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Friday, Mar. 5, 2021

**Next Week**@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday Mar. 8	Tuesday Mar. 9	Wednesday Mar. 10	Thursday Mar. 11	Friday Mar. 12
Day 3	Day 4 Early Dismissal 12:05pm Staff Meeting @ 2:40pm	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3

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

## From the Desk of the Principal

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March is Greek Heritage Month



### Greek Heritage Month



**March 2021**

1821 – 2021

Freedom and Unity – Ελευθερία και Ενότητα

[TDSB Greek Heritage Month Site 2021 bit.ly/GHM TDSB](http://bit.ly/GHM_TDSB)

TDSB planning for a return to the classroom in the fall

[TDSB planning for the fall \(Toronto Star article\)](#)

## City of Toronto: Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Mayor Tory was joined online by Deputy Mayor Michael Thompson (Scarborough Centre), Chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee, Councillor Jennifer McKelvie (Scarborough-Rouge), Chair of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee, and Parks, Forestry and Recreation General Manager Janie Romoff to announce the parks and recreation job opportunities.

The City is looking for a wide range of skilled applicants from lifeguards and aquatic instructors to outdoor gardeners and parks handy-workers. The City is now accepting job applications for summer camps, aquatic and lifeguarding programs at the City's outdoor pools and beaches and other recreation positions. Applications for gardeners and parks handy-workers for the City's parks and green spaces will be accepted until March 27. Applications can be made online at: <https://jobs.toronto.ca/>.

In addition to accepting applications online, the City will host virtual job information sessions for youth beginning in March. Applicants can receive tips on what to expect during the hiring process, as well as resumé and interview preparation support. The information sessions will be delivered by youth outreach workers and youth recreation programmers and will be promoted to youth living in or near Neighbourhood Improvement Areas.

Dates and registration information for the virtual information sessions will be available shortly at [www.toronto.ca/recjobs](http://www.toronto.ca/recjobs).

More information about recruitment for City parks and recreation positions is available at <https://jobs.toronto.ca/>.

Please review the City's simple "Dos" and "Don'ts" guide for recommended and mandatory public health measures. The guide communicates some of what is and what is not, permitted under the provincial Lockdown Regulation that remains in effect to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The guide can be found at [www.toronto.ca/lockdownguide](http://www.toronto.ca/lockdownguide).

### School Council Co-Chair Message

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**From your School Council Team**



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## Guidance Corner

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We are excited to announce:

### University Success: First Year Tips and Tricks

Starting University in the fall? Join us for a new weekly zoom call with Birchmount alumni to hear first year university tips and answer your questions about university life.

Follow us on Instagram to post questions and for meeting details.

**Tuesdays at 5:30-6:00**

Zoom ID:  
Meeting ID: 406 342 5069  
Passcode: 8Mn77s

Instagram:  
universitytipsandtricks




## BEAP News

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BEAP alumni Tyler Toffoli continues to light it up for the Montreal Canadiens. He leads the team in scoring with 13 goals as the Habs cling to the final playoff spot in the North Division.

## Teacher Quote of the Week

**“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.”** **Aristotle**

<h1>Virtual LITERACY LAB</h1> <p>Improve reading and writing skills Special focus on OSSLT preparation</p> 		
Place: Library Google Classroom k4fpeje	Dates Thursday in March	Time 1-2

## Student Success and Gifted

<p><b>SoS: Supporting our Students</b></p> <p>We have implemented the “each one, reach one” ideal. It has been quite exciting to partner with our classroom teachers to reach out to our students who require support and offer that necessary support for our students to focus on their achievement.</p> <p>Colleagues from Special Education, Guidance, and Student Success will collaborate to discuss how we can best serve our in-person and virtual students.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Black Student Association (B.S.A.)</b></p> <p>Our <b>Black Student Association</b>, also referred to as <b>S.E.E.N. - Stereotype Eradication in Every Nation</b> is in the process of organizing a <u>Spoken Word and Poetry Slam</u>. We will have more details around dates and time for this event in the near future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gifted Career Day</b></p> <p>We have put aside some time to meet with some parents of our gifted program community to discuss the potential of hosting a Career Day. There will be more information to come with regards to this event.</p>
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## Identification Placement Review Committee (IPRC)

The annual IPRC process has begun for our students with exceptionalities. IPRC meetings will be done virtually using Google Classroom or Zoom. We will be contacting students and parents/guardians with details about the process and meeting dates. Watch your Inbox!

Note: if we don't have your email address, then email us.

## Resource Program

The hours to the Virtual Resource Room (VRR) has been changed to provide support to students for in person learning, asynchronous/independent learning and synchronous/virtually learning.

Click the link [Virtual Resource Room](#) and use access code: **2yyda47** to join our 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 us directly if they are unable to access VRR.

## DD Program

Some of the students in the DD program have chosen Virtual School and a number of them have returned to in person school. 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 second group of students. Students will finish their program on March 5.

Social Fridays continue: the students will be watching a movie today.

