

BIRCHMOUNT PARK C.I.

School News – March 2019

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

This Newsletter comes with Semester 2 Progress Reports. Please join us for Parent-Teacher Interviews on Tuesday, April 2, 2019. April 2nd will be a half-day schedule with dismissal at 12 noon.

Parent Teacher Interviews:

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Interviews can be booked on line at <https://bpci.parentinterview.com>. The site will be available Tuesday, March 26 – Tuesday April 2, 2019.

Wednesday March 27, 2019 EQAO OSSLT Information.

Note: Regular morning classes are cancelled. Students who are not writing the OSSLT are expected to be at school for afternoon classes. The Special Education DD Program will have a regular school day.

Schedule for March 27, 2019	
8:45 a.m.	Students writing the OSSLT are expected to arrive at school by 8:45 a.m. Classroom locations are posted in the foyer.
9:00 – 10:15 a.m.	Booklet #1
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Booklet #2
Lunch Break	
1:00 – 1:25 p.m.	Period 1 classes
1:30 – 1:55 p.m.	Period 2 classes
2:00 – 2:25 p.m.	Period 3 classes
2:30 – 2:55 p.m.	Period 4 classes

- Students received an information letter on March 19, 2019. The letter has been posted on the school website.
- All students are provided the opportunity for additional time to complete the OSSLT. Students will complete Booklet #1; take a break and then complete Booklet #2.
- Many BPCI students use the opportunity for extra time. The extra time will be provided until all students are finished. This may mean that some students miss their afternoon classes.
- Students with IEP's will be provided accommodations and supports as outlined on their IEP.
- **Students are reminded to bring a lunch as the cafeteria will be closed on March 27th.**

We hope that all BPCI students are successful on the OSSLT!

Dates for your Calendar

Tuesday, March 26
 Staff Meeting; Late Start Schedule

Wednesday, March 27 – OSSLT
 Special Schedule

Tuesday, April 2
 Half Day Schedule
 Parent-Teacher Interviews
 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. & 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 16
 PLC Late Start Schedule

Wednesday, April 17, 2019
 School Council Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Friday, April 19
 Good Friday

Monday, April 22
 Easter Monday

Friday, April 26
 Semester 2 Full Disclosure date –
 Grade 11 & 12 marks

Tuesday, April 30
 Staff Meeting; Late Start Schedule

Thursday, May 2, 2019
 Valedictorian Breakfast

Tuesday, May 14, 2019
 PLC Late Start Schedule

Wednesday, May 15, 2019
 School Council Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Monday, May 20, 2019
 Victoria Day Holiday

Tuesday, May 28, 2019
 Staff Meeting; Late Start Schedule

BPCI School Council is hosting a viewing of the documentary **“Screenagers”** on **Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 6:45 p.m.** **“Screenagers”** explores the impact of screen time on youth; their learning, social interactions and brain development. Please join us in the Library for this unique opportunity.

2019 PROM "A Starry, Starry Night"

Friday, June 7, 2019 at The Guild Inn!

Please save the save the date. Prom Ticket Sales are underway. Tickets are \$110.00. Information is posted on the school website at

<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/>

All Prom tickets are to be purchased through SchoolCashOnLine.

VAPING – Vaping is not permitted on school property. This includes both inside and outside the school. **Signs have been posted.**

The Tobacco and Vaping Products Act (TVPA) was enacted on May 23, 2018 to regulate the promotion, sale and use of tobacco and vaping products in Canada.

A Toronto Public Health Inspector visited Birchmount Park CI prior to March Break to discuss the health concerns connected to Vaping. The inspector stressed:

- Vape products contain nicotine and are addictive substances.
- Smoking and Vaping on school property is subject to fines of \$305.00.

Birchmount Park CI has experienced an increase in the number of students Vaping on school property. We ask for your assistance in reviewing the legal as well as the health issues related to Vaping.

The administration will be taking progressive steps to address both smoking and vaping on school property.

SchoolCashOnLine: visit the school website and then click on the SchoolCashOnLine icon to purchase the following items:

1. **YEARBOOKS** – Final opportunity to purchase a 2018-2019 Yearbook! The cost of BIRCHVUE is \$35.00.
2. **PROM Tickets** – \$110.00 each
3. **BPCI Spirit Wear** – various prices
4. **BPCI Phys. Ed T-Shirt** – \$10.00
5. **School Council Scholarship Donations**

Please do not hesitate to call or visit the school with any concerns that you may have. We look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher interviews on Tuesday, April 2, 2019.

Sincerely,

Ellen Austrom
Principal

Debora Ferrari
Vice-Principal

Shawn Robertson
Vice-Principal

Please see the school website for current information at -
<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/Home.aspx>

CELLPHONES & PEDs IN THE CLASSROOM

Powering down in the classroom!
Reminders to BPCI Students, Parents & Guardians that the private use of cellphones and Personal Electronic Devices in the classroom interrupts and distracts students from learning.

School Expectations are outlined in the School Code of Conduct on page 16 of the Student Agenda.

Reminders for students:

- The use of Cellphones and PEDs should never interfere with the learning environment of the classroom.
- The use of Cellphones and PEDs will not be permitted in the classroom unless the teacher approves their use for educational purposes only.
- Students with IEP's will continue to have access to assistive technology as stated in their IEP's.
- Students are to ensure that Cellphones and PEDs are powered down or on silent mode and out of sight in classrooms and other teaching spaces in the school.
- Privacy laws prohibit the filming, recording and/or taking of pictures on school property without the written permission of the staff member and/or student.
- The use of a Cellphone or PED to photograph, film or record a conflict, argument or fight between individuals is not acceptable as it aids and incites harmful behaviour in the BPCI school community.

BPCI will be reviewing the School Cellphone / PED policy for the 2019-2020 school year.