

BIRCHMOUNT

Weekly Update

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Friday, June 11, 2021

Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

| Monday June 14 | Tuesday June 15 | Wednesday June 16 | Thursday June 17 | Friday June 18 |
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| Day 4 | Day 1 Peer Leader Meeting | Day 2 | Day 3 Peer Leader Meeting | Day 4 |

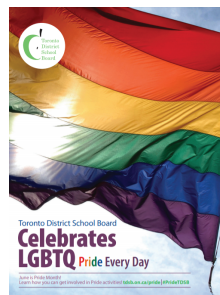
Important Dates: [Click here for TDSB important dates in Secondary School](#)

From the Desk of the Principal

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[Click here for a Schedule of Events for National Indigenous History Month June 2021](#)





Thank you to my Principal Council Team

I would like to thank all the members of the Principal Council for all their hard work in putting this together. We had plans of hosting other events this school year as a Principal Council but due to the circumstances we were unable to follow through with these plans. The student council election was held on Friday, June 4th.

Principal Council Executive Team 2021

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| Co-Presidents | Danny Assimakopoulos | Safi Osman |
| Vice-President | Isabella Trakosas | |
| Treasurer | Isabella Trakosas | |
| Secretary | Hailey Olins | |
| Marketing Rep | Quinn Baronette | |
| Co-Event Coordinators | Michaela Stewart | Scarlett Pourmatin |

Principal Council members-at-large

1. Cameron Sailsman
2. Brandon Jahoor
3. Phoenix Grant
4. Tayiba Rahman
5. Jannat Rehan

The Principal Council announces.....

Your 2021-22 Student Council Executive Sept. 2021

| Student Council 2021-22 Executive Position | Student Name |
|---|--------------------|
| President | Phoenix Grant |
| Vice President | Scarlett Pourmatin |
| Treasurer | Madelyn Cowan |
| Marketing Coordinator | Brendan Corrigan |
| Event Planner | Isabella Trakosas |
| Grade 9 Rep | TBD |
| Grade 10 Rep | TBD |
| Grade 11 Rep | Brandon Jahoor |
| Grade 12 Rep | Alex Pourmatin |

Student Council 2021-22 Members-at-large

1. Safi Osman
2. Mary Kim
3. Rebecca Borden
4. Connor Jewell

Graduation News!



[TDSB won't hold in-person graduation ceremonies despite province's suggestion for outdoor events article](#)

Summer 2021 Well-Being Guide



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THE FOUR OF DIMENSIONS **RACISM**

INSTITUTIONAL

Policies and practices that reinforce racist standards within a workspace or organization.

STRUCTURAL

Multiple institutions collectively upholding racist policies and practices, i.e. society.

INTERPERSONAL

Racist acts and micro-aggressions carried out from one person to another.

INTERNALIZED

The subtle and overt messages that reinforce negative beliefs and self-hatred in individuals.

*Inspired by
Race Forward Trainings*

**Slow Factory
Foundation**

Getting ready to Graduate

Last call to get your community hours in to guidance.

We are also getting a celebration package ready to give to all the graduates to celebrate their achievements.



Summer school Registration closes today.

Please visit www.creditprograms.ca

Credit recovery programming will still be open for registration

SCHOOL TIMETABLE

Ms Ferrari has been working very hard to create the timetable for next year.

Guidance will be emailing students over the next few weeks if there are conflicts in timetables that need to be fixed.

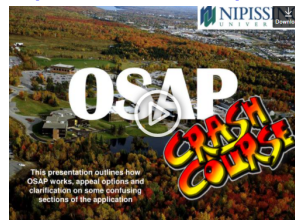


The Peer leaders are planning events for the end of this year and in the fall for students coming to Birchmount for Grade 9.



Last Thursday we welcomed Centennial College for an informative Financial Planning session for students going to university or college. If you missed it and have questions please reach out to a member of our guidance team.

Here is a really great slide presentation of the key points around OSAP, presented by Nipissing University.



School Council Co-Chair Message

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Set a daily intention of how you want “to be

- Before you start your day, take a moment to consider your intention of how you want “to be”

A. flexible; patient; kind, etc

Make a “Ta-Dah” List

- At the end of the day or week, write down every personal or professional task/accomplishment you have done that gives you (even a tiny) sense of pride.

Example: made time to practice self-care; reached out to a friend; practiced self-compassion



[Click here for Birchmount Park School Council Facebook Link](#)

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BPCI Library and Learning Commons



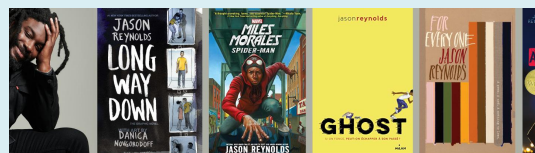
**BPCI Virtual
Library**

Available on TDSB Virtual
Library



DESTINY DISCOVER
Ebooks and audiobooks

Featured author: Jason Reynolds



[For Everyone by Jason Reynolds,](#)

for all young people and those who still dream.
Click to hear an excerpt of Jason Reynolds sharing his
letter “For Everyone”.

Student Success and Gifted

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The **Unspoken** Curriculum

Recently someone shared a video with me. A video that really hit hard. It was aimed at addressing unofficial lessons that accompanied official lessons - “the unspoken curriculum”. Apparently, students do not **only** learn course material but their experiences and interactions while in school also shape who they become as adults. The video really got me thinking. Thinking about our students and their experiences at Birchmount Park. Thinking about conversations that I have had with some of our students. I salute all of the students that bravely and openly shared their experiences with me. These experiences brought me back to the quote that I shared two weeks ago.....

For those of you who are interested, here is the link to the video:
youtu.be/fEWdOtfwwbQ



For me, a major highlight this week was learning that **Phoenix Grant** will be our 2021-2022 S.C. President!!!! She is a founding member of our B.S.A. and is focused, determined, and ready to do some amazing work at our school!

Every Child Matters

The announcement of the tragic discovery of the remains of 215 children on the site of a former residential school in Kamloops British Columbia runs fresh in my mind.

I would like to commemorate the lives of these 215 children as well as the lives of all the other children that passed away while attending a Residential School in Canada.



The **Afzaal** family

I would like to offer my prayers and extend my condolences to the family members and the friends of the four members of the Afzaal family that were “mowed down” last Sunday evening when they went out for an evening walk. This is a clear reminder that **Islamophobia** is real and in my opinion this hatred is unacceptable.

BEAP News

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Congratulations to BEAP alumni Brandon Pirri

Brandon scored three goals in helping Canada win the Gold Medal at the Men's World Ice-Hockey Championships in Riga, Latvia!

BEAP ALUMNI GUEST SPEAKERS

This coming week, we welcome BEAP alumni Anthony Stewart (former NHLer, and now Sportsnet Hockey analyst), Dr. Sophia da Silva-Oolup (chiropractor and President of the College of Chiropractic Clinical Sciences), and Evan Karakolis (3x Canadian Men's Javelin Champion, and engineer). Each of these alumni will be guest speakers for our Grade 10 BEAP Careers class.

Special Education/DD

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Virtual Resource Room

- Special Education is connecting with students to offer and provide academic support.
- The Virtual Resource Room is available daily to provide academic support to our students. Please join our [Google Classroom](#) for announcements and information and connect with a special education resource teacher using this [Google Meet](#) link.

Teacher Quote of the Week

You'll never be brave, if you don't get hurt.

You'll never learn, if you don't make mistakes.

You'll never be successful, if you don't encounter failures.

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