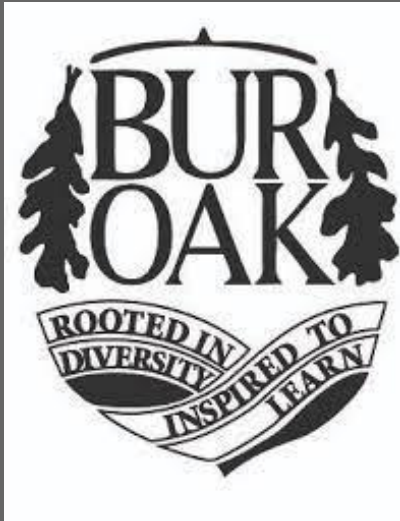


Bur Oak S.S. Grade 9 Parent/Guardian Info Session September 2023



Welcome to
BUR OAK SECONDARY SCHOOL



Introductions

The Administrative Team

Louis Lim (Principal)

Erika Pridie (Vice-Principal: M - Z)

Stacey Sadacharan (Vice-Principal:
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Agenda

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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.

Context Setting

YRDSB: Directors Action Plan

- Fostering Well-Being and Mental Health
- Building Collaborative Relationships
- Provide Effective Instruction & Assessment
- Championing Equity & Inclusivity
- Empowering Ethical Leadership

Bur Oak SS:

- Digital Literacy (1:1 school)
 - Equity
 - Mental Health/Well-Being
 - Assessment and Instruction
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Semester Opening

To ensure the Health and Safety for all students

Caring and Safe Schools Presentation will be shared with all students the first week of school. It will review:

What an inclusive learning environment looks like

Bullying - including Cyberbullying

Progressive Discipline

Anti-Racism and School Procedures



Most Common Questions from Families

- School calendars
- School schedule
- Course selections
- Student usernames and passwords
- Clubs & Teams



Schedules

Courses/Timetables

1. What is a semester?
2. What is a credit?
3. What is the difference between a compulsory and an elective credit?
4. How do I read the timetable?
5. What will my day look like?
6. Can I leave school at lunch?

HR	8:15 – 8:20 a.m.
Period 1	8:20 – 9:35 a.m.
Travel time	9:35 – 9:40 a.m.
Period 2	9:40 – 10:55 a.m.
Travel time	10:55 – 11:00 a.m.
Period 3	11:00 – 12:15 p.m.
Travel time	12:15 – 12:20 p.m.
Period 4	12:20 – 1:35 p.m.
Travel time	1:35 – 1:40 p.m.
Period 5	1:40 – 2:55 p.m.

School Day Schedule by Period

Attendance



- If your child will be absent for the day please report the absence to the main office at 905-202-1234 before school.
- Teachers will complete attendance in TeachAssist in the morning AND the afternoon classes
- Please communicate (phone/email) with your child's teacher(s) in advance for any missed assessments
- We will be sending attendance reports out 2 times per day - 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

COVID-19 Protocols

Daily Screening

On a daily basis, students and their parents/guardians are responsible to review and adhere to the [COVID-19 School Screening Tool](#). Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever
- New or Worsening Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Sore Throat or Difficulty Swallowing
- Altered Taste or Smell
- Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Abdominal Pain
- Runny Nose, Nasal Congestion

If your child is feeling unwell or if they have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, please do not have them come to school, inform the school and have them stay home. Once your child's symptoms have improved, they can return to school. It is recommended that they wear a mask for 10 days following a positive test.

If you Feel Sick at School...

- Let your teacher or a staff member know that you are not feeling well
- If you are not with a teacher - please go to the office and let them know
- Ask the office staff to contact your parent/guardian. You must remain in the building until someone can pick you up.



Face Coverings

If you are choosing to wear a mask:

- ▶ Students are expected to provide their own face covering
- ▶ Masks are not to be shared
- ▶ Masks can be non-medical or cloth.
- ▶ The use of a mask is not an acceptable measure to attend or remain at school for those who are symptomatic

Hand Washing/Sanitizing

Students are encouraged to wash hands using soap and water or use hand sanitizer immediately before:

- leaving home,
- leaving the classroom,
- eating, touching one's face
- leaving school.

Students are encouraged to wash hands or use hand sanitizer immediately after:

- arriving at school/entering the classroom,
- finishing lunch,
- touching shared objects,
- using the bathroom,
- coughing, sneezing, and blowing one's nose,
- arriving at home.



Supporting Our Students

Well-Being

1. What are some ways to meet people/feel connected in high school?
2. What are some ways to get involved in the school (clubs/teams)?
3. How do I know if my child is safe at school?
4. What is the process for reporting an incident?
5. In addition to teachers, who else is available to support my child?



Student Achievement

1. How much homework is my child expected to have?
2. What are some of the ways I can help my child be more independent?
3. How can I find out how my child is doing?
4. Are students expected to maintain a certain average in each course?
5. What happens if my child is unsuccessful in completing a course?
6. When will my child's IEP be implemented?
7. What type of academic support is available for students?

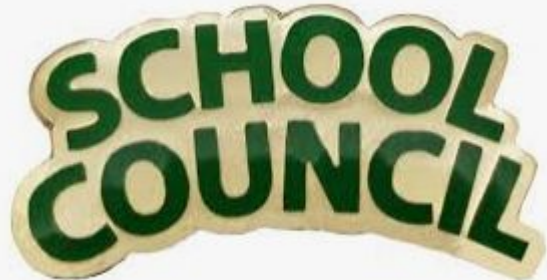
Volunteer Hours



1. What are community involvement/volunteer hours?
2. Which activities are eligible and which are ineligible?
3. What is the process for getting them completed and recorded?

Parent Engagement

In what way(s) can I become engaged in the school community? Our first meeting is on Monday October 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Bur Oak S.S.



Maintaining Contact with the School



1. What is the best way to make contact with the school?
2. What should I do when my child is absent?
3. How and when will I be informed if my child is not present in a class?
4. What type of communication should I expect from the school?
5. What is the process for addressing a concern with a teacher?



Thank you for joining us this evening!



Thank you

We'll be hosting a drop-in session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday September 7th. An email was sent (last week) to all families of our incoming Grade 9 students with a meeting link.

Feel free to drop in and ask any questions that weren't covered in this presentation.

Please feel free to email bur.oak.ss@yrdsb.ca if you can't make the evening session and you have a question.

