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Friday, Feb. 19 , 2021

### Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday Feb. 22	Tuesday Feb. 23	Wednesday Feb. 24	Thursday Feb. 25	Friday Feb. 26
Day 1 COURSE SELECTIONS DUE!!!!!!	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 1

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

## From the Desk of the Principal

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### Take Home Covid-19 Tests for Students with symptoms or impacted cohorts.

We hope that everyone is keeping safe. We will be receiving from Michael Garron Hospital take home Covid-19 testing kits. ONLY for students who either are showing symptoms or are sent home as a part of a cohort sent home as a result of being a close contact of someone at school who tests positive . The test kit will come with instructions and a link to a video. We are being asked to avoid giving the kits to students "just in case". The kits are intended for students with symptoms.

## School Council Co-Chair Message

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### From your School Council Team

Parents and Students please join us **Monday, February 22 at 7pm** for our first interactive Health Mini Series. Guest Speaker Tanya MacFarlane will provide us some tips to counteract the ill effects of sitting in front of our screens for prolonged periods of time. The format will be 15 minutes of tips and then a 15 minute question period. See you there!

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/91789471673?pwd=ZFE2THINb2dtU1F3cEVnM3Bvd3kxZz09>



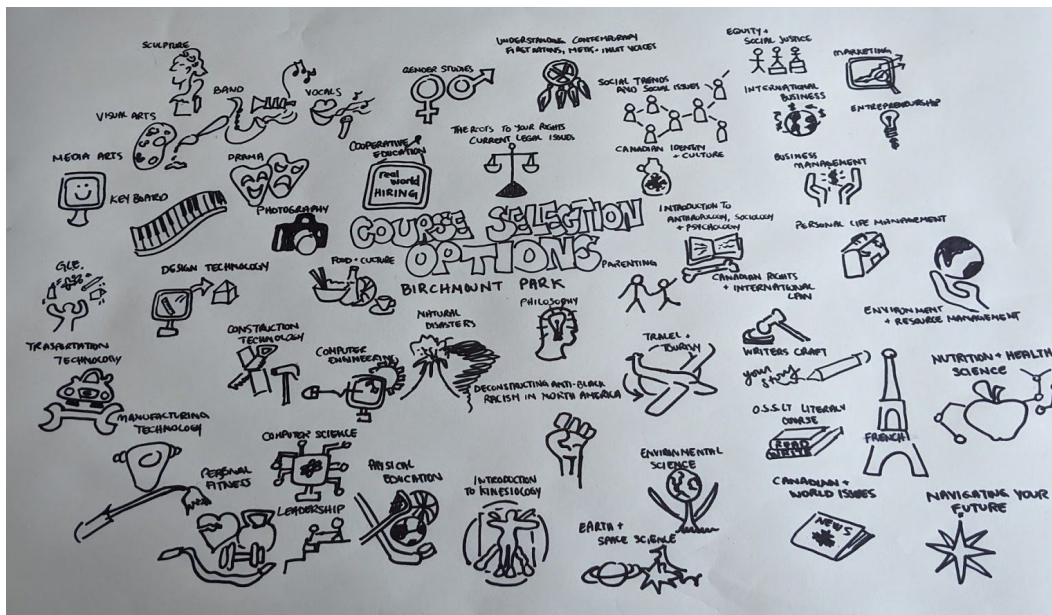
[Click here for Birchmount Park School Council Facebook Link](#)

## COURSE SELECTIONS

Course selections are due. Please complete your myblueprint submission today

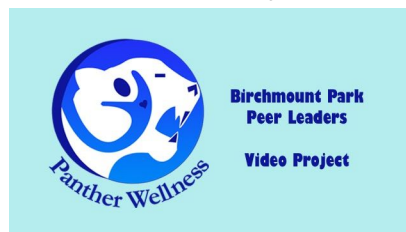
[Our website page has all the details and instructions.](#)

Not sure what to take? Watch the [short](#) and [long](#) video or download the course selection sheet from our website for inspiration..



Still need help? Guidance is always here to assist you, please email your counsellor for advice or support.

The Peer leader Video Project continues



Check out some of our latest videos

<https://youtu.be/DyUCHNL5LKI>

<https://youtu.be/fFitgdzFBFI>

[https://youtu.be/OvtDK\\_ugbME](https://youtu.be/OvtDK_ugbME)

Submit your video and receive community hours for each submission

Spirit Wear

If you ordered Spirit Wear **from the school**. Your orders are in, Please come to guidance to pick up your birchmerch.  
If you are virtual, we are happy to serve you from the outside window.



## BPCI Library

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BPCI Library and Learning Commons is happy to support all readers! With school back in person, the library is offering **safe** curbside pick up for students. The library strictly follows all TDSB Covid library protocols.

Use the [BPCI Book Request FORM](#).

Click on the BPCI Library website, or BPCI Google classroom to learn more!



### [BPCI Library Learning Commons website](#)



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



[Click here for 15 Untold Black History Inventors that you may not have ever heard](#)

## BEAP News

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The monthly BEAP Nutrition Lecture was well attended by parents and students. We learned all about Protein from Nutritionist Kyle Byron. Don't miss out on next month's!

## Special Education/DD

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### Resource Program

For students learning in person, we hope your first week back was a success.

The hours to the Virtual Resource Room have been changed to provide support for synchronous in person learning, asynchronous/independent learning and also to students who continue to learn virtually.

Click the link [Virtual Resource Room](#) and use access code: **2yyda47** to join the Google Classroom. Students can access VRR daily from:

- 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM
- 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Students are also encouraged to email the Resource Room Team directly if they are unable to access VRR.

### DD Program

The students in the DD program are happy to be back in school and are continuing with their program. For families/students

who have chosen Virtual learning, the DD Team will continue to provide instruction and support by email, Google Classroom and phone calls. Parents are encouraged to connect with their child's teacher if they need additional information or support.

**Special Education Experiential Learning (SPEEL)** for students in the DD program will continue with a new group of students next week.

Social Fridays continues: The students will be watching a movie today.



## Student Success and Gifted

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We have been diligently working to get our students settled into our Credit Recovery course. It is imperative for their success that they begin the recovery process as early as possible. Credit granting can be seen as instantaneous gratification! We have also been going through each credit recovery recommendation form in order to identify potential candidates for the Credit Recovery class.

### Academic Pathways Leading to Success

We have spent some time this past week attending meetings related to Academic Pathways. This is a topic of discussion that will likely remain a hot one for quite some time.

We will be sending teachers a Google Form to complete for every student that has either not been attending classes or is seemingly experiencing challenges. Mr. P will be reaching out to these students in order to identify the barrier(s) to their learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, or comments, please feel free to reach out to Mr. P.

Have a wonderful weekend.




## Teacher Quote of the Week

"The greatness of a man (or woman) is not how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."

**Bob Marley**

## In the Community



CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES  
PRESENTS

# ICYC Zoom In

An opportunity to connect with a  
Child & Youth Counsellor

**EVERY FRIDAY  
STARTING FEB 19, 2021  
12:00-1:00PM**

MEETING ID: 925 8258 8047  
PASSCODE: ICYC

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Come talk about what's on your mind:  
relationships, coping, your mental health,  
etc...

The poster features a central text area flanked by vertical borders of colorful, stylized, overlapping loops in yellow, red, and blue. At the bottom, there is a row of eight diverse cartoon avatars representing various people.