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From the Desk of the Principal

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Quad 3 Learning Platform Change Request

If you would like to change the learning platform for your child for Quad 3 (Feb. 8-April 20) please complete the google form found here.

[Click here to change Quad 3 Learning Platform](#)

Important Dates

[Click here for TDSB important dates in Secondary School](#)

School Council Co-Chair Message



From your School Council Team

Question of the week:

What part of this year's changing learning environment do you and your child find most challenging? What can we do to help?

Please email your responses to Candice.rees@tdsb.on.ca or Carol.warner@tdsb.on.ca

Any questions: Please email Candice.rees@tdsb.on.ca or Carol.warner@tdsb.on.ca

Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday Jan. 4	Tuesday Jan. 5	Wednesday Jan. 6	Thursday Jan. 7	Friday Jan. 8
Day 1	Day 2 ACL/CL Leadership Meeting	Day 3	Day 4	Day 1



KWANZAA Celebrations!!! [Click here for an article on Kwanzaa](#)



Teacher Quote of the Week

"What a teacher is, is more important than what he/she teaches."

Karl Menninger

Guidance Corner

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Spirit wear has finally arrived! There are a couple issues that we are working through with the company. Hopefully all will be resolved soon. If you were not able to pick up today we will store them safely until we resume for the new year.

University applications are due soon after the break. College applications will be shortly after. Please reach out to a counsellor if you need help.



BPCI Library

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Featured Book: *Hunted by the Sky* by Tanaz Bhathena. This is a fast paced fantasy novel set in medieval India by the amazing Canadian YA author, Tanaz Bhathena. The novel tells the story of Gul, a girl with a star shaped birthmark who is forced into hiding to protect her own life, and Cavas, a stableboy at the secretive and powerful Ambar Fort, the seat of ruthless King Lothar's reign. The novel explores identity, class struggle and more against a magical backdrop.

Also check out new additions to the BPCI Library google classroom (class code: [k4fpeje](#)). The Wellness Topic features calming stress free activities to enjoy during the winter break.

Finally, there is nothing better than reading or listening to a good book. Check out [Destiny Discover](#), available through the [Virtual Library](#).

Have an enjoyable and safe Winter Break!

BEAP Students will continue to work hard during the winter break in order to maintain their fitness. "The only bad workout you'll regret, is the workout you didn't do!"

Special Education/DD

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Virtual Resource Room for Quadmester 2

The Virtual Resource Room or VRR is a live virtual classroom to support our students with Individual Education Plans or IEPs. Click on the link to access our [Google Classroom](#) and use the access code, **2yyda47**, to connect to the VRR. The VRR schedule:

- DAYS 1&2 (Reversed on DAYS 3&4):
 - 08:45-12:30 –M Russell
 - 14:00-15:15 –L Singh

Individual Education Plans

The Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for the 2020-2021 school year were sent home, either by mail or given to the students. Please review it with your child and encourage him/her to access the [Virtual Resource Room](#) for support and to speak with their teachers if they need help. If you have not done so already, please sign and return the IEP to the Department of Special Education. Thank you.

We wish everyone a joyous, healthy, and safe holiday season. Take care of each other, and remember to take care of yourself.

Happy Holidays!



Student Success and Gifted

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We have had a very constructive week.

Based on the end of Quad 1 reports completed by classroom teachers, we have been reaching out (and will continue to reach out) to in-person and virtual students who are in the position to recover a credit from the first quadmester. Additionally, we emailed an invitation letter to each of our students that were unsuccessful in either one or two courses in Quad 1. We are encouraging them to participate in a virtual discussion. We are interested in uncovering challenges that impeded their academic and social success. The virtual discussion is scheduled for Wednesday January 6, 2021 at 3:30PM.

Big shout outs to Eric R. and Cheyanne S. for sharing their Quad 1 experiences with us in a virtual meeting last Friday. We recognize that conversations that extract student voice are essential. In this instance the information that Eric and Cheyanne shared will likely be considered by educators as they attempt to effectively shape their teaching practices to meet the specific needs of their students.

This past Tuesday some gifted students attended the first ever virtual Sixers Mixer. Students from grades 9 to 11 participated in the social gathering.

Shout outs to Brandon J., Miles K., Gavin L., and Ava S for their valuable contributions to the various topics that we discussed.

At this time we would like to wish everyone a joyous and relaxing winter break. I myself am looking forward to some outdoor ice skating!



Be well.