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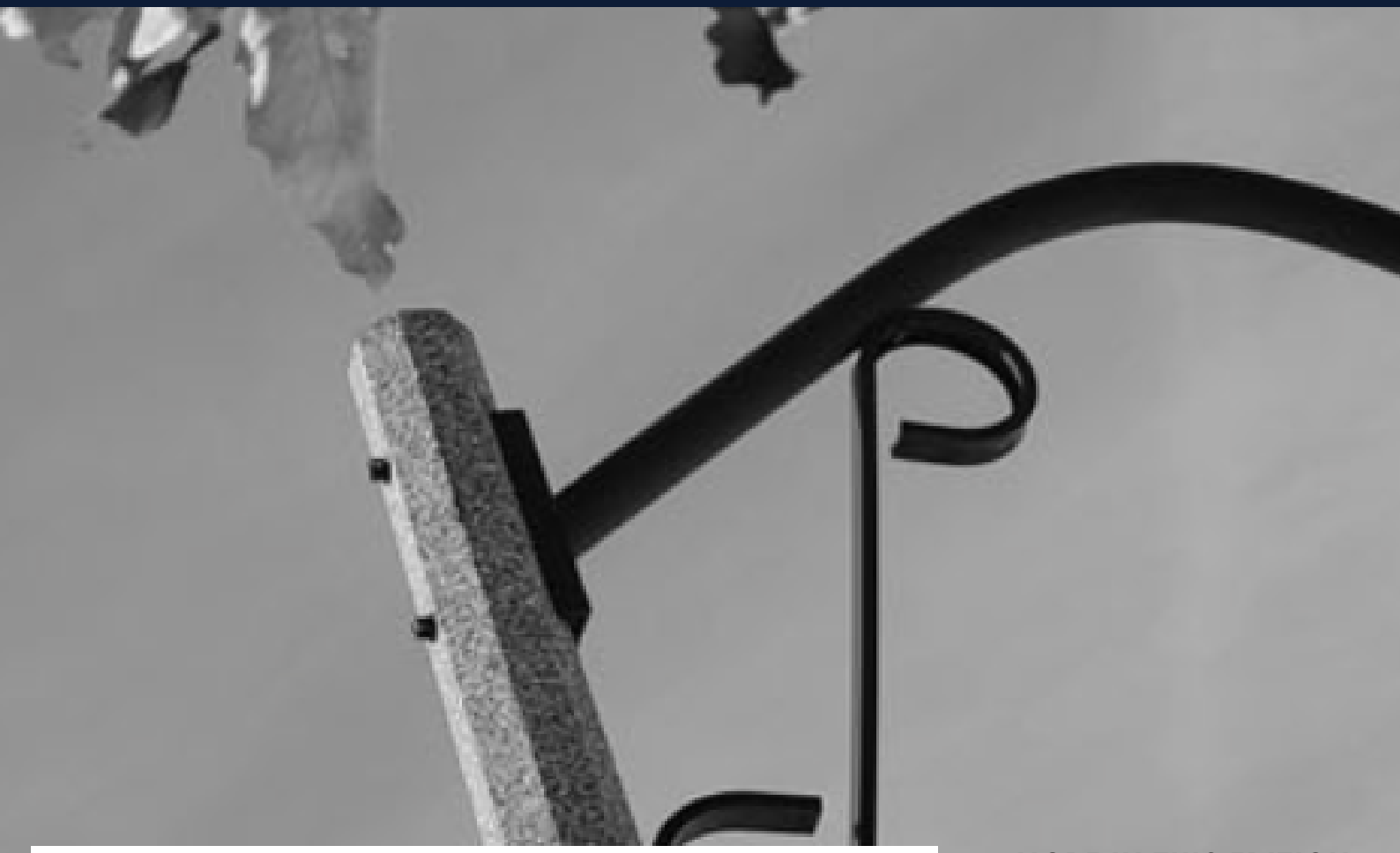
# THE BULLDOG

*The Official Newsletter of Bur Oak Secondary*



## INTERIMS & VIRTUAL PARENT'S NIGHT COMING UP

### A Message from Administration

Hello Bulldog Community!
We had lots of fans at BOSS Girls Volleyball home games at the this week, a midweek inclement weather day, and a lot of post March break excitement. There was a tangible vibe of increased happiness and energy in the building as we slowly and safely work our way out of the pandemic. Keep being great Bulldogs!!
Cover Photo By: Daniel Woo

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*Paintings by Lauri Hoeg Anishinaabekwe 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.

Depth Design Art by Tyler Huang

VIRTUAL

# Parent-Teacher Night

**Thursday March 31st**

**6:30-8:30**

**SIGN UP IN EDSBY**

**Scheduler opens to Parents on March 25h and closes on March 29th.**

**BUR OAK SECONDARY SCHOOL**

March 4th, 2022

Parents' Night is on Thursday March 31st. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and learn more about the classroom. We regret that for health and safety reasons, we are unable to host an event at the school as we normally would, however we look forward to meeting with you virtually.

Families can use Edsby, an online platform, to schedule a meeting time with their child(ren)'s teacher(s) on Parents' Night. You will receive an invitation to sign up for a meeting time once the schedules are available.

Edsby is a cloud-based platform that lets families easily reserve times to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers. YRDSB in partnership with Edsby have created a secure platform that protects the privacy of information for families.

Families that already have an Edsby account may use their previously created account. The username is the full email address that is on file at your child(ren)'s home school and the password is the one created at activation. If you have forgotten your password, you can find resources on the Board website to help, including how to reset your password.

Families who do not have an Edsby account will need to create one to access the online appointment scheduler for their child's teachers for Parents' Night. An up-to-date and valid email address must be provided to your child's home school. For help creating an Edsby account, instructions can be found on the Board website. An email from York Region District School Board with instructions on how to create an Edsby account will be sent to your email inbox. If you do not receive the email, please check your junk mail folder to ensure you do not miss this opportunity.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact our main office.

Families who do not wish to book a time online can contact their child's teacher.

For help signing up for Parent-Teacher interviews, please visit our board website.

**Important Timelines**

**March 7th-14th**
Parents/guardians to create Edsby accounts, if they do not yet have one.

**March 25th**
Parents' Night schedule opens at (3pm) for booking. Log into your Edsby account. An invitation to book appointments will be sent to your Edsby account and a notification to your email. Instructions for signing up for interview slots are found here.

**March 29th**
Interview Scheduler closes at (3:00 p.m.)

**March 30/31**
Interim Reports will be distributed electronically to parents / guardians / 18+ students via the Electronic Distribution Process.

**March 30th**
Virtual Meeting Links to be sent to Families

**March 31st**
Virtual Interviews (6:30-8:30pm)

**Your partners in education,**

**Principal Rose Li**
**Vice-Principal Vanessa Wonnacott**
**Vice-Principal Mark Melnyk**

# Note From Administration

**It has come to our attention that there is a Prom being organized in the community on Friday May 20th at JC's Banquet and Convention Centre.**

**THIS IS NOT A YRDSB EVENT.**

**For events organized in the community such as this dance, school staff have not been involved in the planning and will not be supervising or participating. Again, staff supervision will not take place at these events. It is strongly recommended by the school and the Board that parents and guardians review with their child all aspects of these events when making a determination on attendance. This review should include any remaining Covid-19 health and safety protocols, pre-dance and post-dance activities, possession or use of alcohol and or illegal drugs, transportation to and from the event and appropriate behaviour.**

# SANKOFA

On behalf of the Sankofa Mentoring Program / York Region Alliance Of African Canadian Communities (YRAACC), I am inviting any Black Students in your next work to a resume writing and interview preparation workshop.
Come and join us for a special interactive session where you will learn:

- Resume Writing
- Cover Letter Writing
- Interview Preparation
- Employment Searches
- Job Search Strategies
- Career Assessment and Planning

Event Details:
**Date: Thursday April 28, 2022**
**Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm**
**Location: Zoom**

Click the link to register now:
https://sankofamentoringresumeandinterviewworkshop.eventbrite.ca

If you have any questions, please send an email to gmgr@yorkregionaacc.ca or call 647-425-5700.

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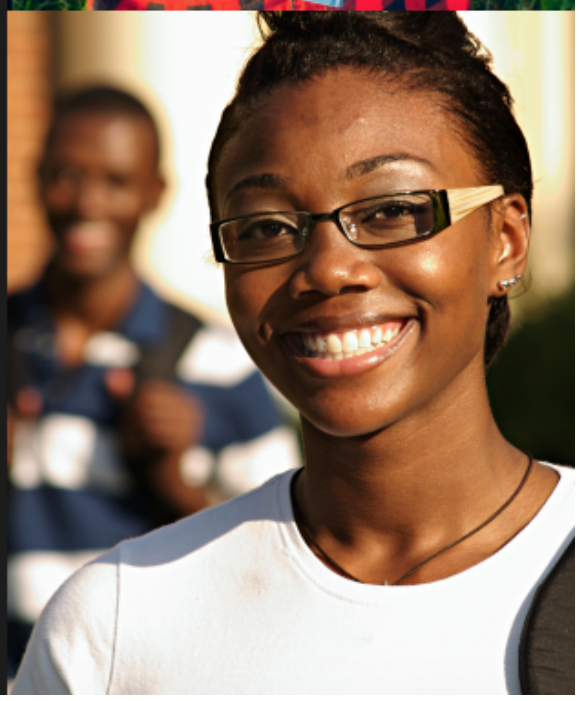
# SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2022

The Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association is pleased to offer $1000 scholarship to selected students in support of their post-secondary education. One student will receive the Iris Malcolm Memorial Award ($2000). A total of ten students will be awarded for 2022.

Through our scholarship program, we recognize and celebrate students who are involved in building their community through volunteerism and leadership, and have demonstrated excellence in their academic pursuits.

**FOR FULL DETAILS, ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION PROCESS VISIT:**

**naccacommunity.ca/2022-scholarship-award**



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# 2022 Pillars to Well-Being

## YRDSB Muslim Student Conference

PILLARS
TO WELL-BEING
YRDSB MUSLIM STUDENT CONFERENCE

YRDSB and the Alliance of Educators for Muslim Students (AEMS) is excited to offer our second annual Muslim Student Conference.

**PILLARS to Well-Being is an opportunity for self-identified Muslim students from grades 9-12 to engage in interactive, community-led workshops that will center their identity and well-being.**

This virtual conference will provide differentiated well-being supports for Muslim learners in YRDSB through engagement with Muslim writers, artists, activists, and community leaders, amongst others.

**Conference Date: Wednesday, April 6, 2022 - 9:00am - 3:15 p.m.**

**Students are asked to register no later than Friday, April 1, 2022.**

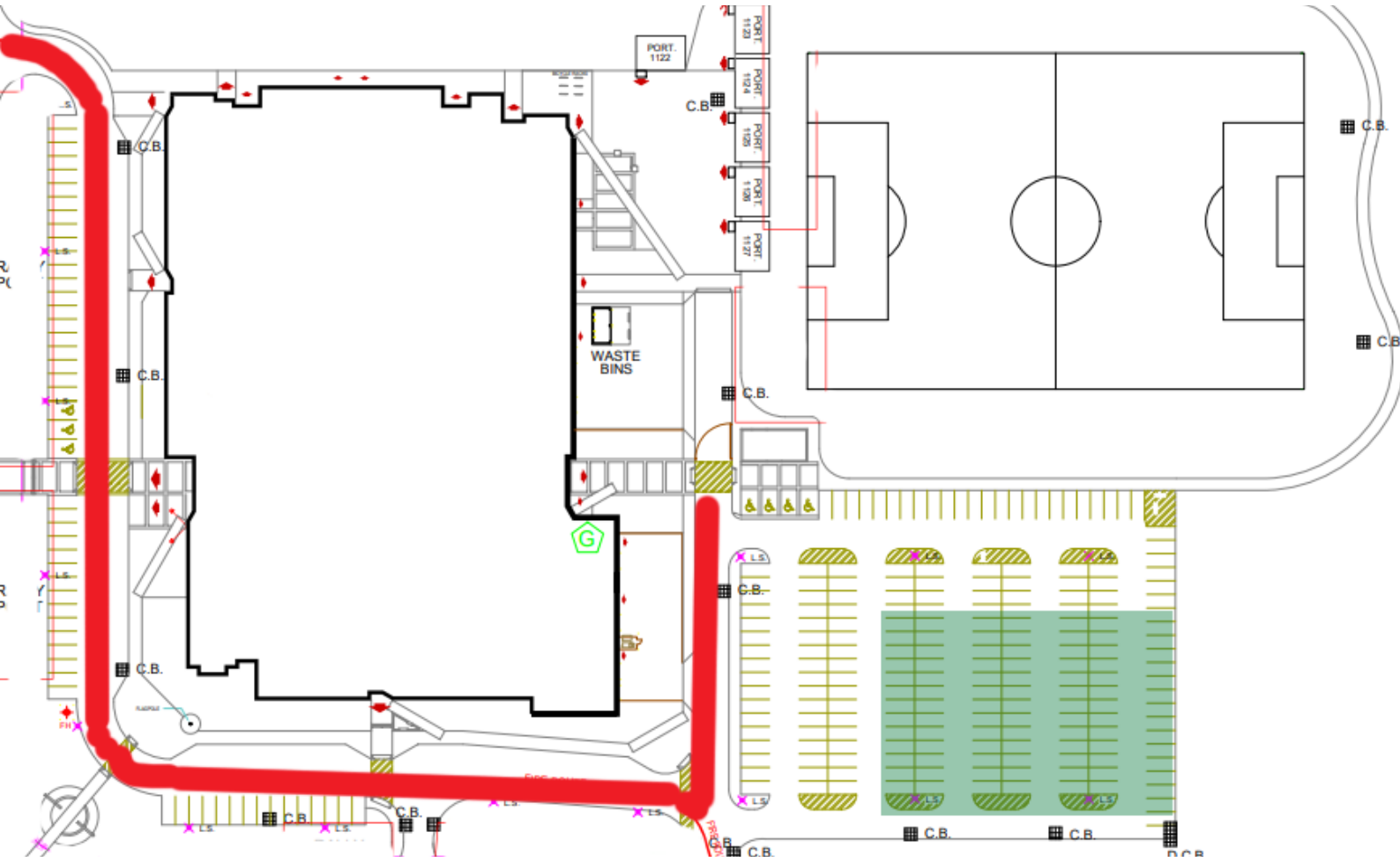
For more information or for additional support please contact rizwana.kaderdina@yrdsb.ca or wahid.khan@yrdsb.ca

THE ALLIANCE OF EDUCATORS FOR MUSLIM STUDENTS

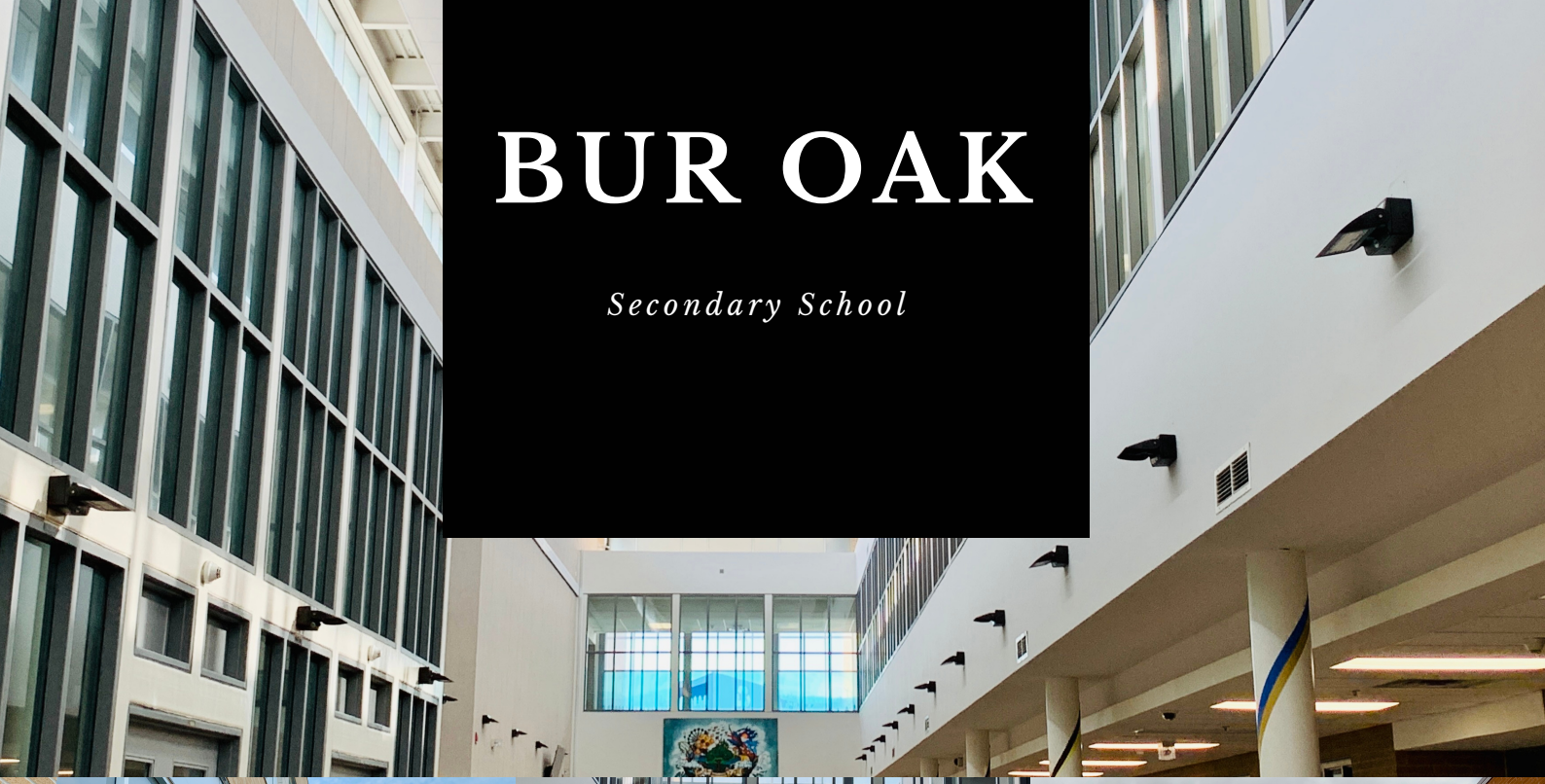
**Register Here**

# 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.
- **NO U-TURNS!!!**



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*Secondary School*

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