee Scholarship. Each recipient will receive \$1,000 per year for the duration of their studies, up to a maximum of 4 years (subject to renewal requirements).

The award is open to students who are:

1. Graduating from a Canadian high school or CEGEP with a minimum average of 80% among their top 6 grade 12 or CEGEP marks
2. Enrolled full-time in a degree or diploma program at a publicly funded Canadian university or college beginning Fall 2018 and
3. Aspiring to have an even greater impact through their education and experience.

Applications are submitted online at [www.monsheong.org/scholarship/](http://www.monsheong.org/scholarship/) and the **deadline** to apply is **Friday, June 29, 2018**.

## Athletic Banquet

Athletic Council will be hosting its **Annual Athletic Banquet**, honoring and celebrating our outstanding sports teams here at BOSS. Students can join us on **June 5th from 3:15-4:00pm** for an evening of awards to the athletes, games & prizes!

## Community News and Summer Opportunities

### **St Francis Summer Camp Volunteer**

For students grade 9 and above who like children. Volunteers will assist summer camp teachers with supervising campers, coordinating activities to ensure that all campers have a positive camp experience. There are a variety of locations in Markham. Most are held within York Region school buildings but are not organized by the York Region School board. For more information: [info@stfrancissummercamp.com](mailto:info@stfrancissummercamp.com) or call 905 763 – 9118

### **Green Acres Summer Employment**

The camp is hiring students who have completed grade 10 or older. At the moment they are particularly look for male counsellors, sports instructors and qualified swim instructors. For more information: [greatcamp@campgreenacres.com](mailto:greatcamp@campgreenacres.com) or 905 887-1400. Students can apply for positions online at <http://www.campgreenacres.com/staff>

**PEAC Call For Membership 2018** is also posted on the YRDSB [Public Website](#) and includes five translated versions:

- Mandarin
- Farsi
- Urdu
- Tamil
- Korean



## Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) Call for Membership Applications

Online Applications Begin: **May 1, 2018**

Online Applications Close: **June 15, 2018**

### Available Positions

A. York Region District School Board (YRDSB) invites parents/guardians of students attending schools in the following areas:

- Central – ONE Elementary Position
- North – ONE Elementary Position
- West – ONE Elementary Position and ONE Secondary Position
- East – ONE Elementary Position

Membership is available for one-year or two-years on the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee (PEAC) to commence in November 2018. The Board will approve membership terms, as required. There are currently five (5) positions available. (To check the respective areas that schools are in use our [school locator](#).)

B. York Region District School Board invites one (1) community member from any part of the region to participate as an advisor for a term of up to four (4) years.

- Regional – ONE Position – Not required to have child/ren in school

PEAC supports encourages and enhances parent engagement at the Board level in order to improve student achievement and well-being. PEAC does this by providing information and advice on parent engagement to the Board, communicating with and supporting school councils and undertaking activities to help parents support their children's learning. The Committee's mandate is to:

- a) develop strategies and initiatives that the Board and the Board's Director of Education could use to effectively communicate with parents/guardians and to effectively engage parents/guardians in improving student achievement and well-being.
- b) advise the Board and the Director of Education on ways to use the strategies and initiatives referred to above.
- c) communicate information from the Ministry to school councils of schools of the Board and to parents/guardians of pupils of the Board.
- d) work with school councils of schools of the Board and, through the Board's Director of Education, with employees of the Board to;

- i. share effective practices to help engage parents/guardians, especially parents/guardians who may find engagement challenging, in their children's learning.
- ii. identify and reduce barriers to parent engagement.
- iii. help ensure that schools of the Board create a welcoming environment for parents/guardians of its pupils.
- iv. develop skills and acquire knowledge that will assist the Parent, Family and Community Engagement Advisory Committee and school councils of the Board with their work.

e) determine, in consultation with the Board's Director of Education and in keeping with the Board's policies and procedures, how funding, if any, provided under the Education Act for parent involvement is reported.

The Parent, Family and Community Engagement Committee (PEAC) is established according to Ministry legislation and members must be prepared to attend each meeting. PEAC meetings are generally scheduled on the second Tuesday of the month. Members are required to attend a minimum of six meetings and will have opportunities to participate in other workshops and events. The first meeting date for the new membership is November 13, 2018.

PEAC is composed of:

- 12 parents/guardians (2 Elementary and 1 Secondary for each Community Education Center)
- 1 Director of Education or Designate
- 1 Trustee and 1 alternate
- 1 Special Education Advisory Committee member
- 1 Equity and Inclusivity Advisory Committee member
- 1 Community Member at Large

Members are selected based on principles of representation that include diversity in all its manifestations, a variety of skills, experiences, location and knowledge. The contents of the Membership Applications are kept strictly confidential.

Two references are required, one of whom should be any YRDSB staff member. Parents/guardians who are also employees of the Board are asked to self-identify when applying. References are kept strictly confidential.

Further information about the role of PEAC may be found at the Ontario Ministry of Education website [School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees](#). Parents/guardians interested in serving as a member of PEAC are asked to submit an electronic application between **May 1, 2018** and **June 15, 2018** (final deadline) using the on-line [Application Form](#) or calling Education and Community Services at 905 727-0022 ext. 2242 to submit a paper application.



# 孟嘗會中文學校

## Mon Sheong Foundation Chinese School



### Volunteer Position

The mission of Mon Sheong Foundation Chinese School is to teach students Chinese language by enhancing their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills, and to foster an understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture.

**Time:** 8:50 AM to 11:00 AM and/or  
11:10 AM to 1:20 PM

**Duration:** September 2018 to June 2019

**No. of Hours:** 3 hrs/Week

**Location:** Pierre. E. Trudeau High School  
90 Bur Oak Avenue  
Markham, Ontario

**Duties:** Assist teachers in classroom activities  
Assist with school activities  
Enforce school policies  
Regular commitment required

**Requirement:** Open to students Grade 9 and up  
Able to speak Cantonese or Mandarin  
Have enthusiasm in working with children

**Application and Enquiries:** Please send emails to  
[michellekwan@monsheong.org](mailto:michellekwan@monsheong.org)

**Application Deadline:** June 30, 2018

An appreciation letter with your name and number of service hours will be available to you by the end of the school year.