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# THE BULLDOG

*The Official Newsletter of Bur Oak Secondary*



## SCHOOL COUNCIL ON MONDAY

### A Message from Administration

Hello Bulldog Community!

Spring is definitely here. It is so nice to see more of our staff and students spending lunch outside in the great weather. Look out for an email about our School Council meeting at 6:30 on Monday.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MAY

16: School Council @ 6:30pm  
23: Victoria Day Holiday  
31: SAC Elections

#### JUNE

20: Grade 9 Math EQAO  
21: Grade 9 Math EQAO  
22: Culminating Week Starts  
27: Graduation  
29: Final Instructional Day

### MORE IN THIS EDITION:

Land Acknowledgement

Main Office Updates

Student Work

Guidance Update





*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.



Art by Grade 12 Student Melissa Ho



Art by Grade 12 Student Crystal Li





## **Grade 12 Graduation**

An important survey was sent to Grade 12 parents this week about Graduation.

The survey must be completed by **Friday, May 20th**. To access the survey, parents must have students log into their YRDSB GAPPS account.

Please contact the main office, if you did not receive an email with a link to the survey.





## **Note From Guidance**

### **Doing Credit Courses Outside of Bur Oak?**

**Families are reminded to first speak with their assigned counsellor before registering for courses outside of the school. There are many forms and requests for information that actually need to take place in order to ensure the course is accurately added to transcripts and new courses, if required are requested with lots of time to spare.**

**This goes for Summer School, Private School, International Languages and Night School courses.**

### **Have questions?**

**Students can see more information on the Guidance Google Classroom pages for their grade. Parents are welcome to book a phone appointment with their assigned counsellor. Instructions and details are located on the [Guidance Homepage](#).**

# BFCN Scholarships & Awards

The BFCN Scholarships & Awards were created to recognize outstanding Black students with bright futures as upcoming leaders and dreamers in their communities.

## BFCN Scholarship Program

BFCN believes that access to education of all forms is important for the continued success and development of youth in our community. Our Scholarship Program is designed to address a few of the gaps and barriers in order to increase access to post-secondary education and support Black students and their families.

[Visit Website for More Info](#)



# THE CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDENT EXCELLENCE

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### Centre for Black Student Excellence

YRDSB is pleased to launch the **Centre for Black Student Excellence**, a space committed to the promotion of Dismantling Anti-Black racism and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized.

We invite you to explore our new online presence at [www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence](http://www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence) to:

- Access videos, resources and information about community partners.
- Learn more about our work to dismantle anti-Black racism, guided by our strategy.
- Celebrate Black excellence through video, feature stories, podcasts and more.
- Find out about programs available to Black students and families.
- Check out our new community newsletter.
- And much more.

### Message from the Team

"Now more than ever, the lives of Black students hang in the balance. With a mirage of images that bombard our television screens black youth are too often further marginalized and face significant disparities in accessing their education.

As part of our commitment to change, the Dismantling Anti-Black Racism Strategy is a roadmap that will help to forge change and make inroads towards the priorities that matter.

Enter, the **Centre for Black Student Excellence**—a space committed to the promotion of Dismantling Anti-Black racism and amplifying voices that have been historically marginalized. A place that gives birth to the genius that is within us. The ultimate goal is to work to eliminate barriers that YRDSB data shows have resulted in stark disparities and disproportionalities for Black students' achievement and well-being.

Within these pages there are many options that are available to you. You will have access to mixed media—YRDSB curated videos and podcasts, a community newsletter and highlights, resources, and digital learning.

With a clearly defined mission—as a system we have also had to challenge our approach to teaching, best practices and to ensure that we actualize how young people will be made aware of their greatness and infinite potential.

We invite you to enter. Abide in the space of learning and discovery, as we celebrate achievement and the pursuit of brilliance.

Join us as we strive to collectively dismantle systemic barriers and work together to create transformational change."

[www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence](http://www.yrdsb.ca/blackexcellence)

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## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2022

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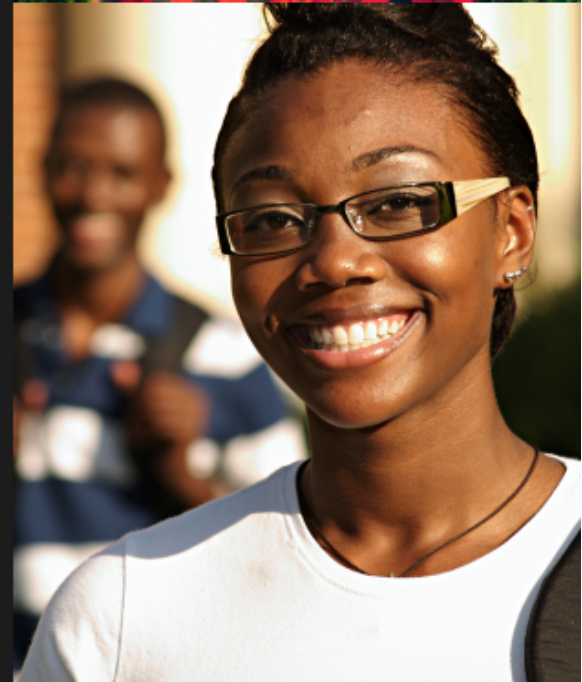
The Newmarket African Caribbean Canadian Association is pleased to offer \$1000 scholarship to selected students in support of their post-secondary education. One student will receive the Iris Malcolm Memorial Award (\$2000). A total of ten students will be awarded for 2022.

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.

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

**[naccacommunity.ca/2022-  
scholarship-award](https://naccacommunity.ca/2022-scholarship-award)**





**YRAACC AND SANKOFA SUMMER 2022 PROGRAMS**



## COMMUNITY GARDEN

LOCATION:TBD

- Weekly gathering of the community
- Growing food for your family
- Providing food for families in need

## ADINKRA FARM

LOCATION: 3347 12-13 SIDEROAD S, NEW LOWELL

Saturday July 16, 2022

All day trip

- Transportation provided
- Outdoor fun activities
- Enjoy food and laughter



## OUTDOOR DRUMMING CLASSES

MAY 28 TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2022  
MOST SATURDAYS 10AM TO 11:00AM



## FAMILY SESSIONS



MAY 28 TO SEPTEMBER 17, 2022



MOST SATURDAYS 10AM TO 1PM

**AND SO MUCH MORE**

Dance Movement



CPR Training



Cooking Lessons



Media Day



Yoga



Family Picnic



Click on the link to register now, space is limited:

<https://forms.gle/jDNE4anoKoKD9c6u9>



# Black Youth Helpline

**BRIDGING CULTURES | REACHING YOUTH | IMPACTING CHANGE**

## NOW CANADA-WIDE!!



Black Youth Helpline is pleased to announce that our **STAY-IN-SCHOOL PROGRAM & SUPPORT SERVICES** for Canadian Youth is now Canada-wide!!

### NEW SUPPORT SERVICES

For Youth & Family, Schools & Other Youth Serving Organizations.

### OUR FOCUS

Helping Canada's children and youth remain and succeed in school and community.

### REACH US AT

Phone: 416-285-9944 or 416-739-8989  
Toll Free #: 1-833-294-8650 / 1-833-BYH-8650  
E-mail: [NationalHelpline@bellnet.ca](mailto:NationalHelpline@bellnet.ca)  
Website: [www.blackyouth.ca](http://www.blackyouth.ca)

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**Canada**



# SEX TRAFFICKING

**Instances of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation  
are a growing concern in York Region.**

**Youth as young as 12 are being recruited!**

**Would you know it if you saw it?  
What could you do?**

**May 19, 2022 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

**We welcome parents, guardians, caregivers, educators, staff and the community!**

**[Register](#) today!**

York Region District School Board in a collaborative partnership with Women's Support Network is hosting a virtual information session about sex trafficking and sexual exploitation.

This session will provide awareness and information about:

- What is sex trafficking
- How to identify signs of someone who may be in the process of being recruited or is already being trafficked
- Who is at risk
- Available resources and supports in the community



**For more information:**

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**[Register Today](#)**



Inclusive School and Community Services  
in partnership with  
CCSYR SEPYR and CICS IYC

# **Celebrating Asian Heritage Month**

**Everyone is welcome!**

**Come and join us in this online experience  
to celebrate different Asian cultures and participate  
in fun games, a talent show, virtual cultural displays  
and much more!**

**Tuesday, May 31, 2022  
6:30 p.m - 8:00 p.m**

**Register now for this online event! [bit.ly/38OiMrq](https://bit.ly/38OiMrq)**

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



**<https://bit.ly/38OiMrq>**





## **Note From Administration**

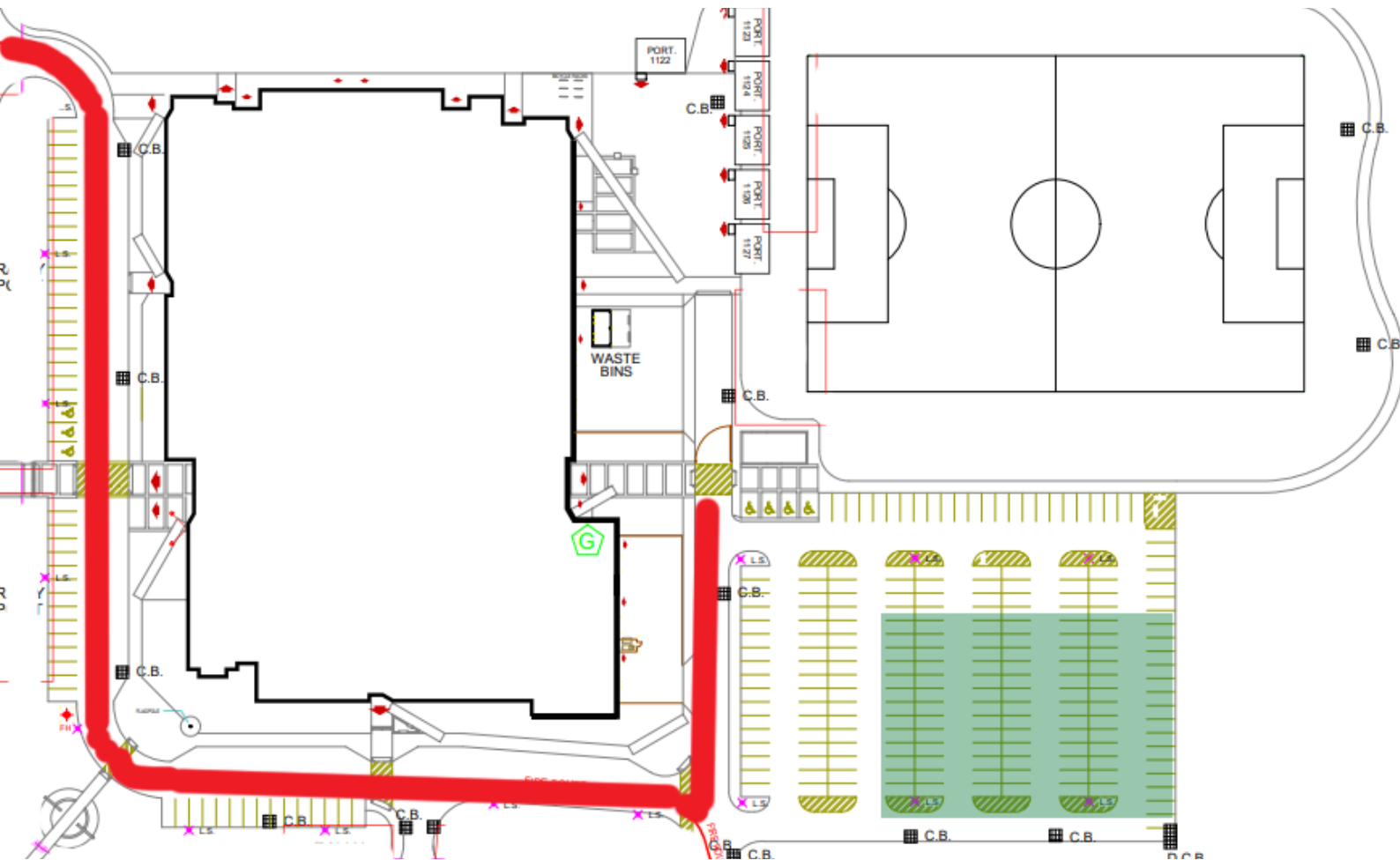
It has come to our attention that there is a Prom being organized in the community on Friday May 20th at JC's Banquet and Convention Centre.

**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.

# 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!!!**



# BUR OAK

*Secondary School*

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