

BIRCHMOUNT PARK C.I.

School News – October 2019

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

The school year is well under way. The Progress Report is an opportunity to review how your student is progressing at this point this year and to meet with teachers to discuss next steps. Progress reports provide vital information early in the semester to assist students and their parent / guardian with setting appropriate goals for the first formal Report Card in November.

Parent-Teacher Interviews are on Thursday, Oct. 24
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Interviews can be booked on line. Please see the enclosed information or go to the Birchmount Park interview website at <https://bpci.parentinterview.com>
Interviews are also available on a first come first served basis.

Post-Secondary Information

The Guidance Department is hosting a **Parent/ Guardian Information Evening on Tuesday, Oct 22 at 6:30 p.m.** This session is primarily for parents of Grade 11 & 12 students and is focused on the post-secondary application process for Colleges and Universities.

GRADUATION PHOTOS

November 4 – 8 2019

Graduating students must book their appointment for Grad Photos on-line at: www.bookmygrad.ca and then enter the school **code XBP**.

It is important to book early so that you do not lose this wonderful opportunity to have a formal graduation portrait done.

Dates for your Calendar

Tuesday, October 22

Parent Information Session for post-secondary College and University applications 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 24

Early Dismissal at 12 noon

Parent-Teacher Interviews
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. & 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29

Late Start Schedule

Monday, November 4

Grade 10 Civics and Careers Turnaround
Grade 8 to 9 Information Evening 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 6

Gr. 9 Take Your Kids to Work Day

Monday, November 11

Remembrance Day Assembly

Tuesday, November 12

PLC Late Start Schedule

Wednesday, November 13

School Council Meeting 6:45 pm

Thursday, November 14

Report Card Distribution

Friday, November 15

PA DAY

Friday, November 22

Full Disclosure date

Tuesday, November 26

Late Start Schedule

Friday, December 6

PA Day

TEACH ASSIST

Teach Assist is a web-based "Mark Book". Students, Parents & Guardians can access Teach Assist from home to monitor progress on a regular basis. You can access Teach Assist on the landing page of the school website. <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/birchmountpark/>

Please note: to log into Teach Assist parent and guardians need to use their student's log in information

- User name = student Trillium student number
- Password = student last name (lowercase)

SETTING THE STAGE FOR A GREAT YEAR!

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance: be in class everyday on time. Academic success is directly linked to being in class on time, every day.
- Errors in attendance occur from time to time. Students need to speak with their teacher to correct errors.

GUIDANCE & STUDENT SERVICES

- Guidance is always open. Students are encouraged to come to Guidance with any questions or concerns that they have.
- Guidance has computers / printer for student use.

CLASSROOM TEACHERS – EXTRA HELP

- Teachers provide remedial support and share information with students regarding days and times that they are available.
- Connecting with teachers can be done by calling the school and leaving a message for a call-back OR sending an email – firstname.lastname@tdsb.on.ca

SPECIAL EDUCATION - RESOURCE ROOM

- Resource Room 100 and Resource Room 140 (Math & Science) support students with IEPs.

S.T.Y.L.E.

- 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

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

We look forward to seeing you soon at Parent-Teacher Interviews. Please feel free to call the school or to come in to see us if you have any concerns or questions.

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School Council Meeting Dates 2019-2020

Remaining dates are:
Wednesday, November 13
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.

Please save the dates and come out to discuss school-life at Birchmount Park CI as well as any concerns that you may have. We welcome your input and suggestions for improvement.

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK

Mon. Oct 28 – Fri. Nov. Dress for success & show your BPCI Spirit!

Monday – Jersey Day
Tuesday – PJ Day
Wednesday – TikTok Meme Day
Thursday – Halloween Fashion
Friday – Twin Day

Co-Curricular Groups & Clubs

In addition to the many Athletic Teams that BPCI is running in the fall season, the following Clubs and Groups are also happening! There is plenty of opportunity for students to get involved!

Best Buddies; Board Game Fridays
BPCI Athletic Council; Book Club;
Breakfast Bistro Volunteers; Chess;
Christian Fellowship; DJ Group; ECO Club; Gamers; Library Club; Math Contest group; Me-to-We; Peer Leaders; QSA, Reach 4 the Top; Robotics; Safe Space, Sixers Mixers, Stage Crew; Science Club; Yearbook, Yoga.

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