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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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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



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	

Your Voting Members of the

School Council are:

Last Name	First Name	Role
Akler	Matt	Voting Member
Bragado	France	Voting Member
Brooks	Barbara	Voting Member
Ingrahm	Olga	Voting Member
Mcfaquhar	Princess	Voting Member
Miller	Lana	Voting Member
Morgan	Gloria	Voting Member
Ong	Ying	Voting Member
Rees	Candice	Voting Member
Rushowy	Kris	Voting Member
Sidiropoulos	Anna	Voting Member
Stateski	Steve	Voting Member
Warner	Carol	Voting Member

Next School Council meeting: Wednesday Dec. 9th

Any questions: Please email <u>Candice.rees@tdsb.on.ca</u> or <u>Carol.warner@tdsb.on.ca</u>

Next Week@ Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute

Monday Nov. 9	Tuesday Nov. 10	Wednesday Nov. 11	Thursday Nov.12	Friday Nov. 13
Day 1 -Staff Meeting Early Dismissal 12:05pm -Grade 8 Info. Night Virtual OUAC Pins coming soon! Virtual Tours- Centennial College Seneca College Sheridan College Brock University University of Guelph	Day 2 -Virtual Tours Brock University Ontario Tech University Lakehead University McMaster University	Day 3 Remembrance Day -Virtual Tours Brock University Lakehead University Seneca College	Day 4 -Virtual Tours SOLE Alternative Virtual Open House Conestoga College Brock University Ryerson University	Day 1 Credit Rescue Blitz Begins Virtual Tours Brock University OCAD University University of Guelph

Monday Nov. 9th is Staff Meeting Day (Early Dismissal)

Activity	Time
Face to Face (in-school)	8:45am-12:05pm
Lunch	12:05pm-1:35pm
Live Virtual Learning	1:35pm-2:35pm
Staff Meeting	2:40pm-3:40pm

Guidance Corner

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Our Virtual Visit Series continued this week with a well attended visits from University of Toronto and Ryerson. Next week we welcome Centennial College-November 9 @ 4pm and Seneca College-November 11 @ 4pm. Please see our website for more details and links to these virtual visits.



Please check your google classrooms for our new colouring contest. If printing or colouring supplies are needed, please contact a guidance counsellor and we will see that you get what you need.

Looking forward to Grade 8 to 9 Night this coming Monday and our BEAP Information Session for interested applicants. We welcome back BEAP alumni and Canadian Olympian Ian Warner as one of our special guest speakers. Know of any aspiring athletes who will begin high school next year? Let them know about this night. They won't want to miss it!

BPCI Library

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The Birchmount Park Library and Learning Commons is continuing to safely circulate books. Check out the How to Search for and Request a Book Video and Form on the <u>Library Google classroom</u> (class code k4fpeje).

November is Indigenous education month. BPCI library has great Indigenous resources: novels, graphic novels, and non-fiction. Check out the poster below for new resources, and search the <u>Virtual Library</u> for even more!

November 11 is <u>Remembrance Day</u>. Click on the link from VAC for events, stories, and memorials









Special Education/DD

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What is Read & Write?

Read & Write is designed to provide literacy support for students. Share this information with your child and click the link for details on how to download Read & Write to your personal device.

It supports a Universal Design of Learning model, which aids students in accessing the curriculum and completing reading, writing and research assignments. When used in conjunction with other applications, Read & Write allows students to experience greater independence and promotes inclusive classroom practices.

Some features of Read & Write include:

- Speech Feedback
- Research Tools and Graphic Organizer
- Word Prediction / Phonetic Spell Checker
- Talking Dictionary / Homonym Support
- Audio File Creation
- French Translator
- Calculator: Standard and Scientific

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 <u>Virtual Resource Room</u> 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.

Our DD Program has taken "Fun Friday" virtual. The students have been doing some of their favourite activities with a virtual wist. So far, they have played BINGO, I Spy and Pictionary. What a great way to finish the week.

Student Success and Gifted

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As we prepare to embark upon our first ever quadmester Credit Rescue initiative, we are already thinking about ways to improve it to effectively meet the needs of our students for Quad 2 and beyond. A huge SHOUT-OUT to all of the teachers who have already begun supporting their students to complete academic tasks that have been previously overlooked.

We connected with a graduation coach for black students. This is a support that can benefit many of our students. Needless to say, we are devising a plan aimed at getting the coach to be a member of our family here at BPCI.

Thanks to all of the gifted teachers that attended our virtual meeting on Monday afternoon. We are reaching out to other schools with Gifted Programs as a means of gathering best practices.

A big SHOUT-OUT to Brandon Jahoor for his dedication and interest in our gifted program. As a student in the program, Brandon would like to take on an active role in promoting it to grade 8 students.



Do you know what these are? (see answer below)

- Age
- Ancestry, colour, race
- Citizenship
- Ethnic origin
- Place of origin
- Creed
- Disability
- Family status
- Marital status (including single status)
- Gender identity, gender expression
- Receipt of public assistance (in housing only)
- Record of offences (in employment only)
- Sex (including pregnancy and breastfeeding)
- Sexual orientation.

Teacher Quote of the Week

"Educators are preparing students for a world of technology that does not even exist yet.

Mrs. Neidhardt Gr. K-2/Alabama

Mrs. Neidhardt highlights the importance of tech in the classroom.

| Project: Makerspace Madness! Creating a Makerspace in The Classroom



Ontario's Human Rights Code, the first in Canada, was enacted in 1962.

The *Code* prohibits actions that discriminate against people based on a protected *ground* in a protected *social area*.