

BIRCHMOUNT PARK C.I.

School News – November 2019

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

2019 is quickly coming to an end. We are all looking forward to the Winter Break! December is going to be a busy month at BPCI with hard work and a lot of fun as well.

SOCKS4SOULS December 4 – 18, 2019

Ms. Dye and her Gr. 10 English class are leading BCPI in participating in Socks4Souls. We are collecting socks for Toronto's homeless. Students can bring donations to the Main Foyer. Just imagine – if everyone brings one pair of socks to school we will have a mountain to donate to this charitable cause.

Honouring December 6 – Students in Ms. Russell's Grade 12 Equity class (HSE4M1) will be providing leadership for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. We will be honouring the memory of the 14 women who lost their lives in the Montreal Polytechnic massacre.

CULMINATING ACTIVITIES – December 9 – January 20.

- Culminating activities are compulsory components of the final 30% evaluation for each class.
- Completing work on time is very important as we work towards finishing semester 1 credits.

DOOR DECORATING CONTEST – December 9 – 13, 2019

- The Science Club is challenging each homeroom to decorate their classroom door. Students can work on any theme they want – sport, entertainment, social justice ...

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE – December 2 – 18

- We are collecting non-perishable food items: i.e. pasta, beans, soup, crackers, baby food. Students can bring food items to their homeroom class. .

ARTS NIGHT

Wednesday, December 11 at 7 p.m.

Please join us to celebrate The Arts and the accomplishments of our amazing BPCI students.

LATE START SCHEDULES

Please be advised that Late Start Schedules have been cancelled until further notice. We will keep you posted of any changes on the school website and through our weekly email messages.

Please see the letter posted on the School Website.

Dates for your Calendar

Thursday, December 5

National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women

Friday, December 6

PA Day

Wednesday, December 11

ARTS Night 7:00 p.m.

Please note: Arts Nights has been changed from Dec. 4 to Dec. 11.

Wednesday, December 18

Extended Lunch; Holiday Food Fair

Friday, December 20

Last day of classes for 2019

Winter Break

December 21 – January 5

Monday, January 6

First day of classes for 2020

CUURENT ISSUES

VAPING – we have a significant number of students who are vaping. Please note:

- There is mounting evidence that indicates that Vaping is a significant health risk. The long-term consequences of vaping are unknown.
- Youth are not aware of the risk vaping poses to their health. Vaping is an urgent issue for our youth.
- Vaping and Smoking is not permitted on school property. This includes school washrooms.

You can access information from Health Canada at – www.Canada.ca/vaping-info

SOCIAL MEDIA – please assist your students with reminders regarding responsible use of Social Media.

- What you write / post / share on Social Media can have a profoundly negative impact on others.
- Social Media OFTEN is a tool for bullying.
- Don't use the privilege of having a cellphone to harm others or spread hateful thoughts.
- Report bullying. Tell your parents. Take a screen shot. Stand up to cyber-bullying.

Post-Secondary Information

OUAC Pin Numbers are ready for pick up in Guidance.

The deadline for OUAC applications is January 15, 2020.

Please check out the school website – The Guidance department posts current information to assist students with the college and university application process.

WINTER ATHLETICS NEWS TO SHARE

Badminton	Ms. Wong, Ms. Coles
Basketball – Junior Boys	Mr. Pargassingh, Ms. Alli
Basketball – Senior Boys	Mr. Pargassingh, Mr. Dawson
Curling – Girls	Mr. Wang
Curling – Boys	Mr. Wang
Curling – Coed	Mr. Wang
Soccer Indoor – Girls	Ms. Ireland
Soccer Indoor – Boys	Mr. De Simas
Swimming	Ms. Ironside, Ms. Wong
Volleyball – Senior Girls	Mr. MacKay, Ms. Russell, Mr. Wang

Many thanks to BPCI teachers who coach and support BPCI Athletics!

We look forward to seeing you at Arts Night on December 11th. Please give us a call or stop into the school with any concerns that you have.

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School Council Meeting Dates 2020

Wednesday, January 22
Wednesday, February 26
Wednesday, April 15
Wednesday, May 13

School Council Meetings are held in the library and begin at 6:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

EXTRA HELP IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Teachers provide remedial support and share information with students regarding days and times that they are available.

Resource Room support – we have 2 Resource rooms for support for students with IEP's. Students with IEPs have access to Tablets. They can sign out a tablet in RES 100.

STYLE Program – students can sign up for this after school program that provides homework support. STYLE runs Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please contact Ms. Ferrari for further information.

Library – students can access computers and quiet working space in the Library before school, at lunch and after school.

Please check the school website @ <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/>