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From the Desk of the Principal

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QUAD 2 Update

Thank you for your patience as we move into our second Quad. We are all in this together and our staff have been working hard to ensure that the needs of all of our students are met. Our VP Mr. Fewson has taken the lead on the timetabling and he along with our Guidance team have been working tirelessly to get things ready for our second quad. We will be using a hybrid model for Quad 2 as some of our students who were face-to-face for Quad 1 have requested a virtual option for Quad 2. We will be accommodating the students who were with us for Quad 1 and requested virtual for Quad 2 at Birchmount Park. We are focussing on timetable changes to accommodate this move into Quad 2. For any other timetable changes please see our website for the link to all guidance requests. They will be dealt with in a timely manner.

Important Dates

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



On November 5, Ontario Education Minister Stephen Lecce announced that racism and discriminatory remarks by educators will now be made an act of professional misconduct with the Ontario College of Teachers.

This means that for the first time in Ontario's history racism perpetrated by teachers in schools has consequences.

This change didn't happen by accident. This was the result of the **ADVOCACY** of Black women and men – and two groups in particular. Parents of Black Children (PoBC) and Vaughan African Canadian Association (VACA).

Incredible to think that before this, teachers could be caught engaging in blatant racism toward students and face zero consequences.

[Click here for the Article: Ontario Teachers Can Now Face Consequences For Racism](#)

School Council Co-Chair Message

School Council has started for the year, and we are ready to serve our students and parents. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 pm** where our discussion will include opportunities for parent workshops. We encourage all parents who are interested to join us then.

Your  School Council Executive for 2020-21

Role	Executive Member(s)	
Co-Chairs	Carol Warner	Candice Rees
Treasurer	Olga Ingrahm	
Co-Secretary	Lana Miller	Kris Rushowy
BEAP Rep	Anna Sidiropoulos	
Gifted Co-Rep	Ying Ong	Gloria Morgan
Special Ed. Rep	Olga Ingrahm	

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

Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday Nov. 16	Tuesday Nov. 17	Wednesday Nov. 18	Thursday Nov. 19	Friday Nov. 20
Day 2 Virtual Tour	Day 3 Virtual Tours	Day 4 Quad 1 Ends	Credit Rescue Day Virtual Tours	PA Day Virtual Tours

-Seneca College -Sheridan College -Brock University	-Brock University -McMaster University -Ontario Tech University -Ryerson University	-Brock University -Lakehead University	- Brock University -George Brown College -Mohawk College -Conestoga College - Ryerson University	-Brock University -OCAD University -University of Guelph
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BEAP News

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The grade 8 information night was very well attended. If you know other grade 8s interested in joining the Birchmount Exceptional Athlete Program, please direct them to our school website for more information!

Guidance Corner

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QUAD 2 Timetables

Guidance counsellors have been busy all week preparing timetables to accommodate the students wanting to go virtual. We will be sending out new timetables to students in the next couple days. There is very little room for changes as most courses are at capacity. If you would like to book an appointment to discuss your timetable after you receive it please fill out the online [guidance appointment request](#) and we will contact you soon after.

Post Secondary Applications

Grade 12s applying to University, Your OUAC Pin numbers should be mailed out soon, directly from OUAC. If you are eager and want it now we have printed the PIN letters. Please follow the directions posted in the Google classroom to get yours. To those applying to college, no PIN number is required. Simple go to ontariocolleges.ca and use both your Student Number and OEN number.

Wellness Challenge

Relieve some stress by entering our colouring contest. The submissions so far are brilliant. Keep them coming. Deadline for submission is November 30.

BPCI Library

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The Library is busy safely hosting classes in our computer lab, supplying chromebooks to students as needed, and circulating books. The Library is also continuing to promote access to exciting new digital resources. This week's digital resources are featured on our [Virtual Library OPEN 24/7](#).

Destiny Discover provides one discovery interface for students and educators to search and access digital resources, including eBooks, audiobooks, and interactive books, as well as free and paid subscription databases. Password needed, check the library google classroom ! [Library Google classroom](#) (class code **k4fpeje**).



Diverse Children's StoryBooks

This is an amazing interactive pdf collection of diverse Children's Storybooks featuring Black and Aboriginal authors. It is a wonderful community and family resource that can spark empathy, understanding, and inclusion. The pdf collection is also posted on the library google classroom!



[Library Google classroom](#) (class code **k4fpeje**).

Special Education/DD

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Individual Education Plans & Virtual Resource Room

The Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for the 2020-2021 school year were sent home, either by mail or given to the students. Please review it with your child and encourage him/her to access the [Virtual Resource Room](#) for support and to speak with their teachers if they need help. The first quadmester will end on Nov. 19, so we really want all our students to be successful.

Student Success and Gifted

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This past Monday we prepared and delivered a presentation about our Gifted program to grade 8 students and their family members. I would like to send a huge THANK-YOU to everyone that participated on the Gifted Program Panel for this Grade 8 information night. Danny Assimakopoulos and Brandon Jahoor represented our program and our school with the utmost integrity and intelligence.

In our world of Student Success we officially introduced our students to the Credit Rescue initiative. This is a time where classroom teachers provide their students with in-class opportunities to complete assignments that were previously unnoticed. Credit Rescue will continue until Thursday November 19. Let's finish the quad strong!

Teacher Quote of the Week

"One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world." ~Malala Yousafzai