

Bur Oak Secondary School

Grade 8 Open House for Students and Families

2020 - 2021



Inspire Learning!

Welcome!



Principal: Ms. Rose Li

Welcome!



**School Council Chair:
Ranu Sharma**

Meet Our Student Council in the Main Hall



Batul



Bill



The Four A's of Excellence



Academics
Athletics
Arts
and Amazing-ness

Strong Academic Commitment

In 2018-19

- Nearly 600 current students maintained an average over 80% and achieved status of making the Honour Roll



Strong Community Commitment

- 40% of Class of 2022 completed their 40 hour community service
- Class of 2019 Graduates completed nearly 38,000 hours by graduation



James Chen

Community Involvement Award

Highlights:

Member, Community Council

Volunteer, Markham Stouffville Hospital

Camp Supervisor, Markham Museum

Program Volunteer, Markham Public Library

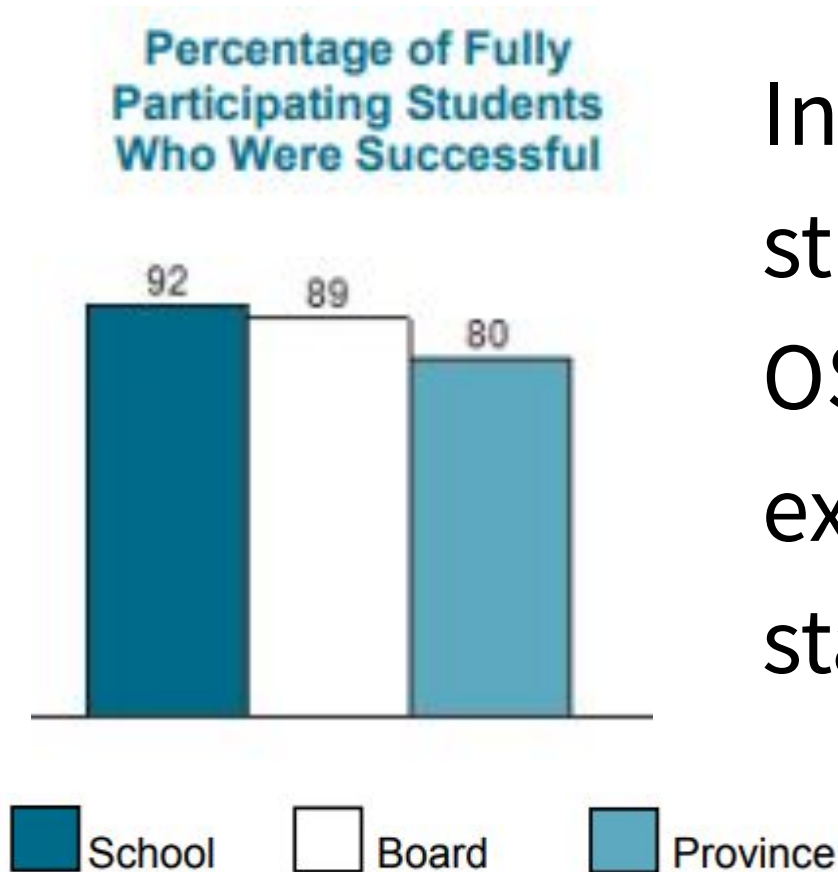


On Volunteering:

“Volunteering allowed me to meet new people and develop friendships; Learn how to work with others; and the ability to give back to programs I enjoyed as a child .”

Strong Literacy Skills

OSSLT Results March 2019



In March, **92%** of FTE students who wrote the OSSLT at B.O.S.S. met or exceeded the provincial standard

Strong Numeracy Skills

Math 9 EQAO

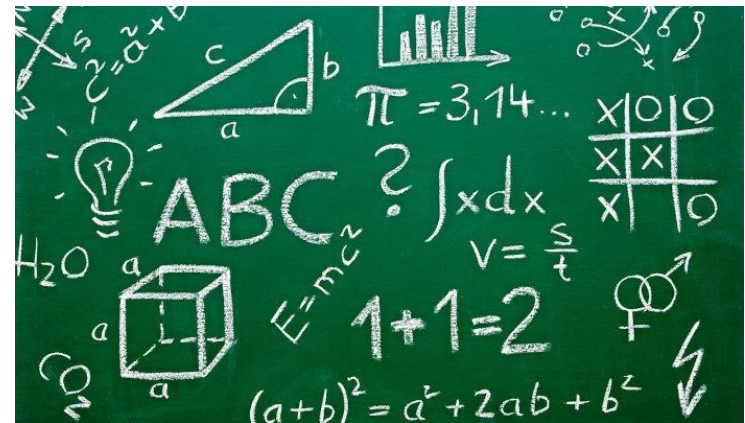
Percentage of all students at or above the Provincial Standard (Levels 3 and 4), 2018-19

| COURSE | BUR OAK | YORK REGION | PROVINCE |
|------------------|---------|----------------|----------|
| ACADEMIC MATH | 95% | 90% | 84% |

Strong Numeracy Skills

Canadian Mathematics Contests

- Over 300 students writing various University of Waterloo math contests!
- Numerous awards and medals for their outstanding achievements at all levels!



Other Programs In Grades 11/12

- Pre and Advanced Placement Math
 - Grades 11 and 12
- Specialist High Skills Major
 - Business
 - Energy
 - Health and Wellness

Student Life

B.O.S.S. Students are Involved!



Thanuka Sivanathan

School Council Award for Leadership

Highlights:

Chairperson for Relay For Life

Director, Athletic Council

BOSS Ambassador

DECA Member



On Deeper Learning Outside The Classroom:

“I was given an opportunity to build on my personal achievements in improving myself as a creative thinker using the process of design thinking.”

Athletic Teams

Fall

- Co-ed Cross Country
- Boys Soccer
- Boys Volleyball
- Girls Basketball
- Cricket
- Co-ed Swimming
- Boys Rugby 7s
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Winter / Spring

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Volleyball
- Co-ed Badminton
- Co-ed Track and Field
- Boys Baseball
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Rugby
- Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee
- Girls Flag Football
- Mountain Biking



Maria Khan

K. Mereweather Award

Highlights:

*Co-Director Muslim Student Association
Marketing Chair, Health Out Loud
Prom Committee Member
Peer Tutor*

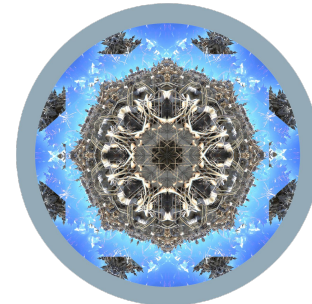
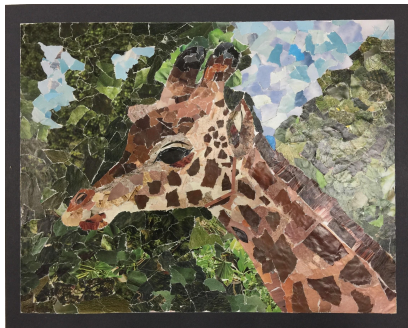


On Outreach:

"I have embraced several eye opening opportunities that aided in expanding my skill set and experiences in the real world and in school."

Visual Art Showcasing

- Weekly Art Club activities with open studio
- 12th Annual Coffee House Art Show (Media Arts and Visual Arts programs)
- Attended several field trips to galleries and institutions across the GTA
- Art Installations in the school (see on tour)



Oluchi Akinfenwa

◦ **AEBS Community Award**

Highlights:

Director, Equity Council

Member of Improv Team

Member of French Club



On Advocacy:

“Oluchi’s passion for supporting others and social justice was richly demonstrated and infectious amongst peers through her classes, her school and her community.”

Drama Achievements

National Theatre School Festival District Awards

- Best Ensemble Cast
- Best Costume Design
- Best Lead Role
- Best Ensemble Performance

Improv Team

- Top Five in District
- Awarded Best Scene of the Season
- Heart Award

Kogul Ravikulan

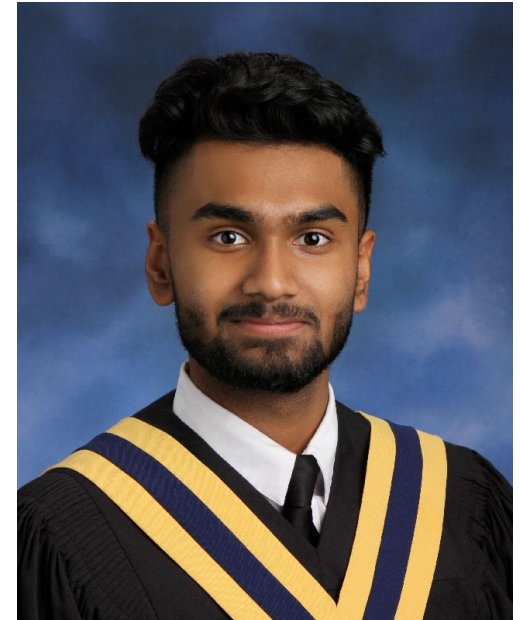
Student Trustee Award for Character

Highlights:

Director Student Events Council

Member Wind Ensemble & Jazz Band

BOSS Ambassador



On character:

“The ability to respond positively to pressure is crucial for any high achieving student.

Developing the resiliency to cope with the stress allowed me to maintain my high academic and extracurricular standards.”

Music Accomplishments

Kiwanis Music Festival of Greater Toronto

- 5 first place, 2 second place, 6 platinum ratings, 1 gold rating

York Region Music Alive

- 5 gold ratings
- 5 invitations to the National Finals of MusicFest Canada

Ontario Music Festival Association Provincial Finals

- 1 gold, 2 silver-plus
- 3 invitations to the National Finals of MusicFest Canada



Hooriya Arif

Director's Award

Highlights:

Director of Business Council

Executive SHSM Council

Leader of BOSS Christian Fellowship

Specialist High Skills Major - Energy



On perseverance:

“As I continue to strive towards becoming the happiest version of myself, I am learning to persevere because this journey is not easy but it is definitely worth fighting for.”

Student Leadership

Eight Councils Lead our School

- *Athletic Council*
- *Business Council*
- *Community Council*
- *Equity Council*
- *Global Action*
- *International Student Association*
- *Music Council*
- *Student Events Council*



Saad Shaikh

YRDSB Director's Achievement Award

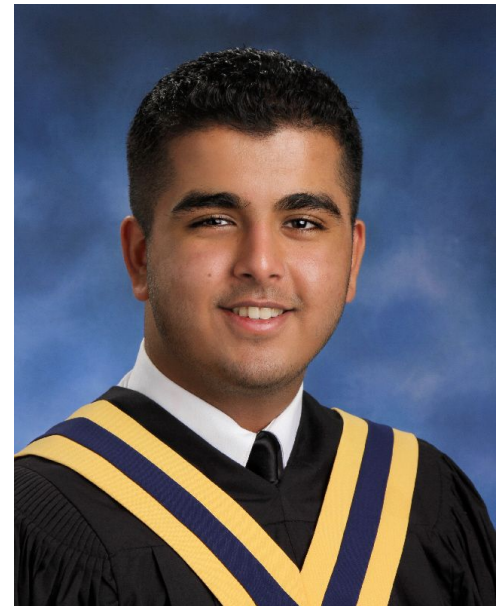
Highlights:

Co-President of Student Activities Council

Lions Club Valedictorian Award

Venues Manager, TEDx@BOSS

Volunteer at Markham Stouffville Hospital



On B.O.S.S.:

"Personally, BOSS has provided me with a diverse and inclusive environment, as it is a place where I have met extraordinary students and teachers. Academically, BOSS has allowed me to become more productive and has given me the tools I need to be successful in the future."

Nearly 40 Clubs and Event Groups

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Anime Club | Art + Photo Club | AV Club | Best Buddies |
| Breakfast Club | Breezecode | Christian Fellowship | Computer Programming |
| Cdn. Chinese Youth | Debate Club | DECA | Drama Club |
| Dungeons and Dragons Club | E.S.P. | Engineering | Foodified |
| Francais@BOSS | GSA | Historical Society | Improv Team |
| K-Pop Club | Math Club | Minds of Crime | Mission Zero |
| Mock Trial Team | Muslim Student Association | New Alliance | Newcomers Network |
| Prom Committee | Red Cross | Research Club | Science Club |
| Ski/Snowboard | Slam Poetry | Sports Analytics | Tamil Student Association |
| | Weight Room Drop-In | White Pine Club | |

Jodie Lin

Amarak School Spirit Award

Highlights:

Director, Equity Council

Member of Girls Volleyball Team

Member of Girls Football Team

BOSS Student Ambassador



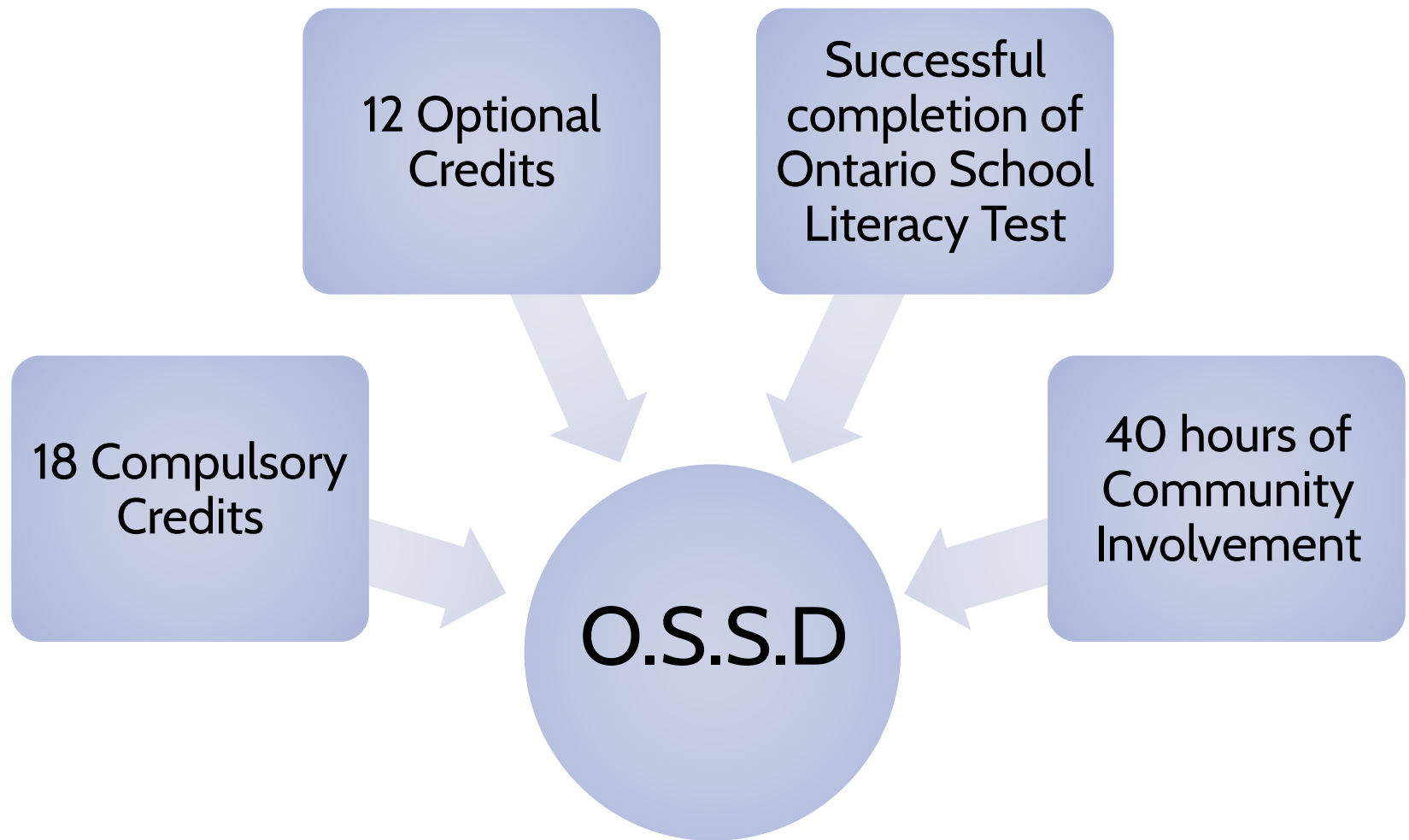
On Motivating Others:

"I felt accomplished because my voice was enough to push someone to finish their goal to the best of their abilities and motivated them to try their best."

Graduating from High School



Diploma Requirements (O.S.S.D.)



Community Involvement

Encourages civic responsibility, community values, and importance of volunteerism

40 hours during high school

- not-for-profit activities



In-school presentation in September for all grade 9 students

Gr 8 students who wish to start in the summer need pre-approval from the guidance office

49er's Certificate!

For all grade nines who complete 40 hours+



Next Year: Grade 9 Highlights



Daily Schedule

Semester One: September to January (4 classes)

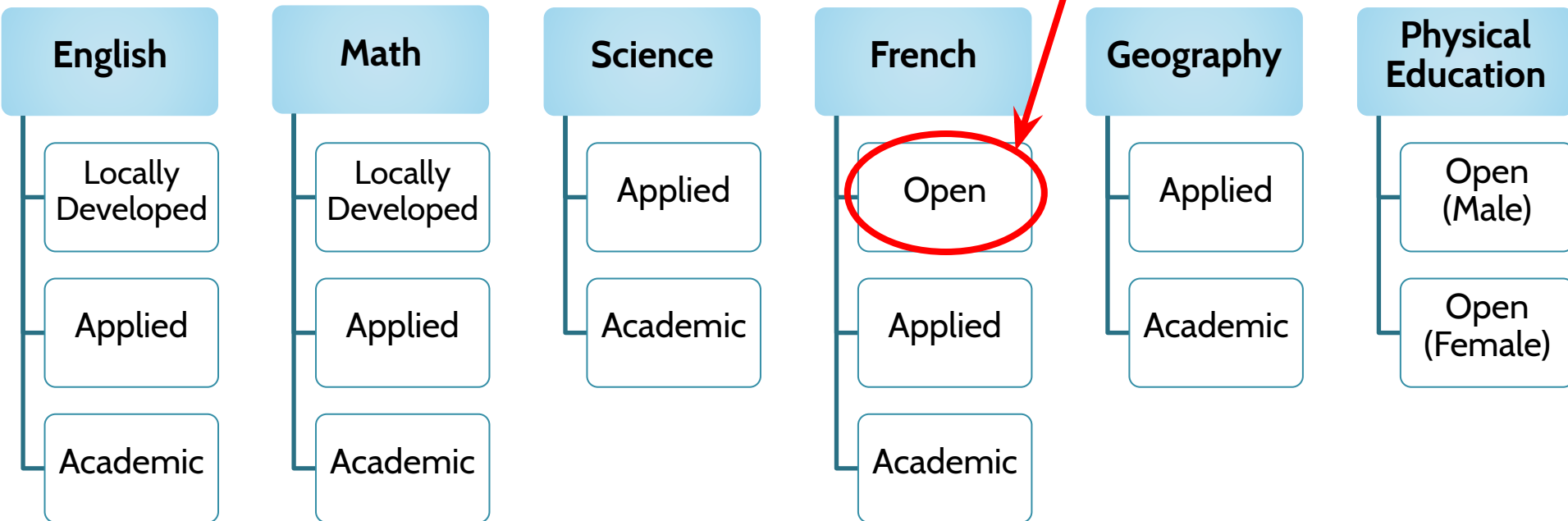
Semester Two: February to June (4 classes)

| Period | Time |
|--------|---|
| 1 | 8:15 – 9:35 |
| 2 | 9:40 – 10:55 |
| 3 | 11:00 – 12:15 (Lunch for all grade 9s) |
| 4 | 12:20 – 1:35 |
| 5 | 1:40 – 2:55 |

COMPULSORY COURSES

(6 courses)

For students new to French,
or with less than 600 hours
of instruction



It is common for students to choose a combination of academic and applied courses--teachers are available to explain the differences

Choosing Courses for Grade Nine

Discuss with:

- Grade 8 teachers and/or SERT and/or ESL teacher
- Guidance counselors
- Student success and other support teachers

Try the “mix and match”

Think about next year not after high school

Key Messages

- Honest assessment to match ability with interests and aptitudes; decisions made in grade 8 are **NOT** final pathways
- Taking applied in grade 9 does **not** mean you must take applied in grade 10

Discuss with teachers tonight in the atrium and designated classrooms

Groups of Electives

(Visit these teachers tonight!)

Technological Studies

Broad-Based Technology

Cosmetology

Business Studies

Intro. to Business Tech

Intro. to Business

The Arts

Drama

Music

Visual Arts

Social Sciences

Exploring Family Studies

Grade 9 students take two elective courses



Why Are Electives Important for Students?

- Explore interests and abilities
- Meet peers with similar interests
- Develop skills for future employment
 - critical thinking
 - problem solving
 - teamwork
 - resiliency
 - life skills
- Explore pathway options

Next Steps



Coming to a School Near You!


| School | Date |
|----------------|------------|
| Donald Cousens | January 13 |
| Fred Varley | January 15 |
| Greensborough | January 14 |
| John McCrae | January 8 |
| Mount Joy | January 9 |
| Wismer | January 10 |



Guidance Will Visit in January and Bring

- Registration packages
- Online course selection instructions
- Grade nine course descriptions
- Due dates

Materials included in the registration package are displayed on the bulletin board across the guidance office.



Live in area but not from one of our Partner Elementary Schools? OR Moving into the Area?

Registration packages can be picked up from
the guidance office starting December 3rd

September 2020: Open To Transfers????

- Contact the guidance office for details in 10
days

Helping our Students Achieve



Student Success Team



Working together to support:

- Student achievement
- Elementary to secondary school transition
- Success in secondary school
- Transition to post-secondary pathways

Team Members:

Student Success teacher(s)

Guidance Counselors

Special Education teachers

ESL teachers

Literacy and Numeracy teacher

Administration

Special Education Supports

- accommodations outlined in their Individual Education Plan (IEP)

Special Education Presentation
in Library at 7:15

ESL Program and Supports

See the ESL booth in the main hall following this assembly

What's Happening Now?

Guided tours of school and facilities available

- “hop on/hop off”
 - tour guides will start from cafeteria (hop on!)
 - can stop and listen/ask questions at any room (hop off!)
 - “hop on” the next tour to continue around the school
 - The Skye is the limit!
- **Self discovery tours--see handout**

More Information at : www.yrdsb.ca

Explore My Options

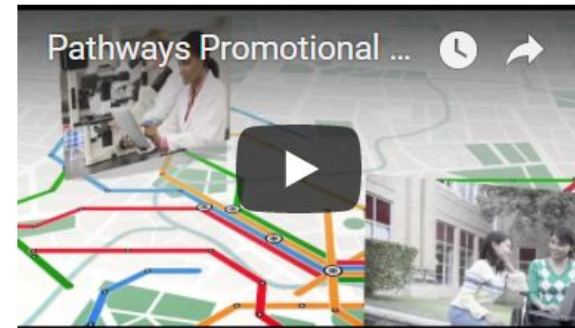
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Watch this 1 min. video about planning your individual pathway"

Choose My Courses

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**Enjoy the rest of your
evening**

