



# WILCLAY WILDCAT

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## October 2016

這是重要文件，若不明白，請找人翻譯。

இது ஒரு முக்கியமான பத்திரம். இதை வாசித்து விளங்கப் படுத்தத் கூடிய ஒருவர் உம் எடுத்துச் செல்லவும்.

یہ ایک ضروری دستاویز ہے۔ اسے کسی ایسے شخص کے پاس لے جائیے جو آپ کو اس کے بارے میں سہارا دے۔

هذا الخطاب مهم جدا .. نرجو أن تجد من يشرحه لك .

ਇਹ ਦਸਤਾਵੇਜ਼ ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਹੈ। ਇਸਨੂੰ ਸਹਾਇਤਾ ਦੇਣ ਵਾਲੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਨੂੰ ਦਿਓ।

यह एक जरूरी दस्तावेज़ है। इसे किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति के पास ले जाएं जो इसे आपको समझा सके।

## ADMINISTRATORS' MESSAGE

Welcome to the start of a new school year. This is always an exciting time for us, for our students and for our community. As we begin another year of learning, creating and growing, we bring all our best hopes and determination for a successful year ahead.

Our focus continues to be on helping our students to develop skills that will make them future ready. We need to ask ourselves what does this look like? It is no longer enough to merely teach our students to read, write and speak. Our aim is to focus these skills in a way that is relevant to the times we live in. To this end, we continue to invest in technology to engage our students in meaningful and creative ways. The school will continue to seek funding through fundraising efforts and donations to support this area of growth.

Creativity can be nurtured and developed through the Arts as well. Music, drama, dance and visual arts are equally important to support our students in learning how to create because these creative skills can then be applied to academic subjects such as Science, Math and English. We hope that you will work with us in encouraging your child to explore their creativity in all aspects of the Arts.

Finally, we ask you to partner with us in our efforts to promote healthy living habits with all our students. Most of us know that physical activity leads to a more fit and healthy body. Students who take part in sports and enjoy an active lifestyle outside of school will learn better in the classroom. We hope you will encourage and allow your child to walk to school in the morning, and walk home after school. Walking is one of the best physical activities. Worried about your child walking alone? Talk to your neighbours who have children coming to the school! Have your child walk together with your neighbours' children. You could even take turns as parents to walk a group of children from your street to and from school. After all, adults will also benefit from physical activities!

A new year gives us the opportunity to explore new possibilities, try out innovative ideas, grow physically and mentally.

The staff at Wilclay is looking forward to guiding our students as they mature into young people that we can all be proud of. We are excited to be your partners in this journey, and wish everyone a fabulous year!

## SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

FDK	Ms. Rolls	DECE	Ms. Slack	FRENCH	Ms. Yeung
FDK	Ms. Larsen	DECE	Ms. Nensey	FRENCH	Ms. Moorhead
FDK	Ms. Kiljanski	DECE	Ms. Zehra	PREP	Ms. Kuchersky
FDK	Ms. Chin	DECE	Ms. Levato	PREP	Ms. Karygiannis
FDK	Ms. Chen	DECE	Ms. Saraphanian	PREP	Ms. Brown
SK/1	Ms. Hume	DECE	Ms. Chong	RR/PREP	Ms. Carnio
1	Ms. Weber-Kramer			RR/PREP	Ms. Costoulas
1	Ms. McIntyre			ELL	Ms. Parameswaran
2/3	Ms. Proctor / Ms. Khaper			ELL	Ms. Kumagai
2/3	Ms. Loree			ELL	Ms. Keely
2	Ms. Tzatzanis			LIBRARY	Ms. Somani
2	Ms. Ho			SERT	Ms. Seaver
3	Ms. Chang			SERT	Ms. Taylor-Bloomfield
3	Ms. Si			SERT	Ms. Mohammed
3	Ms. Chan-Parks			SERT	Ms. Franklin
4	Mr. Skilton				
4	Ms. Goodman				
5	Ms. Lee				
5	Ms. Vidinovski / Ms. Kleinberg				
6	Mr. Si				
6	Ms. Neumann				
6/7	Ms. Smith				
7	Ms. Temelkovski				
7	LTO (to be announced)				
8	Mr. Littleford				
8	Ms. Schroedter				

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

At Wilclay, we value Parent Engagement.

We know that parents are our most important partners when it comes to educating children. We know that good schools become better schools when they are connected with parents and families.

The role of School Council is to improve student learning and to develop a shared sense of accountability for the public education system among both parents and educators.

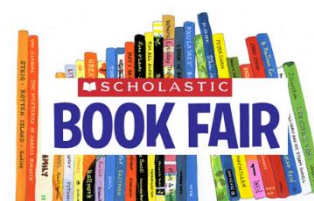
Our first Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. 6:00 – 7:30PM**  
All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**BOOK FAIRS**

**October 3-7th**



## SAVE THE DATE

**MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT**  
**Wednesday Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30pm**



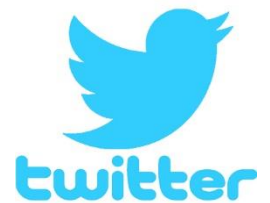
## SAVE THE DATE

**PICTURE DAY**  
**Wednesday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>**



## TWITTER NEWS @WilclayPS

We are excited to let our families know that we have a Wilclay Twitter account. Please follow us [@WilclayPS](https://twitter.com/WilclayPS) to be informed about what our students are learning and engaged in on a weekly basis.



## Student Drop-Off

We encourage children to walk to school either with an adult, older sibling, or if they are old enough, a friend or neighbour. Walking to school is good for your children's health, good for friendships and good for the environment.

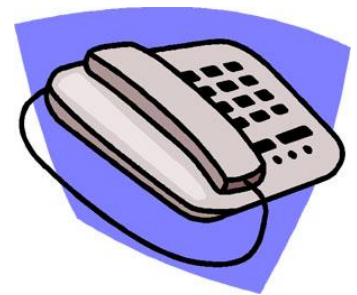
For those times that you have to drive your child to school we have a drop off process in place in order to keep each and every child safe as they come to Wilclay. If you are dropping your children off at school, **please remember the following:**

1. **Do Not** let your child out of the car at the entrance to the car loop.
2. Drive your car, following the **staff member's guidance**, all the way up to the exit loop. If there is a line of cars drive right up to the stopped car in front of you and let your children out there.
3. Seat your children so that they can easily get out on the passenger's side.
4. Stay in line. **Do Not drive around the car in front of you once you have dropped off your children.**
5. Leave home early and have patience.



## SAFE ARRIVAL PROGRAM

If your child is going to be late or absent, **please call the school and let us know at (905)470-1447**. If we do not receive a message on our machine or telephone call in the morning, we will call your home or place of work to find out why your child is not at school. If you know your child will be absent, please let the office know. In the event that we cannot reach a parent or an emergency contact, the police will be notified.



## HEALTHY SNACKS AND LUNCHES

Wilclay Public School is a nut/peanut safe school. To support a safe and positive school for all, parents are asked NOT to send food containing peanuts and peanut related products to school with their children.

Students are encouraged to prepare their snacks/lunch from the night before with their parents. There is a greater likelihood of them eating their snack/lunch when they have prepared it themselves.





## ELECTRONIC DEVICES & TECHNOLOGY

During instructional time, individual teachers will have individual rules pertaining to the use of personal technology, such as iPods, iPads, iPhones, cell phones, etc. to be used for educational purposes during class time. Please check with your child's teacher as to the rules pertaining to his/her class.

**Please don't send your child to school with expensive electronic equipment without first checking with your child's teacher and signing appropriate technology agreements found in the School Start Up package.**

For safety and supervision purposes, students are not permitted to have MP3 players, iPods, cell phones, etc. during recesses or during lunch eating time. The school will not assume any responsibility for these valuable items.



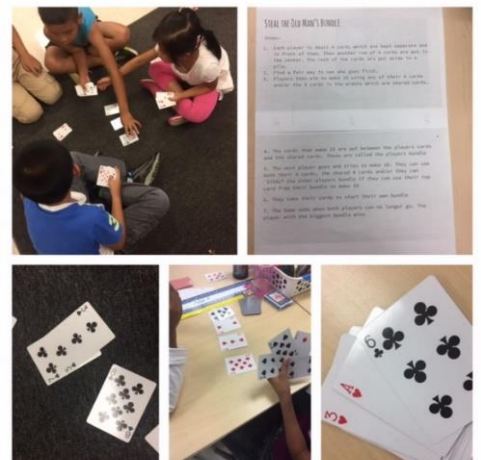
## CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS – Modern Learning

At Wilclay, our students are engaged in their learning through various hands-on experiences. Students reinforce their skill on various concepts through play.



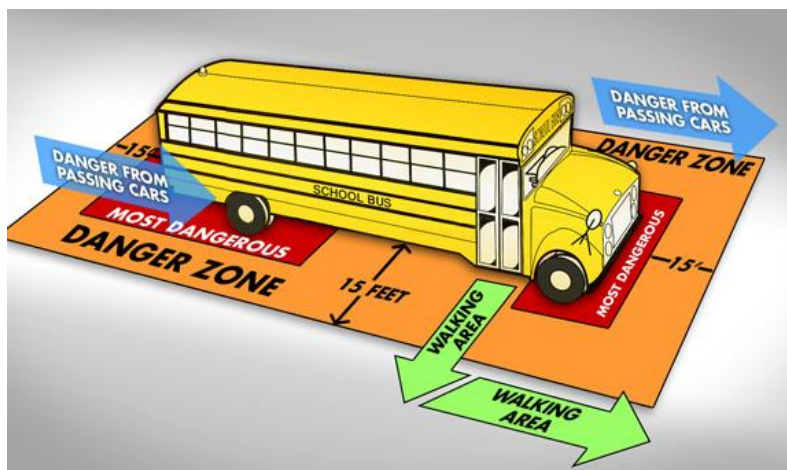
## CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS - Mathematics

Our students reinforce Math skills through games and puzzles. Here, we are playing 'Stealing the Old Man's Bundle' by learning how to make 10.



## SAFETY WEEK

September is one of the months where we engage students in various safety related drills and activities to ensure that we have a safe and successful school year. Some of these drills include fire, hold and secure and lockdown drills. Each student also signs off the Caring and Safe School Policy, ensuring that Wilclay is a safe, secure and healthy environment. A place where everyone is kind, co-operative and where there is a zero tolerance for bullying.



## WILCLAY ARTISTS

A number of our students' art work was selected for publication in our YRDSB 'Holidays and Observances Calendar'.  
Way to go Wilclay Artists!



## UPCOMING DATES

Event	Date
Scholastic Book Fair	October 3 - 7
Picture Day	October 5
Gr. 7, 8 Immunizations	October 6
Terry Fox Run	October 7
Regional Cross Country	October 13
School Council Meeting	October 17
Gr. 7 VIP	October 24
P.A. Day	October 28
Gr. 1 Fire Safety	November 1
Gr. 6 Trip to Mansfield	November 2-4
Photo Retakes	November 2
Dental Screening (JK/SK/2/4/6/8)	November 8

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**BUILD A  
BETTER FUTURE!**



### FREE CLASSES

- English as a Second Language/LINC
- Academic Upgrading and Computer Skills
- Citizenship and IELTS Preparation

Call 905-731-9557  
to book an appointment

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## PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGE

York Region Community and Health Services (Public Health) has asked that we share the West Nile Virus Factsheet with you. You may also find this information on their website: [york.ca/westnile](http://york.ca/westnile). If you have any questions, please contact Community and Health Services directly at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933.



## ADULT LITERACY AND BASIC SKILLS

### Adult Literacy and Basic Skills

Are you looking for free training to upgrade your employability, academic or computer skills?

If you want to:

- Enhance your resume and find a job
- Prepare for college
- Prepare for an apprenticeship application
- Get your GED (High School Equivalency)
- Prepare for a high school credit program
- Gain confidence in life, work and studies
- Become more independent in life
- Gain computer skills for the workplace

How do you start?

Call to book an appointment! **905-731-9557 Ext: 307**

- Fill out a registration form.
- Get an assessment of your computer or literacy skills.
- Choose the program that is right for you with our help!
- Start and reach your goals.

Our Employment and Academic Preparation courses can help you reach your goals faster!

### Course Offerings & Locations

Our courses are offered from September to June with continuous enrolment and funded by Employment Ontario.

**Uplands Community Learning Centre**

**YorkWorks - Stouffville**

**8210 Yonge Street (Yonge & Hwy 7)**

**111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville**

Mon-Thu 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Mon-Thu 12:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

Mon/Wed 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fri Computer Clinic (call for enquiries)

Fri Basic Accounting Clinic (call for enquiries)



# INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program is student-centred with a focus on developing intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills for students who live, learn and work in a rapidly changing world. The program emphasizes critical, compassionate thinking, community involvement and intercultural understanding. It is founded on international standards and assessment. Students who complete the program earn both an Ontario Secondary School Diploma and an IB Diploma.

We are pleased to announce the expansion of York Region District School Board's IB Program offerings. In addition to [Bayview Secondary School](#)'s IB Program, YRDSB has four candidate school sites for the Diploma Program:

- [Alexander Mackenzie High School](#)
- [Dr. GW Williams Secondary School](#)
- [Maple High School](#)
- [Milliken Mills High School](#)

Current Grade 8 and Grade 9 students and families interested in YRDSB's IB Program are invited to attend an information session to learn more about the program and application process. No registration is needed.

## **IB Information Evening – Wednesday, October 26, 2016**

Location: Le Parc

8432 Leslie Street, Thornhill, Ontario L3T 7M6

Hall: to be announced

Times:

Families living EAST of Yonge St. 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Families living WEST of Yonge St. 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Students eligible for Grade 9 and Grade 10 in September 2017 may apply.

## **Assessment Dates – Saturday, November 19 or Tuesday, November 22, 2016**

Admission to the York Region District School Board IB programs includes an assessment. At the time of application, students will select to write in either the a.m. or p.m. on Saturday, November 19 or in the evening on Tuesday, November 22.

There is a \$35 fee to apply to this program.

For additional information, please visit [www.yrdsb.ca/IB](http://www.yrdsb.ca/IB).

# **THE WILCLAY WAY...**

**At Wilclay Public School**

**We believe...**

- **In a safe, secure and healthy environment**
- **In welcoming, including and respecting everyone**
- **In learning every day in creative and innovative ways**
- **In being kind, co-operative and a good friend**
- **In always doing our best and being proud of our successes**

**WE LEARN**

**WE RESPECT**

**WE CREATE**

**WE ARE WILCAY**

# Fight the bite!

Protect yourself against  
**West Nile virus**



## What is West Nile virus?

West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne virus that can be passed to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito.

## What are the symptoms of West Nile virus?

Most people infected with West Nile virus have no symptoms or have flu-like symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches and fatigue. Sometimes West Nile virus can cause severe illness including meningitis and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Symptoms usually develop between two and 15 days after being bitten by an infected mosquito.

# Fight the bite!

## What you can do...

### Clean up

The best way to keep mosquitoes away is to clean up areas of standing water where mosquitoes like to breed.

Here are some tips:

- Clean up and empty containers where water collects (old tires, tin cans, flower pots, etc.)
- Change water in bird baths weekly
- Remove water that collects on pool covers
- Turn over items such as wading pools, wheelbarrows and small boats
- Clear eavestroughs and roof gutters
- Unclog drainage ditches
- Drill holes in the bottoms of containers so water can't collect
- Check that door and window screens are tight-fitting and in good repair

### Cover up

**Protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites.**

- Wear light-coloured, long-sleeved shirts and pants
- Use insect repellent containing DEET when outdoors; apply according to manufacturer's instructions

For more information about West Nile virus or to report standing water, contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 or visit [york.ca/westnile](http://york.ca/westnile)

**Community and Health Services**  
Public Health





From the list below, select what you need help with in order to find or secure sustainable employment:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finding and using information          | <input type="checkbox"/> Using digital technology (computer skills)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communicating ideas and information    | <input type="checkbox"/> Managing your learning (goal setting and action plans)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Understanding and using numbers (math) | <input type="checkbox"/> Engaging with others ("soft skills" such as customer-service) |

The iWIN Program is offered at no cost to eligible learners by the York Region District School Board, with support from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

## Book your assessment today!

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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**York** Region  
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
*Inspire Learning!*



# DESIGN YOUR PATH TO SUCCESS



This program is right for you if you are a resident of Ontario (19+) and need to:

- Enhance your employability skills
- Gain or upgrade computer skills for the workplace
- Prepare for college, university or apprenticeship programs
- Prepare for a High School Credit program or GED
- Gain confidence in life, work and studies

Our **iWIN Program** will help you reach your goals faster! Get individualized support from a highly qualified and experienced instructor and create a class schedule that **works for you**.

Select the program(s) you'd like to learn:

### Basic Computer Skills

Minimum time commitment - 8 classes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Getting to Know a Computer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Terminology</li><li>- Hardware and software</li><li>- Mouse skills</li><li>- Keyboarding</li></ul>                          | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>File Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Saving files to a hard drive or USB</li><li>- Creating folders</li><li>- Moving files</li></ul>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Getting Started with Email</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Setting up a new address</li><li>- Sending/receiving email</li><li>- Attaching a document (résumé, picture, etc.)</li></ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Basic Text and Image Skills (in MS Word)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Working with documents</li><li>- Moving text</li><li>- Inserting pictures, clip art, shapes</li><li>- Formatting images and shapes</li><li>- Creating a basic chart/table</li><li>- Using spell-check</li><li>- Inserting, editing and removing a header/footer</li></ul> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Internet Searches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Conducting searches</li><li>- Making searches more effective</li><li>- Choosing reliable sites</li></ul>                             |  |

### Digital Technology for Effective Job Searches and Online Applications

Minimum time commitment - 8 classes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Email for Employment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Subject line</li><li>- Address: to, cc, bcc</li><li>- Reply, reply all, and forward</li><li>- Body of email</li><li>- How to attach a file</li><li>- Formal/informal tone</li><li>- Purpose of email</li></ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Résumés and Cover Letters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- How to format</li><li>- Salutations and closings</li><li>- Purpose of letter</li><li>- Appropriate language and tone</li><li>- Inserting, editing and removing a header/footer</li><li>- Applying to positions online</li></ul> |
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### Soft Skills and Successful Oral Communication

Once a week

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Conversation Group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Weekly topics for discussion</li><li>- Appropriate language and tone</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Workplace culture and etiquette</li><li>- Body language</li><li>- Enhanced pronunciation</li><li>- Confidence building</li></ul> |
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### High School Credit or GED Preparation

- ☐ Get individualized support and instruction while preparing for your high school credit program or GED (high school equivalency). All subjects are offered.

### Computer Skills for Employment and Further Education

Blended learning using training software and instructional support

Minimum time commitment - 8 classes

- ☐ **Microsoft Office Skills Introduction**
- Word: creating and editing original documents, using proofing tools, templates, setting page layout
  - Excel: entering data, formatting worksheets, setting worksheet layout, creating formulas, exercises
  - PowerPoint: creating simple presentations
  - Publisher: creating basic publications, formatting objects, duplicating an existing tri-fold brochure
  - Outlook: making contacts, using the calendar
  - Access: creating relational database tables, field properties
- ☐ **Microsoft Office Skills Intermediate to Advanced**
- Word: working with tabs, bullets and numbering, drawing objects, using building blocks, tables, mail merge, macros. Creating flyers using WordArt, images and tables
  - Excel: conditional formatting, sorting and filtering data, pivot tables and charts, security features, larger orders and charts
  - PowerPoint: slide show view, animations, inserting sound, charts, tables and objects. Creating presentations using animation and sound. Delivering presentations to a group.
  - Publisher: using master pages, customizing schemes, page set-up and layout. Creating an original tri-fold brochure and other business stationary such as gift certificate and flyers
  - Outlook: tasks, folders, mailbox options
  - Access: queries, creating forms, form and report controls, macros
- ☐ **Google at Work**  
Once a Week
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| - Gmail    | - Sharing documents |
| - Calendar | - Hangouts          |
| - Drive    |                     |
- ☐ **Increasing Keyboarding Speed**

### Employment and Academic Skills Upgrading

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Math</b><br>Minimum time commitment - 8 classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Basic arithmetic</li><li>- Money math</li><li>- Time (time sheets, calendars)</li><li>- Math for college</li></ul> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>English Language Skills</b><br>Minimum time commitment - 8 classes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Grammar: parts of speech, word order, parts of a sentence</li><li>- Mechanics: punctuation, capitalization, spelling</li><li>- Writing complete sentences</li><li>- Verb tenses, agreement</li></ul> |
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# Information Night for Students and Parents

**Are you interested in attending Bill Crothers Secondary School  
for the school year 2017 - 2018?**

Bill Crothers Secondary School is a unique, system-wide program that provides an inclusive and engaging learning environment for students who are motivated by healthy active living and sport while achieving academic success. This school operates on a Balanced School Year (early August to mid-June) schedule which supports the diverse needs of student-athletes. Specialized programming is offered to support our students through our diverse and daily Health and Physical Education and High Performance Athlete Program with contextualized learning in a variety of subject courses. During the school day, we offer an Integrated Learning Instructional Period (ILIP) which provides supervised time for students to achieve their academic goals.

**Information Night at: Bill Crothers Secondary School, 44 Main Street, Unionville, Ontario.**

**Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 óStudents in the West & North of the Region**

**Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 óStudents in the East Region**

**Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 óStudents in the Central Region**

**Information sessions will be from 7:00 ó8:30 pm in the school cafeteria.**

**If you have a conflict with your designated evening, you are welcome to attend an alternate evening. The above suggestions are made to assist with seating for each evening ø u " r t g u g p v c  
Thank you.**

Admission to Bill Crothers Secondary School is by application and is open to students who reside in York Region entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12. Students must declare the sport in which they compete at the highest level outside of school and will not be able to compete in this sport for BCSS in the YRAA (York Region Athletic Association) or OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association) league. Alternative competitive options are being explored. Secondly, students who transfer in for grade 10, 11 and 12 are subject to YRAA and OFSAA transfer rules. Please refer to the <http://www.yraa.com>

Due to limited space and building capacity regulations, we ask that **only families with students interested in attending BCSS for the school year 2017 - 2018** attend one of these evenings. Parking is limited so we ask that you carpool or park at the GO Station. **By-law officers will enforce the parking regulations.**

**Applications will be available from the website on Friday October 21, 2016.**

For further information, contact [shirley.difebo@yrdsb.ca](mailto:shirley.difebo@yrdsb.ca)

*To develop the love of sport through learning and the  
love of learning through sport.*

