



THE BULLDOG

The Official Newsletter of Bur Oak Secondary



UPDATES

A Message from Administration

Hello Bulldog community! Interim Reports are going out and you should get them electronically between October 22nd-26th. This week we celebrate the work of one of our students. There are so many amazing, talented people at BOSS!!! Please check out the regular Guidance updates, the Take Our Kid to Work Day letter and info for NACCA sessions. We hope everyone finds some time to slow down a little this weekend. Thank you for another great week Bulldogs!!

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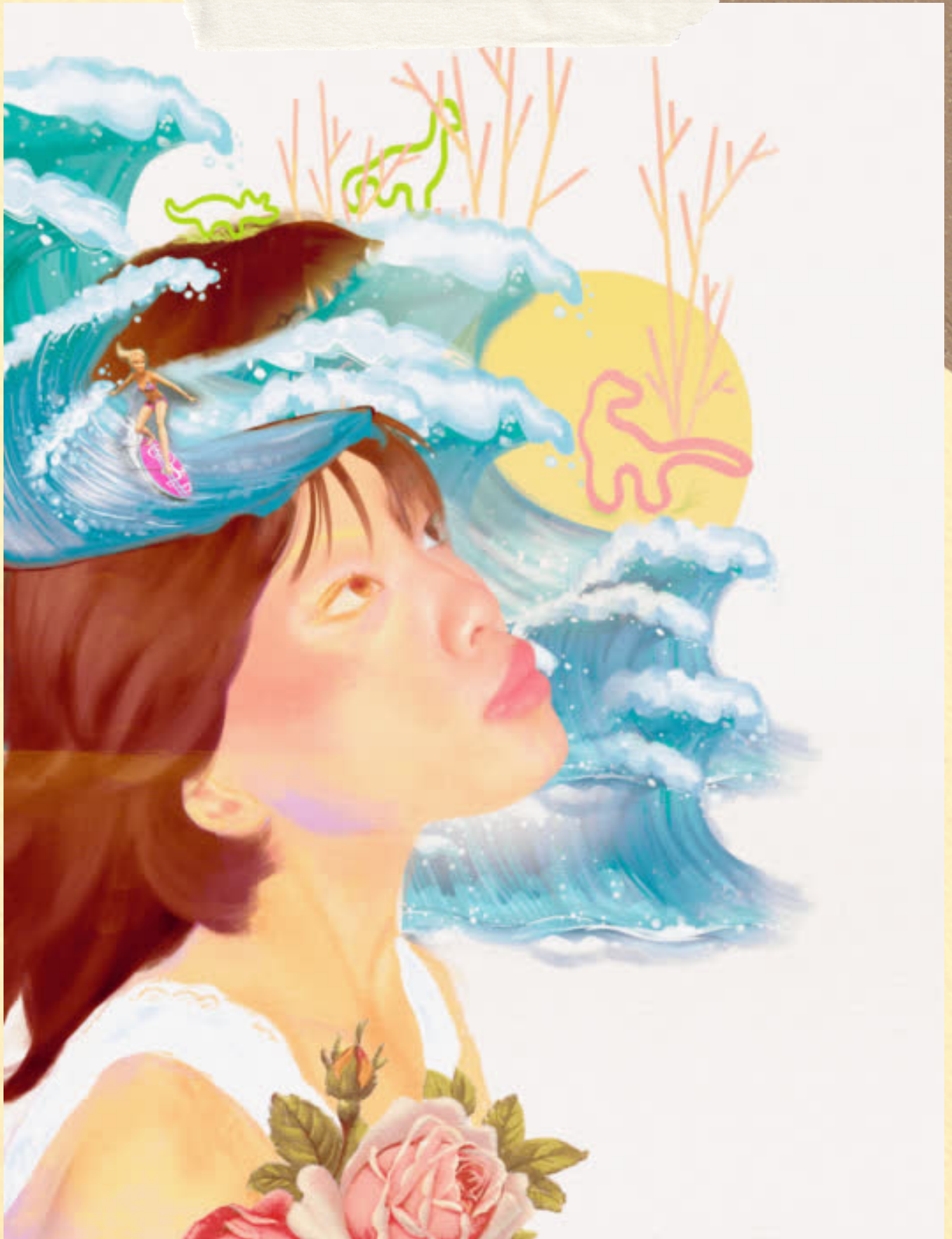


*Paintings by Lauri
Hoeg Anishinaabe
kwe Georgina
Island First Nation*

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.



Nostalgia by Elysia Ng
BOSS Grade 12

Notes from Guidance



GRADUATION AND POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION

OUAC Pins will be sent out to grade twelve students via Gapps on October 22nd. Please note, this will be done directly by YRDSB. Please be patient if the information does not arrive until later in the day.

COLLEGE MONDAYS PRESENTATIONS THROUGH ONTARIO COLLEGES

Various Ontario Colleges will be hosting afternoon virtual information sessions over the next few weeks.

For more information, please go to:

<https://www.ontariocolleges.ca/en/colleges/college-recruitment>

VIRTUAL ONTARIO UNIVERSITY FAIR: TUES OCT. 26

Families interested in learning more about Ontario University Programs are encouraged to attend one of the two provincial fairs taking place this fall.

For more information, please go to: www.ontariouniversitiesfair.ca

ACCELERATED OYAP & APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE: OCTOBER 27, 2021 - 7:00PM-8:30PM

Families interested in more information about programs supporting students interested in pursuing Trades and Apprenticeship programs are encouraged to attend this evening event. This event is particularly helpful for students in grades 11 and 12 looking for information about programs available during their final semester of schooling. For more information, please visit. Accelerated OYAP & Apprenticeship Information Open House

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS: MEETINGS WITH COUNSELLORS

Should you wish to meet with your Guidance Counsellor on the Parent-Teacher Interview evening, please use our existing calendar to book times. Unfortunately, Edsby is not set up for connecting families to teachers who are not the current set for each student. We will be happy to meet with you and schedule our timely blocks using our existing calendars.

The background of the top half of the poster is a photograph of three students walking up a set of outdoor concrete stairs. On the left, a young man in a red shirt is partially visible. In the center, a young man in a light blue shirt and jeans is walking. On the right, a young woman with glasses, wearing a yellow cardigan and blue jeans, is smiling and looking at her phone. The stairs are next to a brick wall. The entire image has a warm, yellowish-orange tint.

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PRESENTS A 2 PART WORKSHOP VIA  zoom

Navigating Secondary School

SESSION 1: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021 7PM-8:30PM

"Thinking with an end in mind" Post-secondary Pathways Planning

SESSION 2: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021 7PM-8:30PM

Understanding and Navigating System Practices in Ontario Secondary Schools

AUDIENCE:

Parents/Caregivers of African Canadian students in Grades 7 – 11, Black students

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Take Our Kids to Work Day: November 3rd

"Take Our Kids to Work" (TOKW) is a national initiative that provides grade 9 students with the opportunity to OBSERVE a work environment or ENGAGE in pathways planning for one day. As suggested by the Premier's Highly Skilled Workforce Expert Panel Report, the Take our Kids to Work program will support students to begin planning their future career path by helping them better understand the world of work.

On Wednesday, November 3, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., grade 9 students will take part in activities that will support them with their pathways planning. Grade 9 students, with the support of their parent/guardians, will have the opportunity to participate in one of the following TOKW opportunities:

- For students who wish to arrange for a virtual/in-person job shadow placement, we ask that parents/guardians review this [Family Guide](#) with their child. We also ask that the student provide their selected work location with the [Workplace Guide](#); or
- Students, who would like to participate in a series of dynamic and engaging "Live Stream" webinars from home on a variety of Career pathways, will be invited to join the Learning Partnership and the Pathways Team, Curriculum and Instructional Services, for a livestreamed session. Students will also engage in reflection activities and learn how to use the Pathways Planner and work on their IPP. For more information, please visit the YRDSB Take Our Kids to Work Day [events page](#) at www.yrdsb.ca.

All grade 9 students will receive an email from their home school in their GAPPS account with the required links for the livestreamed event as well as the schedule for the day.

Please be advised that permission forms to participate in Take our Kids to Work Day will be sent to your child's GAPPS account. We ask that you review the form with your child and then sign off as per the instructions.

We recognize that you and your child may have questions regarding this information. If it is helpful for you to connect with a staff member from the school, please contact a guidance counsellor or administrator to discuss your questions.

Renewed Computer Technology Program

Dear parents/guardians,

As part of a partnership between YRDSB and Renewed Computer Technology (RCT), families with children enrolled in our Board have the opportunity to purchase quality refurbished computers at a reduced cost. Applicants must live in Ontario, have a student enrolled at the school and either receive government assistance payments or qualify as a limited income earner under the limited income cut-off standards*.

Below is a limited income grid for your reference.

Family size

Annual income*

2 people: \$30,286. 3 people: \$37,234. 4 people: \$45,206. 5 people: \$51,272
6 people: \$57,286 7 people +\$64,381

This year, there are multiple purchasing options for laptops and desktop computers. There are desktop computers available for between \$150 – \$300 and laptops are available for between \$150 – \$350. Please note that there are two options for delivery. If you would like for the computer to be delivered directly to your home, there is a \$40 charge for laptops and a \$50 charge for desktops. Families who choose this delivery option will have their order shipped when it is ready. If you would like the device shipped to your child's school, there is no charge, however, you will need to wait to receive your computer until after the application period closes and it will be delivered to your child's school.

Parents and legal guardians may apply for one computer per student, with a limit of two per household. Please see below for a full list of device specifications.

DESKTOP PACKAGES:

- Basic Desktop Package (\$60) – Duo Core, with 6 GB RAM and 250 GB HD
- Basic Desktop Package Bundle (\$175) – Duo Core, with 6 GB RAM and 250 GB HD, comes with webcam, and WIFI card
- Upgraded Desktop Package Bundle (\$250) – i5, with 8 GB RAM and 500 GB HD, comes with webcam, and WIFI card

**Desktop packages come with Monitor, Keyboard, Mouse, and Sound Card.

Renewed Computer Technology Program

LAPTOP PACKAGES:

- Basic Laptop Package Bundle (\$200) – i3, with 6 GB RAM and 250 GB HD, comes with webcam
 - Upgraded Laptop Package (\$300) – i5, with 8 GB RAM and 500 GB HD
- **Please note that all computer packages are based on the inventory RCT has received from donations, and while specific requests can be made, they cannot always be fulfilled.

If you are interested in applying, please complete an online application at <https://form.jotform.com/210054491659255> using the group code on the attached program flyer. The application period is from **October 18, 2021 - November 19, 2021** with delivery to schools taking place prior to the winter break.

Please note – There are sections in the RCT Online Application that are no longer applicable:

- Requirement of Proof or Documentation of Income
- Requirement to participate in training prior to receiving your computer/laptop

The Section on Course of Study can pertain to elementary or secondary. If you do not have access to a computer or the Internet, please contact the administration team at your school for assistance.

For inquiries related to the RCT application process, devices and delivery, please contact Alexander Oliver (Aoliver@rcto.ca) and for inquiries related to support from YRDSB, please contact Yvonne Kelly (yvonne.kelly@yrdsb.ca)

For more information, including complete application and payment instructions, please refer to the attached program flyer and checklist.

Sincerely,

Principal
Rose Li

Do you need a computer?

Renewed Computer Technology (RCT) is a not-for-profit, charitable organization that empowers learners, educators and not-for-profit organizations with increased access to information and communications technology (ICT), skill development and learning opportunities, in a socially and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with **York Region District School Board** we are offering affordable, renewed computer packages.



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

You can apply for this program if you are:

A resident of Ontario and you are an individual with limited income.

Parents or legal guardians may apply on behalf of a child or youth under the age of 18.

We offer 1 computer, per family, with a limit of 2 per household per year.

We have Desktop Packages from \$60.00 to \$300.00.
Plus \$50.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a desktop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2010 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software, monitor, keyboard and mouse

For more information, please contact:

Alexander Oliver
RCT Community Engagement Lead
AOliver@rcto.ca

We have Laptop Packages from \$150.00 to \$350.00.
Plus \$40.00 to ship the computer to your home.



You get - a laptop complete with Windows 10 and MS Office 2010 - Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and OneNote plus learning software

All systems include our
STANDARD 2-YEAR DEPOT WARRANTY

*batteries not covered by warranty

*Computers may not appear exactly as shown

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Visit Us Online @ www.RCTO.ca

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Application Check-List

You can begin to apply for a computer on: October 10th, 2021
Application deadline: November 19th, 2021



1. Open camera on phone
2. Hold camera up to QR code above
3. Click link that appears on your screen

Group Name: YRDSB | **Group Code:** G-YRDSB21

How to fill out your application

Scan QR code OR access application using the link your organization provided

Section A

Group Name: YRDSB

Group Code: G-YRDSB21

Name of School: *Please enter the name of the student's school*

Section B

This section does not apply to you.

Section C

I would like to pick up my computer in Mississauga RCT Warehouse (\$0.00 Shipping fee)
OR

I would like to order a laptop, please ship my computer to my home (\$40.00 shipping fee)
OR

I would like to order a desktop, please ship my computer to my home (\$50.00 shipping fee)
OR

I am working with Partner B and I will pick up my computer from the partner (\$20.00)

Section D

Pick your computer package and method of payment.

Our partner organization will need proof of eligibility (one of the following) before you can apply for a computer.

Proof of Financial Status (one of the following)

- Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment (most recent)
- Ontario Works Statement (Social Assistance)
- OSAP Statement of Funding
- Refugee Payment Received from government
- Letter from school supporting the application
- EI Benefit Statement
- ODSP (Disability Benefits)
- Second Career

Payment

You will have the following online payment options when completing your order:

- Credit/Debit Card
- Money Order or Certified Cheque
- A Third Party will be Paying (Ex. Ontario Works)

Certified Cheques should be made to: Renewed Computer Technology

The applicant's name must be added in the memo field. When you come to pick up your computer, please bring a government photo ID.

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Re: Upcoming EQAO Assessment 2021-2022

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) is administered by the Government of Ontario's Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO). This test is administered to determine whether students have acquired the minimum literacy skills expected in the Ontario Curriculum, up to the end of Grade 9.

Successful completion of this literacy test is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD).

EQAO is administering the OSSLT in the fall and spring in a fully online platform.

Eligible Grade 11 and non-graduating Grade 12s will write in the fall window in the latter part of November. The specific date for these students to write the test will be shared in a separate communication in the coming weeks.

Grade 10 students will write in the spring window. This will support grade 10 students with opportunities to develop literacy skills. For Grade 12 students graduating in the 2021-2022 school year, the Ministry of Education has waived the literacy requirement for graduation.

Grade 11 and non-graduating grade 12 students who write in the fall will receive their individual results by the end of January 2022. Students who are successful on the OSSLT will have satisfied the OSSD graduation requirement.

Students have the opportunity to become familiar with the online test and its platform through EQAO's online practice test. You can also receive more information and support by contacting Ms. Angela Wan, our Literacy Teacher.

For more information about EQAO and to view the full practice test, you are encouraged to visit EQAO's website www.eqao.com.

VIRTUAL

Parent-Teacher Night

**Wednesday
November 3rd
6:30-8:30**

**SIGN UP IN EDSBY UNTIL
OCT 26th @ Noon.** If you
have signed up you will get a
follow up email from Teachers
on October 26th.



Accelerated OYAP and Apprenticeship Information Night

Join us on a night to learn about Apprenticeship Pathways and our Accelerated OYAP Program! You should attend this information night if:

- you are a Grade 12 student who is planning on entering the skilled trades
- you are a Grade 10 or 11 student who would like more information on this program to better prepare for this pathway, or
- you are the parent/guardian of a Grade 9-12 student who is considering a career in the skilled trades

Learn about how to start an Apprenticeship
in one of these skilled trades while still in high school!

Automotive Service Technician	Baker	Cook
Electrician	Plumber	Carpenter
Child Development Practitioner	Drywall Finisher & Plasterer	Motorcycle Technician
Floor Covering Installer	Hairstylist <i>(pending approval)</i>	
Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Air Systems Mechanic	Truck and Coach Technician	

Join us on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 7:00 PM!

REGISTER AT: www.bit.ly/OYAP_OPENHOUSE

7:00 PM: Overview of OYAP Program with YRDSB and MLTSD

7:30 PM: Breakout Information Sessions for Skilled Trade Programs

8:30 PM: Closing Q&A with YRDSB

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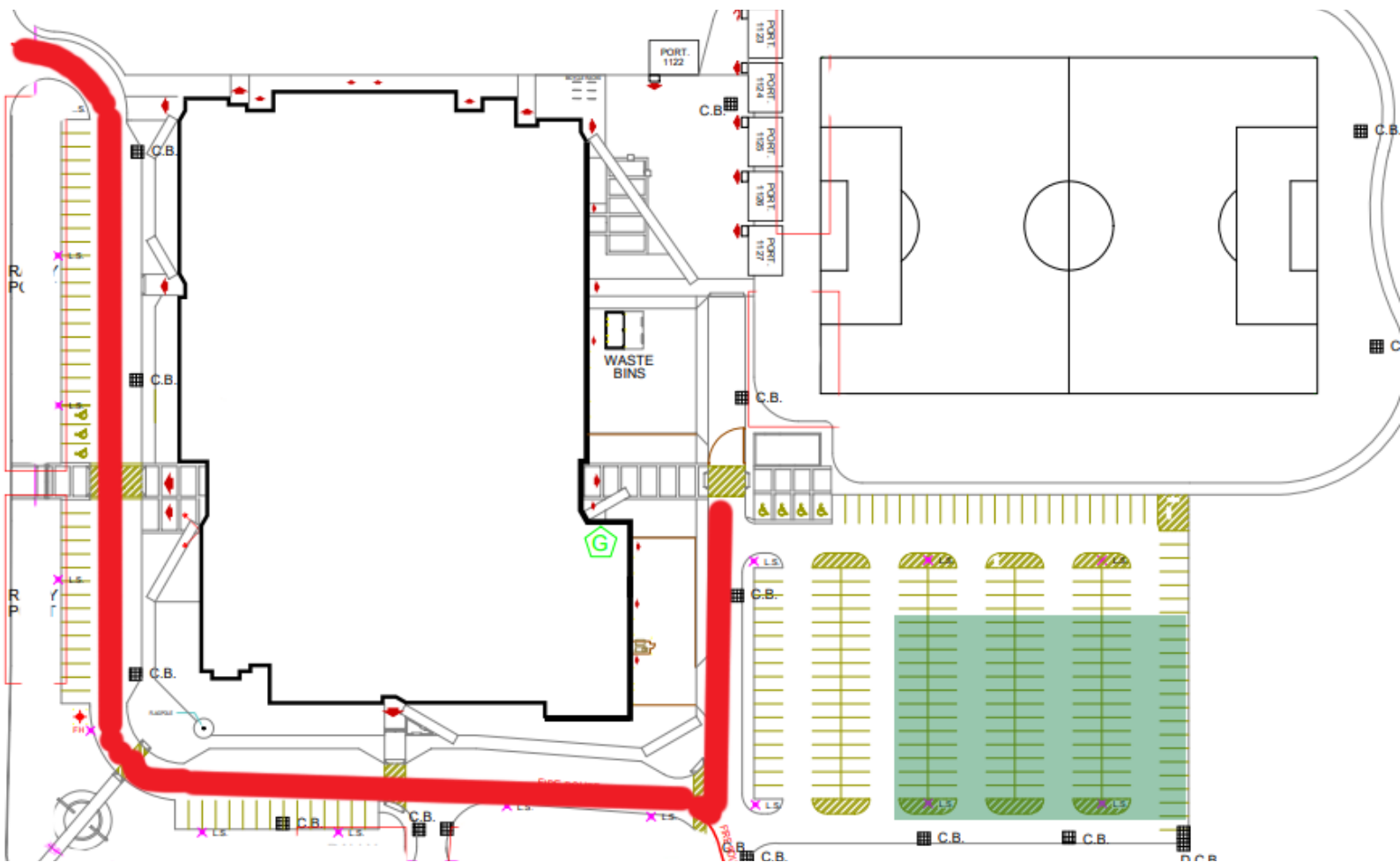


Sankofa Mentoring Program Information Night: Oct 28th

York Region Alliance Of African Canadian Communities (YRAACC) is offering a Mentoring Program for students and families interested in planning for Post-Secondary studies.

For more information, please visit. [**Sankofa Mentoring Program - University and College Information Night**](#)

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:

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