



# Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

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Dear Birchmount Park C.I. Students, Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well and that you have enjoyed a restful summer. We are excited to begin a new school year next week at Birchmount Park! For your planning purposes, we would like to share some important information:

Please note the following:

**Classes for the 2024-25 academic year begin on Tuesday, September 3, 2024. The schedule for students in the Regular, Gifted and Exceptional Athlete programs will be a *modified* half-day with a late start on a Day 1 cycle:**

Period 1: 10:00 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.

Period 2: 10:30 a.m. - 10:55 a.m.

Period 3: 11:00 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.

Period 4: 11:30 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.

**Students in the DD program will follow a regular, full-day schedule (9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.).** Accordingly, the school bus schedule will follow the regular pick-up and drop-off times outlined by the transportation department.

On **Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**, the full-day schedule begins for all students on a Day 2 cycle:

Period 1: 9:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.

Period 2: 10:25 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.

Lunch: 11:40 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Period 3: 12:40 p.m. - 1:55 p.m.

Period 4: 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

## **Timetables**

Student timetables will be distributed via School Messenger. Timetables are scheduled to go out on **Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that student timetables are also expected to be accessible through the TDSB Connects app which is available for download through the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store. For any students who cannot access their timetable on-line, they can pick one up from the Guidance Office on the first day of school.

## **School Photo Day**

Photos will be taken on **Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. ALL students are required to have a photo taken.

### **Start-of-the-Year Forms**

Please ensure that you complete the following forms via permission click on a link that will be sent to you by the TDSB at the end of summer. These forms are significant in ensuring the safety and wellbeing of Birchmount Park C.I. students and staff:

- TDSB Permission Consent Form: Walking Excursions, Media Release, Weather Conditions and Personal Email.
- TDSB Acknowledgement: Code of Conduct, including On-Line Code of Conduct, Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources.
- Medical Information Form 511E
  - Please ensure that you provide and update important medical information for your child.

### **Guidance Appointments**

The Guidance department is introducing a new, user-friendly, program for students and parents/guardians to request an appointment with a Guidance Counsellor. This website is similar to the one that parents/guardians use to book Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews and can be found at <https://guidanceinterview.com/s/bpci>. This link is also active on our school's revamped website at <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/Guidance/Guidance-Appointment-Requests>

### **School Contacts**

Please feel free to contact your Vice-Principal or the Guidance Office for any information you may require:

#### **Vice-Principals (by alpha):**

- Dr. Renée N. Rawlins (A-K): [renee.rawlins@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:renee.rawlins@tdsb.on.ca)
- Mr. Dave Ramnaraine (L-Z): [dave.ramnaraine@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:dave.ramnaraine@tdsb.on.ca)

#### **Guidance Counsellors (by alpha):**

- Ms. Delavinias (A-F): [joanne.delavinias@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:joanne.delavinias@tdsb.on.ca)
- Mr. Augustine (G-H): [jeevan.augustine@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:jeevan.augustine@tdsb.on.ca)
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- Guidance Office: 416-396-6704 x 20040

On a personal note, this is my first year as the principal of Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute. I feel excited and privileged to be leading BPCI, and to be a principal in this school community. I look forward to meeting students and families and making meaningful connections in the coming days and months.

We are excited for the new school year and look forward to the energy of our students in the building next week!

Enjoy the remaining days of summer.

Sincerely,



Angelo Kontos  
Principal