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Key Dates For February

- Feb 6: Semester 2 begins
- Feb. 7-15: DRE Mission Trip
- Feb. 12: Health Unit Immunization Clinic @ BSCH
- Feb. 13: Grade 7 to 8 Open House 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Feb. 13: Boys Hockey - Petawawa
- Feb. 15: Secondary Reports home with students
- Feb 15: Winter Dance @ BSCH
- Feb. 15: Auto Club to Toronto
- Feb. 22 Grade 8 Reports home with students
- Feb. 25: School Council 5:30-7:00
- Feb. 25: Girls Hockey - County Finals in Pembroke
- Feb. 26: Boys Hockey - County Finals in Arnprior
- Feb. 27: Gr. 8 to 9 Transition Parent meeting 7:00-8:00 p.m.

A Message From the Admin Team

After some crazy weather & bus cancellations, for secondary students and staff a new semester is almost upon us and it's always a time for new beginnings and an opportunity for a fresh start. The mid-point of a school year also provides us with an opportunity to reflect on where we've been since Sept. 4th as we also focus on the finish line of June 27th. For many high school students it is a quick turnaround from the stress of January's final assessments to new courses with new teachers.

To aid with the transition our Student Services department will still be making a few course changes for students with conflicts in their timetables. We also ask all teachers to have the marked Semester I final assessments available to their Semester I students so that there is an opportunity to look over the culminating activities and exams in hopes of learning from any mistakes.



After Feb. 8th all of the Semester I final assessments are stored in the main office and students (and parents) still have access to them if needed. On Feb. 15th the Semester I report cards will be going home with the secondary students, and the grade 8 reports will follow a week later on Feb. 22nd.

Did You Know? Course Selection Process

Course Selections for the 2019-2020 school year will begin on Tuesday, February 12th and finish on Friday, March 1st.

The process involves the following:

- One of the guidance counselors will meet with your child's class and have each student log into their individual account on myblueprint. Myblueprint is an online program that allows students to not only select courses but also to set goals and plan their post-secondary options.
- Once your child has selected his/her courses, you can then review their choices at home by logging into their account; any changes to their selected courses can still be done at this time.
- When the final changes are done, press Submit and Print. Your child then returns the signed form to their teacher by Friday, March 22nd. If you do not have a printer at home, you can still submit and have the form printed in Student Services.
- The grade 8's will have a slightly different format with an explanatory note and a list of recommended courses going home on Feb 28th. The forms are due back by March 8th.

RCCDSB



OSSLT

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test will be written by all grade 10 students in the province on March 27, 2019. Successful completion of the test (a mark of 75% or above) is a graduation requirement. At BSCH grade 10 students will soon be prepping in their English classes and a similar process happened last semester. Students identified as needing an extra “boost” before the test have already begun spending some time with a RCCDSB literacy specialist.

Parent Meeting

The annual meeting for parents and students who will be entering Grade 9 in 2019 will be held on Wed. Feb. 27th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Robert Tate Library. We will discuss course selections, community service hours and graduation requirements. A tour of the school will be available.

Extra-Curricular Update!!

Sports:

- Our Winter Season is well underway with our junior & senior girls volleyball teams and junior & senior boys basketball doing very well in league play. Play-offs for both sports will start the 2nd week of February and we anticipate some strong results from all four teams.
- Both the girls & boys Varsity hockey teams are finishing up their respective seasons with the girls team taking the #1 seed into the “Frozen Four” championships on Feb. 25 in Pembroke. We will also host EOSSAA on March 4. The boys have a final 1-day tournament on Feb. 13 and are poised to qualify for their “Frozen Four” championships in Arnprior on Feb. 26.
- The Alpine Ski & Snowboard teams are training at Calabogie Peaks Feb. 1 in anticipation of the County Championships on Feb. 6 and EOSSAA Alpine on Feb. 13 & EOSSAA Snowboarding on Feb. 15.
- The BSCH Curling team is in action at the County Finals on Feb. 19.

DR Mission Trip:

- The BSCH/SJHS team of students & staff will be in Yamasa, DR from Feb 6-15. All medicines have been packed and the crew is anxiously awaiting take-off on the 30th year of this humanitarian trip.

Music:

- The Concert Band is busy prepping for a performance at the Kiwanis Music Festival on March 4.

Destination Imagination:

- Our 2 DI teams (Improv & Engineering) are honing their skills for the Regional Competitions in Stittsville on March 2 with hopes of qualifying for Provincials on March 30 in Toronto.

BSCH Auto Club:

- The BSCH Auto Club will make their annual pilgrimage to the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto on Feb. 15.

Some Important Dates!!

March 6: Ash
Wednesday

March 7: Parent-
Teacher Interviews 4:00-
7:00 p.m.

March 11-15: March
Break

March 27: Gr. 10
Literacy Test (OSSLT)
across the province

April 18: Semester 2
Mid-Term Reports home
with students

April 19: Good Friday