



# THE BULLDOG

A Newsletter for Our Bur Oak Secondary School Community

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This newsletter will be sent out weekly and will share important information to all of you, our valued members of our school community. We encourage you to also visit our [school website](#) regularly. Previously sent newsletters can be accessed from our website [here](#). And, feel free to use [Google Translate](#) to support with multi-language translation, as needed.

## Daily Schedule

**Period 1**(includes Homeroom) 8:15-9:35

**Period 2** 9:40-10:55

**Period 3** 11:00-12:15

**Period 4** 12:20- 1:35

**Period 5** 1:40-2:55

## Important Dates Ahead

### May 2024

16 Music Spring Rhapsody 7:30 pm @ Flato  
Markham Theatre  
17 Sports Phest  
20 Victoria Day (No School)  
24 Prom

### June 2024

5 Athletic Banquet  
7 Spirit Day  
10 Grad Assembly/Grad Tea (Per. 5, cafeteria, all  
potential graduating students to attend)  
13 Best Buddies Prom  
13/14 Grade 9 Math EQAO  
17 Eid-ul-Adha  
18 Exams: Period 3 Grade 12 Classes  
19 - 25 Exams  
26 Mark Review Day, Promotion Meetings  
26 Graduation  
27, 28 P.A. Days (No School)

## Information from our Guidance Department

### **Summer School**

***Summer School Registration is now open. Courses are beginning to fill up and waitlists are emerging. Please have your child begin the process as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment.***

All instructions have been posted to student Guidance Google Classrooms.

Students must follow procedures outlined by guidance. Students should not sign up in mypathway planner before following steps outlined. Drop-in sessions will be held multiple times a week in guidance for students taking YRDSB summer school. Please refer to the Guidance Google Classroom for upcoming dates.

### **GRADE 12 MARK UPLOADS TO OCAS & OUAC**

Guidance uploaded semester 2 midterm marks to OUAC & OCAS. We encourage students to log into their accounts to confirm that marks are correct, and that their currently enrolled semester 2 courses are listed. **It is a student's responsibility to ensure that the information in OUAC and OCAS is accurate** and to report any errors to their guidance counsellor as soon as possible.

Students who have applied to an Ontario University need to be aware of next steps in the application process. Linked [HERE](#) is a document that contains links to promotional material about what's next in the application process, and other important information, such as deadlines, online resources and how to respond to an offer of admission.

### **SPRING COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSES**

The Guidance Department encourages students to visit colleges and/or universities to help them make informed decisions about their post-secondary pathway.

For upcoming University opportunities, click [here](#).

For upcoming College opportunities, click [here](#).

### **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT**

If students are in need of mental health support they should come to Guidance to see a counsellor. If they are in a severe crisis they can access support by contacting one of the agencies below or should be taken to a local emergency room.

A Guide of Services for Youth in York Region [Strive 2023](#)

Kids Help Phone (text 686868, call 800-668-6868 ([www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca)))

360 Kids (905-475-6694  
([www.360kids.ca](http://www.360kids.ca)))

York Hills (905-503-9560)  
([www.yorkhills.ca](http://www.yorkhills.ca))

Mental Health Crisis (310-COPE, 855-310-2673)

Suicide Prevention Canada (text 45645, 833-456-4566)

First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line (1-855-242-3310)

Black Youth Helpline (416-285-9944)

LGBTQIA+ YouthLine (text) 647-694-4275

Trans Lifeline (1-877-330-6366)

## Presentation from Youth Engagement Advisor from the Government of Canada

On Thursday May 16th from 12:20-1:00, Guidance will be hosting a presentation with a Youth Engagement Advisor from the Government of Canada! She will be talking to students about diverse opportunities available in the federal government, including work opportunities for high school students.

Students can drop by the Careers Centre (located beside guidance) to participate in this amazing opportunity.

## High School Conference: Empowering East Asian Students Together

We are looking for current YRDSB students who identify as East Asian and hope to:

- dive deeper into East Asian identities and its significance on relationship building
- Challenge issues that affect different groups of people
- Take steps in supporting others and fighting injustices
- Please see the attached pdf poster for more details

## Careers in Space Exploration

The Milliken Mills High School School Council is pleased to present an information session for students and parents on Careers in Space Exploration. The information session will be led by Dr. Bhairavi Shankar, who is a planetary scientist, a Canadian Space Ambassador, a social entrepreneur, and the founder of Indus Space, a social enterprise that raises awareness about STEM and Space Science and Exploration.

The session aims to help parents/guardians and students discover the variety of STEM pathways connected to the field of space exploration. This free informative session will be held at Milliken Mills High School on Wednesday, May 15 from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. Please register for this free event at <https://bit.ly/MMHSSpaceSession>. See the attached flyer for further details.

## Bur Oak S.S. Prom!

We are excited to announce our Bur Oak Prom 2024 theme this year is *Once Upon a Wish*. Prom will be taking place on **Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>** at Angus Glen Golf Club. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and close at 6:45 p.m. Dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by dancing. **The evening will end promptly at 11:00 p.m. so please ensure your child is picked up from the venue before then.** Ticket sales closed on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at midnight.

## Philosophy For Youth—Philosophy and Ethics Summer Program

Please find attached some information about the 2024 Philosophy Summer Academy which will take place in July and August at Markham District High School. This opportunity is open to students in grades 9—12. If interested, please register at [philosophyforyouth.ca](http://philosophyforyouth.ca). See the attached flyer for further details.

## Parent/caregiver series supporting learning about mental health

The YRDSB Central Mental Health Team is proud to be offering the ***Learning about Mental Health Presentation Series (LAMPS)***. The objective of the series is to promote and enhance mental health literacy. The second session is ***“Technology Use and Mental Health, a Presentation for Parents and Caregivers”*** and will occur ***virtually on May 29th from 6 - 7 p.m.*** The presentation will focus on the characteristics of anxiety, and some general strategies that may be beneficial in supporting your children and their anxiety.

These sessions are offered to any parent/guardian. Translation will be provided in a limited number of languages. If your preferred language is not offered, we recommend watching with a friend or family member who is able to translate. To register please visit [this link](#).

Please Register by **May 28th, 2024**

## York Region’s 2nd Anti-Human Trafficking Conference

We would like to extend a warm invitation to you to attend the [2nd Anti Human Trafficking Conference in York Region](#). The event aims to raise awareness about human trafficking in our community and empower both parents and youth with the knowledge and skills to safeguard against this heinous crime. This event is open to parents, caregivers, community members and youth aged 11 and up. This event has been made possible through funding from the Department of Justice Canada and the generous sponsorship of New Doors Mentorship Coaching and Costco of Newmarket.

**Date: May 14th and 15th, 2024**

**Time: Doors open at 5:30 PM**

**Venue: Seneca Polytechnic King Campus, Magna Hall, 13990 Dufferin St, King City, On, L7B 1B3**

Please find attached the event flyer, which includes a registration link. I kindly ask that all attendees register for the event to ensure adequate food, prizes, and teams are provided.

Additionally, for updates on the event, please follow [@TakeActionOnHT](#) on Instagram. Please register [here](#) to secure your place at this pivotal conference. Looking forward to welcoming you for an evening of education, empowerment, and community engagement.

## The Come Up Program

The **Come Up** summer program is a unique in-person course offered to **self-identifying Black students** in the York Region District School Board. It also includes guest speakers, field trips, lunch and swag.

**Students entering grade 9** will earn a Civics and Careers (GLC20/CHV20) credit.

**Students entering Grade 10** will earn a Black History (CHE30) credit. This credit can be used to fulfill the grade 10 compulsory history credit.

**Registrations for the 2024 Come Up Program are open.** Please see the attached flyer for more details. There are three summer school locations that students can choose from, which are: (1) Maple High School (WEST) (2) Milliken Mills High School (EAST) (3) Newmarket High School (NORTH).

Students must complete both the [Come Up Registration](#) and register for the course on MyBluePrint in order to be fully registered for the program/course.

**Deadline to register is May 27, 2024**

## 3 R's at Bur Oak Secondary School

At Bur Oak S.S., we have our **3 R's - Respect, Responsibility, Relationships** (see below) to maintain the positive, welcoming, respectful and inclusive learning environment at our school!



### 3Rs – Respect, Responsibility, Relationships

As Bulldogs, we:

- Are respectful, take responsibility and leave things better than we found it, and build positive and healthy relationships.
- Stand quietly during the playing of the National Anthem. If we arrive late to school, we stand quietly during the National Anthem and walk quietly to period 1 class during the morning announcements.
- Eat lunch in the cafeteria or in the first floor atrium during our lunch period 2, 3, or 4. We pick up after ourselves.
- Do not eat nor sit in the first floor hallways and we do not eat nor sit in the second floor hallways. We are not in the stairwells and we do not wander the hallways. We are respectful for classes in session.
- Do not congregate nor hang out in washrooms. We maintain a welcoming and safe school environment for students to use the washroom. We understand that nobody should feel intimidated in any parts of the school building.
- Use the first floor atrium tables for quiet study. We sit on chairs. We do not sit on top of the table and we do not lie down on tables or the floor.
- Wear earbuds for music in the hallways and atrium. We respect the environment of others by not using loud speakers.
- Dress appropriately for school.
- Ask our teacher for permission to leave the classroom to use the washroom or get a drink of water. We sign out to leave the classroom and sign in when we return to the classroom.



*Have a wonderful weekend!*