



Friday October 9, 2020

From the Desk of the Principal

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OH CANADA!!!

Our flag dignity has been restored. We finally got our new flag installed on the flag pole out front of the school. Thanks to Mr. Bristlon (our Lead Caretaker) and his team. The old flag did not represent us well but we have rectified the situation.



School Council Meeting Held this past Wednesday

Our first School Council Meeting of the year was held this past Wednesday. Thanks to the hard work of the team. We were able to get 30 participants in the virtual meeting. It appears that a combination of the new virtual format and our efforts to encourage everyone to participate has improved our numbers. Our admin team handed out flyers in the driveway and also visited classes to make sure everyone had a chance to participate.

The School Council advises the Principal and the Board on a variety of issues and activities relating to student achievement, curriculum goals and priorities, school budget priorities, school safety, renovation plans, after school activities, and criteria for selection of new principals.

We will soon be sharing information about the upcoming School Council elections. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 4th, 2020. Please join us!

Quad 2 Platform Change Request Form

If you would like to change from Face-to Face to Virtual or from Virtual to Face-to-Face please fill out the form here. [**bit.ly/BPCIQuad2PlatformChangeRequest**](https://bit.ly/BPCIQuad2PlatformChangeRequest)

Health Update/Reminder

We hope that you and your extended families are keeping safe during this holiday weekend. Please remember that we are in the midst of a pandemic. We must remain vigilant in our efforts to keep everyone healthy.

Please remember the three things that the health care professionals are telling us to do to keep safe.

1. Wash your hands regularly and well.
2. Wear your mask.
3. Practice physical distancing whenever possible.

AND if your child is ill please keep them at home by
[Screening Questionnaire for Schools](#)

Schools and parents/caregivers can also call us at 416-338-7600 if you have any COVID-19 questions

Help keep your family and our Birchmount Park CI Community safe!

Have a Great Thanksgiving Weekend and Stay Positive



The Week Ahead @ Birchmount Park Collegiate

Monday Oct. 12	Tuesday Oct. 13	Wednesday Oct. 14	Thursday Oct. 15	Friday Oct. 16
Thanksgiving Holiday	Day 2	Day 3 * Curriculum Night * Grade 9 Homeroom Visits	Day 4 * Gr. 9 Homeroom Visits * Post Secondary Workshops	Day 1 * Grade 9 Homeroom Visits * Post Secondary Workshops * Term 1 Ends

Guidance Corner

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Guidance has begun to do class visits. It is great to see everyone!

Here is what is coming in the next week:

Peer Leaders Meet and Greet with Grade 9s.

All Grade 9s are invited next Wednesday and Thursday to meet their peer leaders virtually for a bit of fun and community building in this new virtual world.

Grade 12 applications for Post-Secondary

[Check out our virtual guidance office for all your guidance needs](#)

Guidance will begin to introduce this year's application cycle through a virtual seminar that will be offered at multiple times.

Students are invited to attend whichever seminar best fits their cycle. Virtual and Homeschool students are invited. Seminar dates are:

- ~ Thursday, October 15 @ 1:00 p.m.
- ~ Friday, October 16 @ 1:00 p.m.
- ~ Monday, October 19 @ 11:00 a.m.
- ~ Tuesday, October 20 @ 11:00 a.m.

A Parent/Guardian specific Seminar will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m.

BEAP News

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BEAP is off to a great start this fall! Our student athletes are happy to be back training and learning in pursuit of their goals. We have taken full advantage of the great facilities that the school community has to offer, in particular, Birchmount Stadium.

BPCI Library and Learning Commons

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The Birchmount Park CI Library and Learning Commons is excited to provide students access to a diverse collection of print and digital resources. Safe access to print resources can be requested through our new [Book Request Form](#) and unlimited access to curriculum relevant resources can be found in our [BPCI Virtual Library](#).

Special Education /DD

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The Virtual Resource Room or VRR is available to support our students with an Individual Education Plan or IEP. Connect to our VRR with the access code: **2yyda47**. See schedule:

- ★ Days 1 & 2 - 8:45 AM-12:30 PM - Mr De Simas
- ★ Days 1 & 2 - 2:00-3:15 PM - Ms Singh
- ★ Days 3 & 4 - The VRR teacher available is reversed

Student Success and Gifted Program

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Becoming **P**roductive **C**omplete **I**ndividuals - with each word having its very own call to action and context it is my hope that together **WE** can encourage our students to travel this path.

Although I have enjoyed being a business teacher at Birchmount Park CI for the past six years, I am super excited to accept this new position as the ACL of Student Success and the Gifted program!

My focus is to work with students (whether studying virtually or in person), their classroom teachers and their family members so that each student can experience success.

Currently I am (re)connecting with students on an individual basis. I am developing a Student Success Team. The team will aim to create and implement meaningful and effective Student Success initiatives.

Please feel free to reach out to me at any instance with questions, concerns, feedback and ideas.

Happy Gobble Gobble!!

Teacher Quote of the Week

“all I want is for my kids to show up for life!”

This notion neatly and concisely describes the work that I am hoping to accomplish for each of our students. A big THANK YOU to **Ms. Andria Henry** for the quote.

Mr. Pargassingh