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Friday, Feb. 5, 2021

Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

| Monday Feb. 8 | Tuesday Feb. 9 | Wednesday Feb. 10 | Thursday Feb. 11 | Friday Feb. 12 |
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| Day 1 First Day of Quad 3 | Day 2 Staff Meeting Dismissal 12:05pm School Council Meeting | Day 3 | Day 4 | PA Day No school for students |

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

From the Desk of the Principal

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February is African History Month

Watch out for the various Black History Month Activities planned this month by our staff and students!

Periodic Table of Canadian Black History

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[Click here for African History Month Canadian History Periodic Table](#)

Course Selection Timeline

| Date | Event |
|------------------|---|
| Feb. 8-19, 2021 | My Blueprint Open for Submissions |
| Feb. 9 &10, 2021 | Assemblies for all students in school Grade 9 10:30 Grade 10 11:30 Grade 11 2:00 pm |
| Feb. 11-12, 2021 | Drop-in Advice Session 1:00pm-2:00pm |
| Feb. 16-19, 2021 | My Blueprint Submission |
| Feb. 22, 2021 | My Blueprint Closes |

Support for Learners

A new benefit of \$200 that now includes children up to Gr 12. Click [here](#) to apply. The deadline to apply is February 8, 2021.

Adult ESL – Online Courses

Important information for adults wanting to improve their English (as a second language) skills. The Adult ESL program in the Continuing Education Department is offering free* virtual English language instruction to qualified adults 18 years of age and over. Part-time and full-time classes are offered at various times during the day, evening and Saturdays at all language levels. For more information, please visit: www.ESLToronto.ca or call 416-338-4300. * Free for eligible learners, please check our website for more information. Funded by the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

Student Opportunity! Dance Club!

Let's get moving BPCI...Love music? Love to dance?
Then come on out and get your groove on!
We are pleased to announce our
Virtual Dance Club!
No experience needed
When: Mondays and Fridays @ 4pm
Where: The comfort of your own home
Featuring: Dance Hall, Hip Hop and Pop Dance
Lead by one of our BPCI students and supervised by staff
Please contact Ms.Ferrari if you would like to check us out and join
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School Council Co-Chair Message

From your School Council Team

School Council Meeting this week. Join us!!!

[Click here for the School Council Meeting Tues. Feb. 9 @ 7:00pm](#)



[Click here for Birchmount Park School Council Facebook Link](#)

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



'Unity With Purpose.' Amanda Gorman and Michelle Obama Discuss Art, Identity and Optimism



<https://time.com/5933596/amanda-gorman-michelle-obama-interview/>

Guidance Corner

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COURSE SELECTIONS

Course selections for the 2021-2022 school year will begin in the upcoming week. Guidance will be sharing a brief presentation with all students early next week. Myblueprint will be open for submissions.



BPCI Panther Wellness Videos!

In an effort to connect with each other the Birchmount Peer Leaders are excited to share the more Panther Wellness Videos. These are short videos intended to share what they are doing to cope during this pandemic.

Here are a few more to check out:

<https://youtu.be/zBN5Ezs4924>

<https://youtu.be/ojzbWmofdLc>

<https://youtu.be/zBN5Ezs4924>

<https://youtu.be/ovL3dE2ZPb0>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: For each video you create, get 1 community hour. Use [our logo](#) and submit your video to guidance.

BEAP News

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Congratulations to grade 12 BEAP student Dean Armenis who has signed with the International Development Soccer Academy in Spain. He will be living and training in Spain for a year upon graduation. Good luck to Dean as he pursues his soccer dream. We're extremely proud of you!

Once you
learn to
READ,
you will
be forever
FREE.

-Frederick Douglass

Frederick Douglass was an American abolitionist, orator, writer, and politician. After escaping from slavery, he became a leader of the abolitionist movement.

February is African Heritage Month at the TDSB. Visit the AntiRacist and Inclusive Resources in the BPCI Library Google Classroom to access resources and learn more about Black Canadian culture, history, people, places and books, during February, and beyond.

[Library Google classroom](#)

(class code k4fpeje)

Teacher Quote of the Week

COURAGE
IS NOT THE
ABSENCE
OF
FEAR
IT IS THE
ABILITY
TO ACT IN THE
PRESENCE OF
FEAR



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Student Success and Gifted

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The hottest thing right now in our world of Student Success is the collection and organization of Credit Recovery forms. Students who were unsuccessful in a course or course(s) in Quads one or two may be candidates for Credit Recovery. Credit Recovery is an intervention that has its roots in Student Success. The aim is to timetable students into a Credit Recovery class and provide them with academic tasks that upon completion, will illustrate their understanding of curriculum expectations that they missed while in the regular class. The end result is credit accumulation.

Thanks and welcome aboard. Mr P. would like to extend his sincerest gratitude towards Ms. Vila for her efforts in our Credit Recovery class during Quad two. Ms. Vila displayed commitment to her students as she supported and encouraged them to complete the academic tasks in order for them to achieve an array of credits! Mr. P would like to welcome Ms. Hassell as the Credit Recovery classroom teacher for Quad three!

We are planning our third virtual Sixers Mixer for Wednesday February 10th at 3:30 PM. The invitation will be sent out early next week.

We hope you have a great weekend.