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THE BULLDOG

The Official Newsletter of Bur Oak Secondary



SEMESTER TWO!!

A Message from Administration

Hello Bulldog Community.

It was certainly an eventful semester one, but we made it! We begin Semester 2 on Monday and look forward to more daylight and our hard working staff and students! February is Black History Month, so please check out the information below as we celebrate Black excellence.

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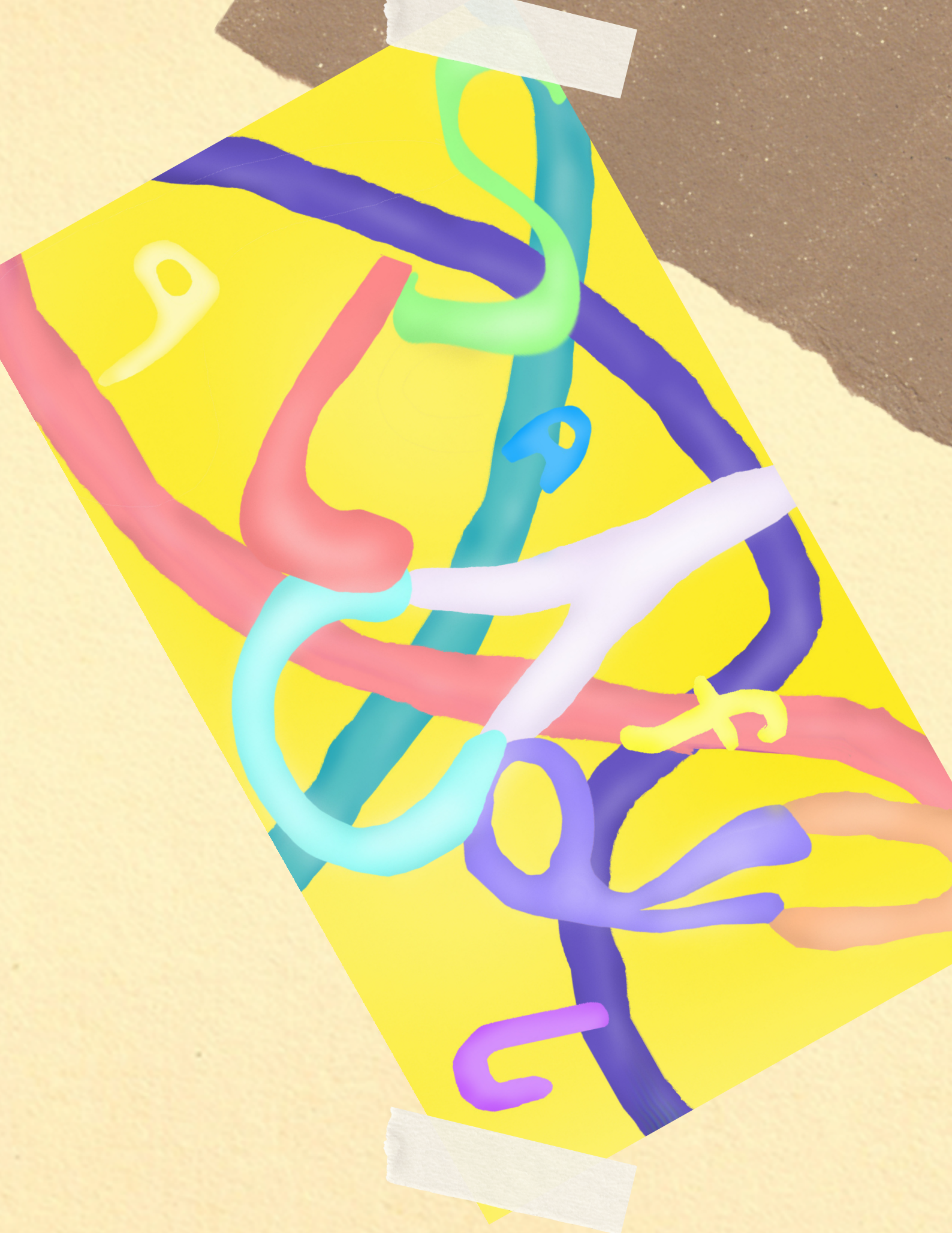


*Paintings by Lauri
Hoeg Anishinaabe
kwe Georgina
Island First Nation*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We affirm that we are all treaty people and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties. These treaties have been signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the First Nations of the Williams Treaties who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations. We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.



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BOSS Grade 12



4 Period Day Schedule

8:15–8:20 Homeroom

8:20–9:35 Block 1

9:35–9:40 Break

9:40–10:55 Block 3

10:55–11:45 Lunch

11:45–1:00 Block 2

1:00–1:05 Break

1:05–2:20 Block 4

Notes from The Main Office

REQUEST FOR LEARNING MODEL CHANGE

The Ministry of Education has announced that students will be returning to face-to-face learning on Monday, January 17, 2022. As mentioned in our last communication, we are providing families with an opportunity to change learning models that will take effect January 17, 2022. This model change will be in effect to the end of June 2022. Families and students who are over the age of 18, wishing to make a learning model change, need to complete the Bur Oak SS - [Request for Learning Model Change Form](#).

Those families who wish to switch their learning model for Semester 2, which begins Monday, February 7, 2022, will need to complete the Bur Oak SS - [Request for Learning Model Change Form](#) again. The form will close on Monday, February 14, 2022. Those wishing to make a change after February 14th will need to contact the school directly.

Please note that remote learning will not be approved to support vacation requests. If your request is NOT approved, you will be contacted. Requests can take up to 24 hours to process.

Your Portrait Session

Times may be uncertain, but you can certainly carry on the tradition of marking this accomplishment with a classic portrait! Your professional portrait session includes traditional gown and sash poses on contemporary and traditional backgrounds.

**Sit fee details available online when you book your session.*



More Options

Your safety and comfort is our top priority. We're working with each school to offer options that work best in your area. Your sitting options may include: more poses, casuals and Vintage Hollywood poses. **View details on all your sitting options at bookmygrad.ca**

B.Y.O.P

As part of our commitment to protecting students' health, Edge will not be providing props during your photo shoot. Please feel free to bring your own flowers, books, etc. to be photographed with during your session. For more information on our Covid photo day health & safety procedures, please visit **edgeimaging.ca/FAQ**

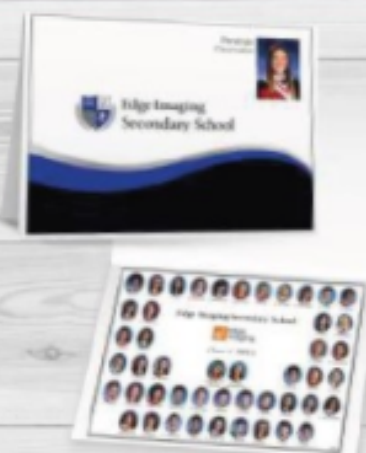
**poses and backgrounds may vary*



Graduating Class Composite

Just like the one on your high school walls, you'll receive your own copy of a graduating class composite. Composites are typically handed out at Convocation or at the end of the school year.

*A traditional portrait with a **blue background** will be provided to your school for the composite and yearbook.*



**Composite size and folder inclusion vary by school. Details provided upon booking.*

Book your session TODAY!

To book your Graduation Photo Session, grab your student card and go to **bookmygrad.ca**. Enter your school code and student number to get started.

SCHOOL CODE: BOK - Beginning February 14



Notes from The Main Office

ATTENDANCE

Temporary Remote Learning CAN be requested for students who are absent from face to face learning with short term illness related to COVID 19.

Temporary Remote Learning CANNOT be requested for students who are absent with short term illness unrelated to COVID 19.

When reporting your child's absence, please include the following information in your message:

1. Child's name
2. Student number
3. Absence due to COVID 19:

If YES, may request remote learning for 5 or 10 days based on vaccination status. Please note that this is an option for your child if they are able to access learning remotely.

If NO, may NOT request remote learning and child will be marked absent.

Please read and review the letter in the BARK that provides York Region Public Health guidance and information.

Notes from Guidance



Course Change Requests For Semester Two

From Monday January 31st until further notice, the Guidance Department will be closing appointment calendars. Should students wish to request a course change for Semester Two, please note the following:

Starting 8:15 am on January 31st students will be able to access a Change Request Form at bit.ly/BOSScourses

- Students must log in using their own GAPPs Account to make this request.
- Students should review course offerings by period located on the [Bur Oak Website](#)
- Once completed, parent/guardian will receive an email with instructions to confirm approval of request. Without receiving this, we cannot proceed with reviewing the file
- Parent/guardians are asked to check Junk/Spam folders in case the notification is filtered by your email provider
- Currently many classes are full and there are cases with Wait Lists already with students in line. Many changes will not be able to be made due to limitations of available space.
- Counsellors will inform students the status of their request via email once the request has been processed. Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes as listed until a verification of new schedule is provided to them by email

Due to the overwhelming number of requests, we kindly request that families refrain from requesting updates through email, phone or in person updates during this period. We will only be meeting with students to tend to urgent matters unrelated to the status of their courses for Semester Two.

We will open our calendars as quickly as possible to meet students. Please be patient and thank you for your understanding.

Notes from Guidance



COURSE SELECTIONS FOR 2022-23

Families are encouraged to review resources to plan for their 2022-23 course selections. MyBlueprint will allow students to submit requests officially between February 16th through 25th

Students will be attending Virtual Assemblies on February 11th to get some helpful information for planning

Parents/guardians are encouraged to attend grade-specific virtual presentations on the evening of Tuesday, February 15th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Presentations will be held through ZOOM with the following Meeting Details:

Grade Nines becoming Tens

Meeting ID: 973 4537 0014

Passcode: 059066

Grade Tens becoming Elevens

Meeting ID: 982 7568 4338

Passcode: 401017

Grade Elevens becoming Twelves

Meeting ID: 977 5277 3088

Passcode: 072784

The Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association presents

GET UP! STAND UP!
THERE IS POWER IN UNITY

Black History Month 2022



Black History Month

Free Virtual Activities from NACCA

[Click here for More Information](#)

**STUDENT AND FAMILY ADVOCATE PROGRAM PRESENTS
2022 BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION: BUILDING FAMILY & MICRO-ENTERPRISES**



**FEBRUARY VIRTUAL EVENT
SCHEDULE**



Tuesday February 1 @ 6:30pm
Candle Making Workshop
- Catherine Chambers- Let'sMakeIT



Thursday February 3 @ 7pm
Parents & Guardians Wellness Workshop - Kamilah Clayton



Saturday February 5 @ 6:30pm
An evening of Musical Giants - DJ Benjamin



Tuesday February 8 @ 6:30pm
Caribbean/African Folklore- Sandra Whiting



Thursday February 10 @ 6:30pm
Tie & Dye Workshop - Catherine Chambers- LetsMakeIT



Tuesday February 15 @ 6:30pm
Mental & Emotional Health



Thursday February 17 @ 6:30pm
Keeping the Family Safe- Chief Adam Grant -
Markham Fire Emergency Services

**EACH EVENT IS AN INFORMATIVE INTERACTIVE HOUR FILLED WITH PRIZES AND SURPRISES
VISIT MACCA1987.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Presented by public libraries from Durham and York Region —

Black Excellence in STEM Careers and Research

Featuring Black Excellence in the field of STEM. Margaret Ikape, PhD candidate at University of Toronto, shares her passion for science, her journey, and research interests in the fields of Astronomy and Astrophysics. Session is hosted live on Zoom.

Monday, Feb 7 | 7 pm

Join us for this free
online program.

Register at
<https://bit.ly/nplblackSTEM>



Newmarket Public Library
and NACCA present:

Harnessing Allyship and Leadership

Tuesday, February 15, 2022
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

In recognition of Black History Month, the Library and the Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association are hosting a moderated panel discussion. Moderated by Kim Wheatley, the panel will explore allyship and leadership with three professionals who are actively doing the work to disrupt injustice and inequities.

Kim Wheatley

Anishinaabe Grandmother Kim Wheatley who carries the Spirit Name Shkoden Neegaan Waawaaskonen (Head or Leader of the Fireflower). She is Turtle Clan from Shawanaga First Nations and is a multi-award winning speaker who has appeared on television, radio and numerous written articles locally, nationally and internationally.

Melissa McLetchie

A doctoral candidate in Sociology at York University, Melissa is examining the collateral consequences of imprisonment, particularly the impact of incarceration on the families of Black Canadian prisoners.

Mollie Coles Tonn

Is the co-creator of The SoCo Collective, a local grassroots organization that seeks to facilitate community learning and inspire active connection with important social movements.

Beatrice Anane-Bediakoh

A doctoral candidate in Sociology at York University, Beatrice examines how Black people respond to the racialization of space in racialized neighborhoods and its impact on Black personhood. She also offers affordable tutoring services to low-income families in the GTA.



Kim Wheatley
Moderator



Melissa McLetchie
Panelist



Mollie Coles Tonn
Panelist



Beatrice Anane-Bediakoh
Panelist

Admission: FREE

Register for this online program at <https://bit.ly/naccanpl>

In person at the Lower Level Information Desk

Or call 905-953-5110 Ext. 4770

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**Black Foundation of
Community Networks
(BFCN)**

Scholarship Application Workshop

A FREE online workshop to show Black students and their families how to search, prepare, and apply for scholarships and bursaries. If you are in high school or Grade 8, this workshop is especially for YOU!

**Friday, February 4, 2022
7 PM - 9 PM | ONLINE (ZOOM)**

To participate, register via Eventbrite at
bit.ly/BFCNWorkshopFebruary4

For more information, contact Cheryl at
info@bfcn.ca or 416-566-2731.

Learn more about our work and how to support at bfcn.ca.



THE SANKOFA MENTORING PROGRAM

"BRIDGING THE PAST WITH THE PRESENT...
NAVIGATING THE PRESENT INTO THE FUTURE"

- Cultural Food
- Career Exploitation
- Community hours
- Academic Support (When needed)
- Life skills
- Mentorship
- Retreats
- Leadership
- Field Trips
- Cultural Experience

ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS
FOR **NEW STUDENT COHORTS**
FOR BLACK YOUTH BETWEEN
THE AGES OF **12-18**

The Sankofa Mentoring Program is rooted in an African Rites of Passage framework that highlights the principles of Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, Faith and Self-Respect.

Pre-Register at:

<https://yorkregionaacc.ca/sankofa-mentoring-program>

or

gmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca



10 TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE ONLINE

1



QUESTION EVERYTHING
YOU READ ONLINE

DON'T REVEAL
PERSONAL INFORMATION



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KEEP YOUR PASSWORD PRIVATE

UPDATE YOUR SYSTEM
AND HARDWARE REGULARLY



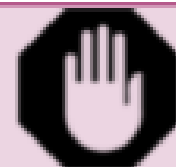
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NEVER DOWNLOAD SUSPICIOUS FILES

AVOID CLICKING ON UNKNOWN LINKS



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THINK CRITICALLY BEFORE
POSTING ANYTHING ONLINE

LOG OUT OF YOUR ACCOUNT WHEN
STEPPING AWAY FROM YOUR DEVICE



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BE KIND TO OTHERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

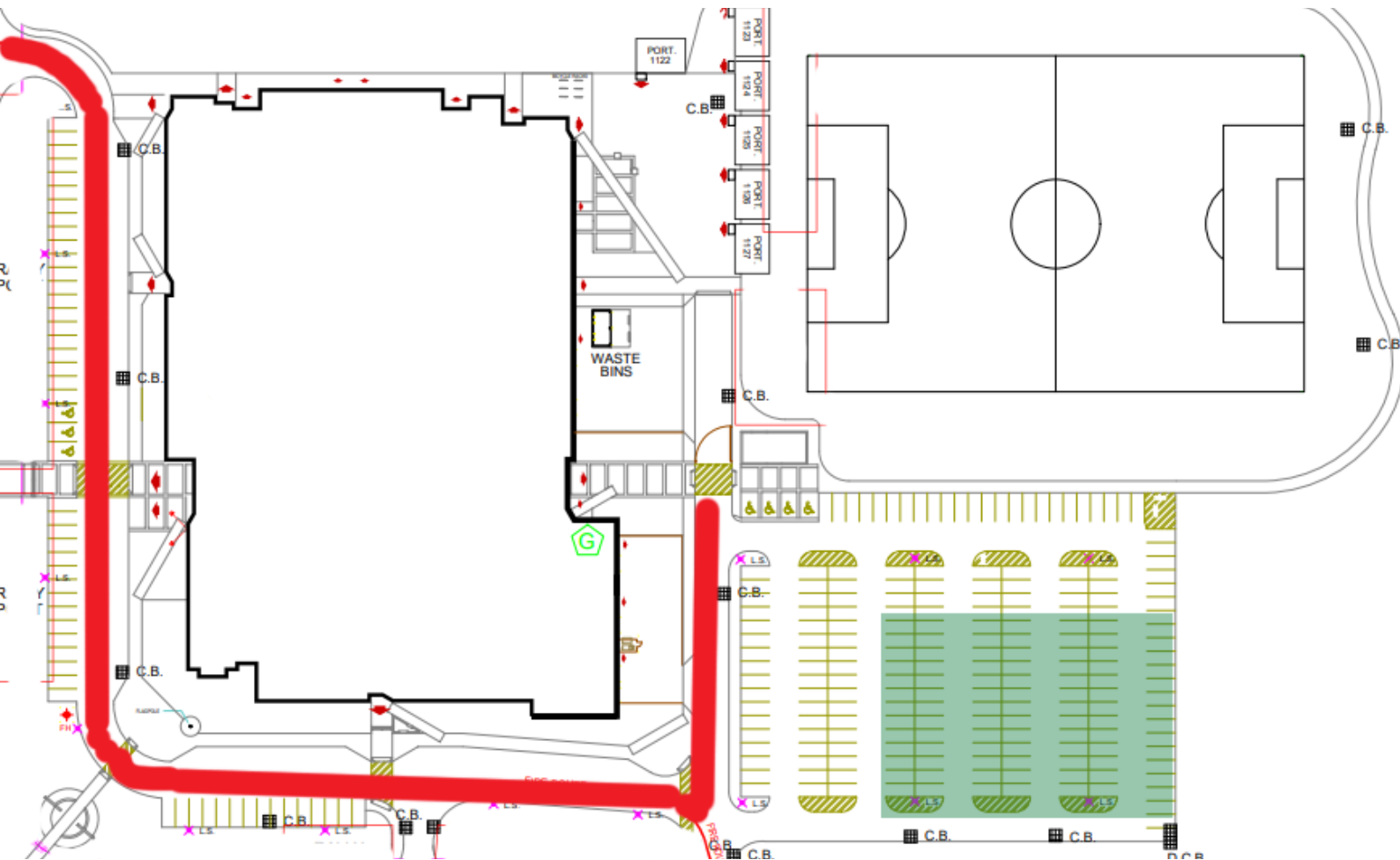
ALWAYS CONSIDER YOUR
DIGITAL FOOTPRINT



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SAFETY

Pick up and Drop Off



- Please **DO NOT** park in the **Fire Route** on School Property.
- Please be sure your child is ready to get out of the car for **Drop Off** so that we have smooth traffic flow.
- For **Pick Up**, do not park in the lanes with arrows as it creates traffic jams.
- You can park in the back parking lot to wait for your child at the end of the day.

VISITORS



Parents are reminded that appointments are required to meet with a member of the school staff. If there is an emergency situation that requires you to come to the school, all visitors are required to check into the Main Office. This is a Public Health requirement to all for contact tracing in case of a COVID19 outbreak.



ATTENDANCE

Student Attendance is attached to **their learning model** (either Face to Face or Remote Learners).

If a face to face student is at home self isolating, please understand that even though they may be attending class virtually, they will still be marked absent

Attendance:

bur.oak.ss.attendance@yrdsb.ca



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