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From the Desk of the Principal

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November is....



[Click here for Indigenous Education Month at TDSB](#)

[Financial Literacy Month](#)

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BPCI School Council Vote

Election Night: **Monday November 2, 2020 6:30pm** (election link will be sent to registered voters only.)

[Click here for the School Council Meeting on Wednesday November 4, 2020](#)

How do I get involved in the School Council?

- 1. I can register to vote to decide who is elected to sit on the school council. Only those elected to the school council will be able to vote this year in school council meetings.**

School Council Elections will take place on **Monday Nov. 2** via ZOOM. We will also make a ballot available to those who desire a paper ballot. Please call the school to request a paper ballot. Paper ballots will be collected at the front of the school on November 2. The link to the election will be provided to the election for parents/caregivers who are registered to vote. In order to register to vote please complete the registration form provided here. To register to vote:

bit.ly/BPSchoolCouncilVoterReg2020

2. I can be nominated or nominate myself to sit on the school council to have a vote on issues discussed at School Council.

If you are interested in running for a position on the Birchmount Park CI School Council please the School Council Nomination form provided here. To nominate either yourself or someone else: bit.ly/BPSchoolCouncilNominationForm2020

3. I can run for an EXECUTIVE position on School Council. You must first be elected to school council (see #2 above). How do I do that?

If you are interested in running for an EXECUTIVE position on the Birchmount Park CI School Council you must first be elected to the school council. Then the voting members of the school council will elect the executive including the chair, treasury and secretary. The executive election will take place at the next School Council meeting (scheduled for Wednesday November 4, 2020). Candidates for Executive positions will get an opportunity to share their background with the school council members.

4. Attend and participate in School Council Meetings.

I can attend school council meetings but if I am not an elected member of the school council then I cannot vote on issues discussed at school council.

Any questions: Please email Candice.rees@tdsb.on.ca or Carol.warner@tdsb.on.ca

2020 BPCI School Council Nominees

Names Nominees for School Council <small>(Alpha order)</small>	Nominee Bio
Olga Ingrahm	Click here for Olga's Bio
Samia Malik (student)	
Lana Miller	Click here for Lana's Bio
Candice Rees	Click here for Candice's Bio
Anna Sidiropoulos	Click here for Anna's Bio
Carol Warner	Click here for Carol's Bio

Achievement

TDSB in consultation with the MOE has made revisions to assessment, evaluations and reporting for the 2020-2021 school year. Here are the highlights of the changes for your information:

- No culminating activities, i.e. no exams
- No formal written mid-term report cards
- Teachers will share student progress with students and families using Teach Assist or a marks print out
- Ministry Report Cards will be issued at the end of each quad based on 100% term work

Brightspace Learning Platform: Parent Guide

In-School teachers are using either Google Classroom or Brightspace to deliver their virtual lessons. All teachers in the Virtual School are required to use Brightspace. If parents would like to get information about what is happening in their child's Brightspace environment they should visit [Brightspace for Parents](#) to learn how.

Important Dates

[Click here for TDSB important dates in Secondary School](#)

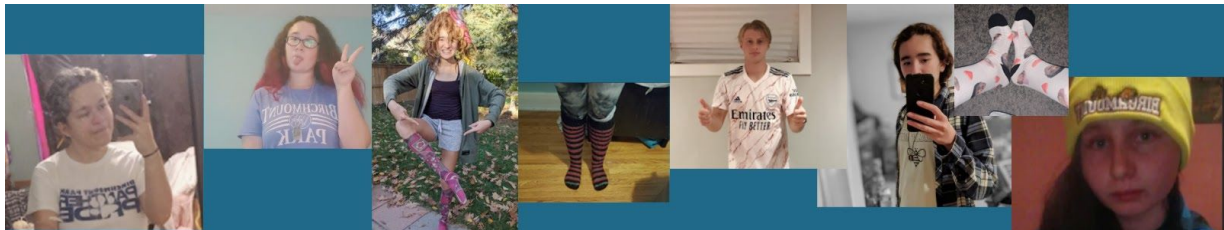
This Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate

Monday Nov. 2	Tuesday Nov. 3	Wednesday Nov. 4	Thursday Nov. 5	Friday Nov. 6
Day 4 -Last Day to Drop a Quad 1 Course -Virtual Tours- Seneca College Sheridan College -School Council Elections	Day 1 -CL/ACL Meeting -Virtual Tours U of T Ontario Tech University Lakehead University	Day 2 School Council Meeting -Virtual Tours -College Fair -Lakehead University	Day 3 Academic Support Day Credit Rescue -College Fair George Brown Conestoga College Ryerson University Queen's University	Day 4 -Virtual Tours OCAD University University of Guelph

Guidance Corner

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Spirit Week-the Virtual Addition, has been a success. Students can still submit their pictures to the google classroom. We will be posting on the guidance Instagram (@bpcguidance)and to the website shortly.





Our Virtual Visit Series started last week with a well attended Virtual Visit from York University. Next week we welcome University of Toronto-November 3 @ 4pm and Ryerson University-November 5 @ 4pm. Please see our [website for more details and links to these virtual visits](#).

[Ontario Virtual College Fair is next week on November 4 & 5. Admission is free.](#)



November 4th is Take your kids to Work Day.

Traditionally this has been a day where parents and guardians are able to take their Grade 9s to work with you. This year there are some virtual options. We have registered for all the events attached (with the exception of the afternoon version of the seminars from the learning partnership) and will post the links into the Grade 9 Google Classroom as we get them. Please also feel free to register yourself for the events that fit your schedule and interests best.

[CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF ACTIVITIES](#)

BPCI Library

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The Birchmount Park CI Library and Learning Commons is happy to announce that Birchmount Park CI will once again be participating in the OLA's Forest of Reading Program featuring the [White Pine Book Club](#). This amazing book club features a diverse range of YA novels by Canadian authors. Stay tuned for updates.

The library also continues to support students and class in person and online. Tired of googling everything? Try [Sweet Search](#) for academic research instead! Designed specifically for high school students, this search engine only accesses websites that are vetted by teachers and librarians (no need to evaluate the website for its currency, legitimacy, or academic value). You're welcome!



BEAP News

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BEAP students continue to work hard and brave the elements during their workouts at Birchmount Stadium. Always believing, "If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you!"

Special Education/DD

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Individual Education Plans

The 2020-2021 Individual Education Plans, or IEPs have been developed. Parents/guardians: you will receive two copies of the IEPs over the coming days. One copy of the IEP is for your record and the other copy, the original copy signed by the school's principal or vice principal, is to be signed and returned to the school.

Please sign on Page 5 of the IEP and have your child (over 16 years of age) sign Page 5, as well. We would appreciate it if you could return the original, signed copy to the school as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

DD Program

Our students in the DD program had a blast attending a virtual Halloween dance, hosted by George Vanier Secondary School. The students were able to connect with old friends and show off their dance moves.



Student Success and Gifted Program

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One of our main goals is credit accumulation. As we approach the end of the first quad, we asked teachers to provide the names of students that may require additional support in order to experience academic success. Myself and our administrative team are in the process of devising and implementing the best possible plan for the Credit Rescue initiative to be effective for our students.

The gifted teachers and students are engaging in meaningful ways in their classrooms. The teachers are meeting on Monday November 1st in order to discuss the program - what things are working and what things need some attention?

Teacher Quote of the Week

“A good teacher is like a candle – it consumes itself to light the way for others.”

Mustafa Kemal Atatürk