



# Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

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Dear Families and Friends of Birchmount Park:

I hope you had an enjoyable week and that your weekend ahead is filled with rest and relaxation!

**PLEASE FIND BELOW SOME INFORMATION OF INTEREST:**

## Important Reminders

- Students are reminded to complete their daily COVID screening at home each day before coming to school.
- Although students are encouraged to eat lunch outside of the building to allow for adequate social distancing, from time to time students may need to eat indoors due to inclement weather. Students are reminded that should they choose to eat indoors during the lunch hour, all garbage and recycling must be placed in the appropriate trash receptacles.
- Students are also reminded to return to school through the main entry doors and to sanitize their hands upon entry, following an outdoor lunch break.



## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

In addition to being the 8th annual [Orange Shirt Day](#), September 30, 2021 will be the first [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#). Together we recognize the legacy of Canada's residential school system and continue to learn the many truths of these institutions.

We honour First Nations, Métis, and Inuit children and communities impacted by this system. During Truth and Reconciliation Week September 27 to October 1, we encourage schools to participate in events offered by the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#). Visit the [UIEC's resource page](#) for learning resources and events; Orange Shirt Day and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation are on the Days of Significance page.

## **Guidance Notes from Ms. Grundy**

Guidance will begin to meet with classes next week to discuss Grade 12 applications for Post-Secondary. Grade 12 students in afternoon classes for the week of September 27 will be scheduled to attend. Accommodations will be made for students attending virtually. [Our website is a great place to find resources and links to post-secondary school, scholarship information and relevant links.](#)

This year our annual post-secondary fair has again moved online. We have partnered with a couple of our local schools in the South West of Scarborough to provide 'visits' to

our school to promote their school and answer your questions in a more personal way than the large city-wide fairs. Parents and Carers are welcome at all these events. Each 'visit' is scheduled for after school at 4:30 pm. [The schedule for all our visits can be found on our website.](#) Links to each presentation will be attached to the calendar prior to the start of each session.

Birchmount will be hosting a Virtual Parent Information Session on Wednesday, October 20 at 7:00pm. [Please use this form](#) to have the link to the session emailed to you.

Guidance is always available to students and their families. Whether it is to explore a trade, enter into college or begin a degree at University, we are excited to assist all our students and their families learn more about the process applying to Post-Secondary studies.

## Community News

### Pop-Up Vaccine Clinics in East Toronto

September 27 to October 3



**First dose eligibility:**

- Born in 2009 or earlier (i.e. turning age 12 or older this year);
- Live/work/attend school in any "M" postal code.

**Second dose eligibility:**

- Born in 2009 or earlier (i.e. turning age 12 or older this year);
- Live/work/attend school in any "M" postal code;

**AND**

- Received your first dose of Pfizer at least 21 days ago; or
- Received your first dose of Moderna at least 28 days ago; or
- Received your first dose of AstraZeneca at least 56 days ago.

**Vaccinations are free and open to all!**

- Walk-ins welcome.
- Pfizer is administered; Moderna by request.
- Appointments available at some clinics: [tehn.ca/VaccineAppointment](http://tehn.ca/VaccineAppointment)
- Vaccines also available at our COVID-19 Outreach Centres: [tehn.ca/CovidOutreachCentres](http://tehn.ca/CovidOutreachCentres)

Health card not required if you do not have one. You may bring an ID or document with your name, like a driver's license, passport, utility bill, pay stub, student ID or report card. **Even if you do not have these documents, we encourage you to attend one of these clinics. Our team will do their best to help get you vaccinated. Physicians and nurses are available to answer your questions about the vaccine.** Please visit [tehn.ca/VaccinePopUps](http://tehn.ca/VaccinePopUps) for more information.

<p><b>Clairlea Public School</b> 25 Rosalind Cres.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 27</li> <li>• 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Victoria Park Station</b> (777 Victoria Park Ave., mezzanine)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 28, 29, 30</li> <li>• 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	<p><b>The Scott Mission Childcare Centre</b> 1550 O'Connor Dr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 28</li> <li>• 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Don Mills Collegiate Institute</b> 17 The Donway E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 28</li> <li>• 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	<p><b>East York Collegiate Institute</b> 650 Cosburn Ave.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 29</li> <li>• 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>
<p><b>Valley Park Middle School</b> 130 Overlea Blvd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 30</li> <li>• 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Oakridge Junior Public School</b> 110 Byng Ave.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct 1</li> <li>• 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Presteign Heights Elementary School</b> 2570 St. Clair Ave. E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct 2</li> <li>• 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	<p><b>George Webster Elementary School</b> 50 Chapman Ave.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oct 3</li> <li>• 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Eglinton Square Shopping Centre</b> 1 Eglinton Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 27 to Oct 2</li> <li>• 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Shoppers World Danforth</b> 3003 Danforth Ave.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 27 to Oct 3</li> <li>• 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Gerrard Square Shopping Centre</b> 1000 Gerrard St. E.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 27 to Oct 3</li> <li>• 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thorncliffe Park Community Hub</b> 45 Overlea Blvd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept 27 to Oct 3</li> <li>• 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. or while supply lasts</li> </ul>	

## Learn about Human Rights!!! [Click the link Below!](#)

[http://www.ohrc.on.ca/sites/default/files/media/html/call-it-out\\_en/index.html](http://www.ohrc.on.ca/sites/default/files/media/html/call-it-out_en/index.html)



Are you feeling stuck or left behind?

Do you want a way to move forward?

Then Npower Canada is for you! Connect with Outreach and Engagement Specialist Emma-Jane to learn about our free tech training that will provide you with industry-recognized IT certifications, wrap-around support, and job placement, all within 15 weeks! For those aged 17-30.

**We have 3 programs that you can choose from:**

**Junior IT Analyst Program** - Beginner, no prior IT knowledge needed

<https://npowercanada.ca/junior-it-analyst-program/>

The Junior IT Analyst Program equips program participants (17-30 years old) for a diverse range of technology career pathways through a new curriculum delivered in partnership with Google.

**Junior Security and Quality Assurance Program** - Intermediate program, some prior knowledge of IT required, coding, programming, networking, cyber security, or quality assurance (self-taught or formal)

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The Junior Security and Quality Assurance Analyst Program equips program participants (17 - 30 years old) for a diverse range of technology career pathways in information security, quality assurance, and IT support services.

**Junior Data Analyst Program** - Intermediate program, working knowledge of Microsoft Excel, SQL and Python

<https://npowercanada.ca/junior-data-analyst-program/>

**Junior Data Analyst Program**, co-sponsored and designed in partnership with Microsoft, equips young adults (17 - 30 years old) for Junior Data Analyst roles, focusing on SQL, Microsoft Azure and Python for data analysis, cloud, and AI scripting.

Have all the information you need? Apply today <https://npowercanada.ca/apply/> to jumpstart your career! Just make sure you put the community organization you are working with or Emma-Jane in the "referred by" section so we can prioritize your application.

Call/text Outreach and Engagement Specialist Emma-Jane at 416-432-2491 if you have any questions.

Feel free to reach out to me by email at [emmajane.cowan@npowercanada.ca](mailto:emmajane.cowan@npowercanada.ca) or by phone (call/text) at 416-432-2491. I am happy to support you.