

Newsletter Mar 9, 2018



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Upcoming Dates

March 12-16
March Break

March 19
School Council Meeting
6:30 p.m.

March 22
Interim Report
Distribution

March 23
EDSBY opens
For Parent/Teacher
Interview Booking

March 27
Jazz Night

March 28
Social Night

March 30
Good Friday

April 2
Easter Monday

April 5
Parents' Night

Guidance

Donations for Bur Oak Closet Needed

Bur Oak Closet is an opportunity for female students in elementary and secondary school to be able to participate in their graduation and/or prom. Many families in our area may find the expense of these events to be a strain on their finances. Our Closet will be held on Thursday April 19th.

We are collecting gently used and age appropriate dresses which are suitable for these events. We are particularly in need of dresses for smaller sized elementary students. We also try to give out "goodie bags" with small personal care items. Questions can be sent to Laurel Dodham, Guidance Head laurel.dodham@yrdsb.ca. Let us know if you are able to partner with us.

Graduation Information

The Graduation package can be purchased online at School Cash until April 15, 2018.

You can [register for School Cash Online](#) at any time. There is also a button on our school website. Once you are registered, you will be notified of any new items available for your child.

The Graduation ceremony will take place at Bur Oak Secondary School on June 28, 2018.

Graduates will receive two tickets for the ceremony.

ELL Parent Tea and Chat: Chinese Parents Support Group

Thanks to the Chinese School Settlement Worker Jean Wang and BOSS Guidance for hosting the Tea and Chat Tuesday, March 6. We discussed the university application process, course selection, summer school, course timelines, attendance, and school expectations with over 20 parents. The English Powerpoint Presentation is posted on the BOSS website. We appreciate parent engagement.

Important Dates

- March 19 - School Council Meeting - All are welcome to attend!
- June 20-June 26 inclusive Semester 2 Exams.
All students are required to be at school during this time.

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.

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.

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

EDSBY Information

Parents' Night is on Thursday, April 5. Bur Oak Secondary School will be using an online process to manage our Parents' Night scheduling.

Families will need to create an Edsby account to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. **In order to have timely access to the Interview Scheduler, families are strongly recommended to create an Edsby account prior to the schedule being opened on March 23, 2018.** For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit <https://goo.gl/X38UqE>.

Parents/guardians without an Edsby account would have received an e-mail invitation on February 26 with instructions on how to create an account. Please check your junk mail folder if you did not receive an invitation.

Important Timelines UP-DATED

March 22, 2018	Interim Report Cards sent home. Families are strongly recommended to set up accounts.
March 23, 2018	Parents' Night schedule is opened for booking at 9:00 a.m. , an invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby mailbox
April 5, 2018	Parents' Night (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

S Trips

S Trip is a private corporation that runs trips aimed at graduating high school students. Please be advised that these trips are not sanctioned by our school or the York Region District School Board and that there are no teacher chaperones accompanying students on these trips.

March 8, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

RE: Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test – Modified School Day Tuesday, April 10, 2018

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has scheduled **Tuesday, April 10, 2018** as the day for students across the province to complete the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT). To assist in creating the best possible environment for students writing the test, and as a result of changes to EQAO policy, the Board will implement a modified school day. **On April 10, secondary schools will follow an exam-style day in which:**

- **only grade 10 and Previously Eligible students who are writing the test are required to be at school** (no regular classes for students in grades 9, 11, and 12 will occur);
- students will be dismissed upon completion of the test;
- school bus and taxi service will run on their normal schedules; and
- self-contained special education classes [e.g., developmentally delayed, autism, complex needs, multiple exceptionalities, PEAK, York Academy-Section 23 (Care and Treatment) programs, Intensive, Intensive Resource Support, and Acquired Brain Injury] and Elementary Music will follow their regular schedule.

For Students Writing the OSSLT

Students writing the test will come to school on April 10 at their normal start time, 8:15, to write the OSSLT. Based on EQAO timelines for the test, we anticipate that many students will finish writing in about 3 hours. Students will be dismissed upon their completion of the test; however space will be made available in the school for those who need to remain until regular dismissal time. Students requiring extra time will continue to write their test during an extended test-taking period. Modifying the school day in this way allows schools to maximize teacher supervision and support, availability of classroom space and, access to technology.

For Students Not Writing the OSSLT

Although schools will be open, regular classes will not be running. Students are encouraged to use the time on this day to review or complete coursework, prepare for upcoming assessments, engage in Individual Pathways Planning, or complete community involvement hours.

We wish every student success on the OSSLT, and appreciate your ongoing support for student achievement and well-being.

If you have any questions, please contact the school's administrative team.

Sincerely,

R. Li