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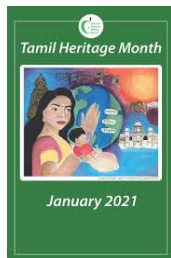
### Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday Feb. 1	Tuesday Feb. 2	Wednesday Feb. 3	Thursday Feb. 4	Friday Feb. 5
Day 1	Day 2 ACL/CL Leadership Meeting	Special Schedule 8:45-10:30 Day 1 and 2 11:45-12:30 Day 3 and 4 2:00 - 3:15 Credit Rescue	Special Schedule 8:45-10:30 Day 1 and 2 11:45-12:30 Day 3 and 4 2:00 - 3:15 Credit Rescue	Day 1 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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## January is Tamil Heritage Month

[Click here for Tamil Heritage Month Information](#)

### 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.

### Student Timetables for Quad 3

All Quad 3 student timetables will be distributed electronically to parents with an email address on file in Trillium and students' TDSB email addresses. IT Services will send student timetables via SchoolMessenger beginning **February 2, 2021**. Students are also able to access their timetable using the **TDSB Connects App**. Quad 3 information will be available on February 1. The Connects app is available to all students on both iOS and Android platforms. Once students are allowed back in school those who have opted to continue virtual learning will do so. Please note that some classes will have both in-person and virtual students.

## TDSB Survey

The TDSB will be surveying both parents/guardians (JK to Grade 12) and students (Grades 6 to 12) during the week of January 25 to learn more about experiences to date related to mental health and well-being, student engagement, and learning. Please watch for an email with a link to the survey and/or check the TDSB website. Thank you in advance for your participation.

## 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](http://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.



## African Heritage Month Launch

The TDSB is excited to share with you that the [African Heritage Month Launch](https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/LiveWebcast-African-Heritage-Month.html) will now be accessible from a TDSB LIVE Stream website. Please join us in celebrating African Heritage Month at the Toronto District School Board.

**Date:** Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm.

**TDSB Live Stream Link:** <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/stream/LiveWebcast-African-Heritage-Month.html>

We look forward to seeing you there!

# Mental Health & Well-Being

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.



Join Trustee Parthi Kandavel for a Virtual Ward Forum to discuss Mental Health and Well-being, which will feature a special presentation from Shameen Sandhu, TDSB System Leader for Mental Health and Professional Support Services.



If you are interested in participating, please complete the following [registration form](#). The meeting will be hosted on Zoom. Registrants will be sent a meeting invite with a link and call-in details for the session on **Tuesday, February 2, 2021**.



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**Shameen Sandhu**  
System Leader for Mental Health & Professional  
Support Services, TDSB

## 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

**[Debora.Ferrari@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Debora.Ferrari@tdsb.on.ca)**

# Digital Resilience



Newcomer or Indigenous youth between 14 and 25  
Want to learn video editing, podcasting and art?  
\$50 honourarium for all youth participants!  
\$50 grocery gift card for all youth participants!

Join us on Wednesdays from February 3, 2021 4-5 pm on Zoom

Online registration form: <http://tiny.cc/vqg5tz>

Questions? Email Emmy at [epantin@ccscan.ca](mailto:epantin@ccscan.ca)



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## School Council Co-Chair Message

**From your School Council Team**



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

Any questions: Please email [Candice.rees@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Candice.rees@tdsb.on.ca) or [Carol.warner@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:Carol.warner@tdsb.on.ca)



### Topic: Anti-Black Racism Course/Newtonbrook SS

[Teaching the Origins of Anti-Black Racism in High School](#) CBC – Here and Now (January 26)

Summary: The Black Lives Matter movement of last summer brought Anti-Black Racism to the forefront. Tiffany Barrett is a teacher at Newtonbrook Secondary School in North York. She and her colleagues created a course on the origins of Anti-Black Racism.

## BPCI Library

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Birchmount Park Library and Learning Commons continues to support staff and students virtually through the BPCI Library website, the Virtual Library.

The BPCI Library website features [literacy](#) support resources, as well research support with helpful [MLA and APA style guides](#), and the [TDSB Research Success](#) guidebook .

# COURSE SELECTIONS

Course selections for next year are coming up soon. Guidance will be making virtual visits to classrooms to begin the process of picking courses in the first week of the next quad.



The Peer Tutoring program will begin early next semester.

We are in the process of recruiting Grade 11 and 12 students that would like to share their time and subject expertise with students in junior grades. Interested students can access the application survey in their guidance grade classrooms



*And Announcing.....BPCI Panther Wellness Videos!*

In an effort to connect with each other the Birchmount Peer Leaders are excited to share the first set of Panther Wellness Videos. These are short videos intended to share what they are doing to cope during this pandemic. You can also share your families videos with us #BPCI Panther Wellness

Here are a few to check out...more to come

[https://youtu.be/OvtDK\\_uqbME](https://youtu.be/OvtDK_uqbME)

<https://youtu.be/6mIBYc4S-Sk>

<https://youtu.be/zBN5Ezs4924>

## BEAP News

Last week we had the first session of our BEAP Nutrition Lecture Series with Kyle Byron. It was informative and well attended by parents. The next lecture will be on February 18.



### Resource Program

The week of February 1st, 2021 is the final week for Quadmester 2. Use our Virtual Resource Room for academic support.

The hours to the Virtual Resource Room have been changed to provide support to students during asynchronous/independent learning periods. Click the link [Virtual Resource Room](#) and use access code: **2yyda47** to join the Google Classroom.

Students can access VRR daily from:

- 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM



Students are also encouraged to email the Resource Room Team directly if they are unable to access VRR.

### DD Program

Students in the DD program will continue to learn from home until February 10. The DD Team will continue to connect with the students and their families to provide instruction and support by email, Google Classroom and phone calls. Parents are encouraged to connect with their child's teacher if they need additional information or support.

## Student Success and Gifted

As we approach the end of the second quad we would like to encourage all of our students to tap into their resilience and focus on being successful. Teachers will be implementing Credit Rescue interventions for students requiring extra time to complete missed assignments. These Credit Rescue opportunities will span over the days of the 3rd and the 4th of February.



Toronto District School Board

The TDSB is offering two virtual night school programs for students during Quads 3 and 4. They are:

1. Night School New Credit: <http://bit.ly/NSNewCredit>
2. Night school (compulsory courses) Credit Recovery: <https://bit.ly/NSCR2021>

The above links will take you to the registration page for each program.

Registration closes at 2:00 PM on Wednesday February 3rd, 2021.

Please reach out to Mr. P if you have questions or are in need of support.


Be well.

## Teacher Quote of the Week

**"Slavery is not African history, slavery interrupted African history"** Mutabaruka

## In the Community

*The Housing Help Centre*  
is proud to announce the launch of its



# FOOD BANK

From  
**Friday, January 22, 2021**  
onwards

**Regular Hours:**  
Friday: 10:00am to 3:30pm  
Monday: 1:00pm to 3:30pm



*By Appointment Only*

**Location:**  
205-2500 Lawrence Avenue East  
Scarborough, ON  
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**To book an appointment, please contact:**  
**Meseret Bukune@437-331-6848**