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From the Desk of the Principal

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School Messenger Correction:

There were three letters sent out in the school messenger on Friday. The two general letters were intended to be sent out to the school community. The extra letter regarding room 111 was sent in error. Students and families impacted will be contacted directly by the administration team. Please accept my apologies for this error if it caused you any additional stress at this time. I am acutely aware that any additional worry only increases your stress levels. We will all get through this difficult time. Keep safe and stay well.

Brightspace Learning Platform: Parent Guide

In-School teachers are using either Google Classroom or Brightspace to deliver their virtual lessons. All teachers in the Virtual School are required to use Brightspace. If parents would like to get information about what is happening in their child's Brightspace environment they should visit [Brightspace for Parents](#) to learn how.

Important Dates

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

Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday Dec. 7	Tuesday Dec. 8	Wednesday Dec. 9	Thursday Dec. 10	Friday Dec. 11
Day 3 Virtual Tour -Sheridan College	Day 4 Early Dismissal 12:05pm Staff Meeting 2:40pm	Day 1	Day 2 Conestoga College Live Tour	Day 3

School Calendar Link: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/About-Us/School-Calendar>

School Council Co-Chair Message

The meeting frequency for 2020/2021 has been changed to the 2nd Tuesday of each month (skipping March due to March Break and June as exams/end of year).

Future Dates	Zoom Meeting Link
Tuesday, December 8 2020	https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/95986537822?pwd=UWJDazNfczlmDB4ai9UQnhSSTBrQT09
Tuesday, January 12 2020	
Tuesday, February 9 2020	
MARCH- NO MEETING	
Tuesday, April 13 2020	
Tuesday, May 11 2020	

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

Guidance Corner

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We are now two weeks into Quad 2!

There are no more timetable changes for this quad as all our classes are deep into unit 1, if not finished already. If you need help, do not wait. Reach out to your guidance counsellor or teacher and ask for help.

As a reminder, Mathify is open 6 days a week with **free live tutoring** for grade 9 and 10 math students.





Birchmount Park Library and Learning Commons continues to support staff and students in person and virtually. Developed by Teacher-Librarians, the FIND tab in the Virtual library leads learners to specific subject and topic resources. Click to explore new and useful resources on our [Virtual Library](#).



[Subject Guides for Grades 1-10](#)

Showcases relevant digital resources for specific subjects.

[Topic Guides](#)

Highlights universally relevant digital resources, such as Indigenous voices, climate change and online safety.

The screenshot shows the 'Subject Guides' section with a header 'Subject Guides' and 'In Development'. Below it are four rows of subject categories, each with numbered buttons for grades 1-10:

- Math**: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- Social Studies Geography/History**: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
- Science**: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- Language**: 9, 10

Below the subject guides is the 'TOPIC Guides' section with a blue header. It features four topic buttons: 'Indigenous Education and Perspectives', 'Climate Change', 'Online Safety', and a 'tdsb virtual library' logo.

Student Success and Gifted

We have been working on collating the Credit Recovery forms that were submitted by teachers to end the first quad. The next step is to connect with students that were unsuccessful in achieving either of their quad one courses to identify ways that we can better meet their needs. As well, we will be reaching out to students that we feel can benefit from the Credit Recovery classes that will be offered later in the school year.

Mr. Fewson, Mr. Pargassingh and Ms. Russell met this past Wednesday to share data concerning student achievement. We are in the midst of combing through the data looking for trends and anomalies. We are aiming to have a more detailed idea of our students and what we can do as educators to improve the learning process for all of our students, especially for the students that are not experiencing success.

Mr. P and the Jahoor family have been working on setting aside some time to discuss enrichment opportunities for Gifted Students. The date and time has been set for early next week.

Please reach out to Mr. Pargassingh if you have any feedback, questions, concerns, or ideas that you would like to share.

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[Click here for The Danger of Silence {video} by Clint Smith \(4:22\)](#)



Teacher Quote of the Week

Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best. Bob Talbert