

FEBRUARY 25. 2022



# THE BULLDOG

*The Official Newsletter of Bur Oak Secondary*



## NEXT WEEK IS MARCH ALREADY!

### A Message from Administration

Hello Bulldog Community. The semester is flying by and it was nice to see teams practicing and playing this week, students playing music and clubs running. There was a flurry of activity in guidance this week with course selections for next year a big focus. We continue to celebrate Black Excellence as many great achievements are being highlighted every day.

**Cover Photo By:** Rishani Gunatheepan (Grade 10 @ BOSS)

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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.





Photo by Meagan Leung BOSS Grade 10



# 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](https://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](https://edgeimaging.ca/FAQ)**

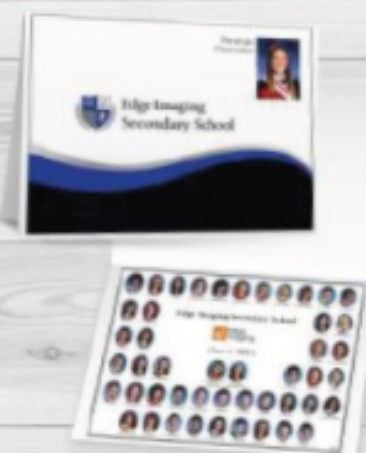
*\*poses and backgrounds may vary*



## 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](https://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.

## GRADUATION

Although we do not have details about the format of Graduation to share at this time, we know that we will be celebrating our graduates in some way. As such we will continue to collect Graduation Fees (\$50).

This fee includes a souvenir gown and cap for graduating students to keep, costs of any rentals, decorations, printing, and/or refreshments. Please select the appropriate gown size. Be sure to measure height from head to toe. For gown sizes not shown or specialty sizing requirements, please indicate by making appropriate selection and contacting the Main Office.



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](#)





# Black History Month Virtual Evening Event for Students, Families & Community



**THE HONOURABLE  
MARCI IEN**

**Please join Inclusive School & Community Services' Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Team for a riveting conversation**

with **THE HONOURABLE MARCI IEN**, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth. Ien, discusses the importance of dismantling Anti-Black Racism and shares her insightful life-lessons.

**Monday February 28, 2022  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m**

**[Registration](#) Now**

For more information, please contact [iscs@yrdsb.ca](mailto:iscs@yrdsb.ca)

[Register Here](#)





# THE SANKOFA MENTORING PROGRAM

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

- Cultural Food
- Community hours
- Life skills
- Retreats
- Field Trips
- Career Exploitation
- Academic Support (When needed)
- Mentorship
- Leadership
- 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](mailto:gmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca)





**LET'S TALK ABOUT  
SOCIAL MEDIA.**



**HOW DOES IT IMPACT  
OUR MENTAL HEALTH?**

**HOSTED BY:  
COMMUNITY CARE TEAM SOCIAL WORKER  
SUPPORTING TAMIL DIASPORA,  
KAUSALYA VIMALACHANDRAN**

**FEBRUARY 28TH 4-6PM  
YRDSB SECONDARY TAMIL STUDENTS ARE INVITED!**



**SCAN QR CODE TO ACCESS ZOOM MEETING**



## Triple P Parenting Seminar

### Raising Responsible Teens

Find out what makes teenagers tick! You'll come away with new ideas to encourage your teenager to make good decisions, be respectful, considerate, reliable and involved in family life.

This session will focus on how to teach and encourage each of the following skills:

- Taking part in family decision-making
- Being respectful and considerate
- Getting involved in family activities
- Developing a healthy lifestyle
- Being reliable
- Being assertive

[Register](#) today!

**Parents, Grandparents and  
Caregivers of Teenagers (13-18)  
and Pre-Teenagers (10-12)**

**Join us to share, learn and build a  
school culture where mental health  
and well-being is valued and  
promoted.**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 a.m - 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Zoom Link will be provided

**Facilitator:** Uma Bhatt, R.S.W.  
York Hills Centre for Children, Youth  
and Families

#### **More Information:**

Oksana Majaski  
Community & Partnership Developer  
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**This free Parent Presentation is  
brought to you in partnership with York  
Hills Centre for Children, Youth and  
Families and York Region District  
School Board.**



[Register Here](#)



# 10 TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE ONLINE

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QUESTION EVERYTHING  
YOU READ ONLINE

DON'T REVEAL  
PERSONAL INFORMATION



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KEEP YOUR PASSWORD PRIVATE

UPDATE YOUR SYSTEM  
AND HARDWARE REGULARLY



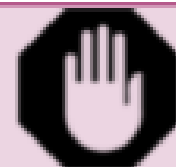
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NEVER DOWNLOAD SUSPICIOUS FILES

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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# 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



# 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.

# SAFETY

Pick up and Drop Off

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U-turns are NOT ALLOWED in our parking lot. Please take an extra 30 seconds to go to the next exit as opposed to creating unsafe conditions in the parking lot.



# **S A F E T Y**

Pick up and Drop Off

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**Please be mindful of our students and community members and drive slowly in and around the school.**

# VISITORS

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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](mailto:bur.oak.ss.attendance@yrdsb.ca)



# BUR OAK

*Secondary School*

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