

BRADFORD D.H.S.

FEBRUARY 2023 -NEWSLETTER

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KEY DATES IN FEBRUARY & BEYOND...

- **Tuesday February 14th, 2023**
 - Distribution of Semester 1 Final Report Cards
- **Monday February 20th, 2023**
 - The last day for students to choose courses for 2023/2024 school year.
- **Monday February 20th, 2023**
 - Family Day Holiday
- **Thursday February 23rd, 2023**
 - BDHS School Council Meeting 6pm-7pm in the BDHS Library
- **Thursday February 23rd, 2023 11am-2pm**
 - Black Futures: Creating Career Pathways for the Black GEN Z female Workforce conference at Georgian College
- **Thursday March 2nd, 2023**
 - BDHS Semi Formal Dance
- **Wednesday & Thursday March 1st and 2nd, 2023**
 - Graduation Photos
- **Monday March 13th – Friday March 17th, 2023**
 - March Break Holiday

BDHS ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Principal: Mr. David Brooks
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DAILY SCHEDULE

Students are encouraged to be at school by 7:45am

Period 1	8:00am - 9:15am
<i>Transition</i>	<i>9:15am - 9:20am</i>
Period 2	9:20am - 10:35am
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>10:35am - 11:35am</i>
Period 3	11:35am - 12:50pm
<i>Transition</i>	<i>12:50pm - 12:55pm</i>
Period 4	12:55pm - 2:10pm

KEY INFORMATION

BDHS SCHOOL COUNCIL UPCOMING MEETING:

The BDHS School Council is a committee made up of elected parents/guardians, community representatives, staff, and sometimes students that help to provide the community voice and parent/guardian perspective on important school topics such as fundraising plans, field trips and community events. School Council is a good way for parents/guardians to get involved in their child/children's education while playing an important role in the partnership between home and school. Council generally meets monthly (schedule below). These meetings typically average 1-2 hours in length and take place during evening hours.

All parents are welcome to attend any BDHS School Council Meeting. Specific inquiries about our BDHS School Council can be directed to:

Lynane Newton (Chair of BDHS School Council) councilchairbdh@scdsb.on.ca
David Brooks (Principal, BDHS) dbrooks@scdsb.on.ca

Next scheduled Meeting: **Thursday February 23rd, 2023, 6pm - 7pm in BDHS School Library**
More information can be found at: https://bdh.scdsb.on.ca/parents/school_council

BDHS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

Changes in Guidance

Guidance would like to welcome Ms. Ketcheson who will be the Counsellor assigned to students with surnames G-N. After 16 years at BDHS, Ms. Glass has made the difficult decision to transfer schools to be closer to home. Beginning in semester two, students with surnames G-N, will be able to book appointments with Ms. Ketcheson on the Guidance booking app.

Course Selection for 2023-2024

The course selection portal through My Blueprint is now open. Students are encouraged to submit their course selections as soon as possible. Instructions on how to complete course selections can be found in the grade specific Guidance Google Classrooms. If students have questions, please book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor.

The last day to choose courses is **February 20th, 2023**.

Course Changes for Semester 2

Guidance will be working through the list of students who requested a timetable change via the Google form during the first two weeks of semester 2. Priority will be given to students needing a pathway change. It is important that all students attend the classes on their current schedule until they have met with a Guidance Counsellor.

Community Service Hours

This is a reminder to all students and parents that the Ministry of Education has provided flexible ways for students to obtain their 40 hours of community involvement, including:

- helping an elderly relative with an errand
- assisting a sibling with homework

- household chores
- up to a maximum of 10 hours from paid employment with proof of a paystub.

All students are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to satisfy the diploma requirement to graduate. The deadline to submit community service hours for **graduating Grade 12 students is April 28, 2023**. If you have questions, please see your Guidance Counsellor. Parking Lot & Transportation

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SUMMER eLearning!

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) is offering summer school courses in July 2023 for current high school students or adult learners who are interested in earning a new credit or upgrading a previous mark. Students can advance online learning skills, earn missed credits or fast-track preparation for graduation or post-secondary in just four weeks. eLearning is fully supported by certified teachers who are available electronically daily.

Summer school program details can be found on the Learning Centres website at <http://thelearningcentres.com/high-school-student/summer-school>.

SPECIALIST HIGH SKILLS MAJOR

What is SHSM? A Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) that provides students with an opportunity to focus their learning and gain valuable experience for both work and post-secondary opportunities. Upon graduation, students are given a specialized red seal SHSM diploma and transcript which demonstrates they have learned the knowledge and skills of today's sector specific requirements. The program is open to ALL students.

BDHS has two different SHSM programs, CONSTRUCTION & TRANSPORTATION. The program requires students to complete a total of four grade 11/12 construction or transportation courses. Along with 4 supporting credits in English, math, business or science. SHSM also requires a total of 2 cooperative education credits linked to transportation or construction. In addition to the course requirements, students must complete a designated amount of compulsory and elected Sector-recognized certifications and/or training courses/programs along with experiential learning opportunities. Ask Mrs. Dunn in guidance sldunn@scdsb.on.ca about SHSM today and graduate with a resume - not just a diploma!

NOTICE TO STUDENT AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF STUDENTS REGARDING OUT-OF-AREA REQUESTS:

Under Simcoe County District School Board procedures (APM A7000 – School Attendance Areas), it is possible for students to apply for and receive permission to attend an out-of-attendance-area school. Students will be permitted to continue in attendance as long as there are pupil places available. They may be required to return to their home school or transfer to another school when the capacity of the school they are attending has been reached and space is required for students residing within the designated attendance areas. An approval may be revoked at any time by the superintendent of education, after consultation with the receiving school principal, for reasons related to the student's behaviour, attendance, actions or inactions. Transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the out-of-attendance-area student and/or parent/guardian.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) recognizes and celebrates Black History Month every February. The SCDSB is committed to improving equity of access and opportunity for Black students, staff, and parents/guardians, and to creating a safe and caring learning environment that promotes the human rights of staff, students, and parent/guardians. The initiatives undertaken by the SCDSB have been embedded in teaching and learning at all school levels, and centrally, for Black History Month and throughout the year. Follow the SCDSB on social media to see how schools are recognizing Black History Month.


BLACK FUTURES: CREATING CAREER PATHWAYS FOR THE BLACK GEN Z FEMALE WORKFORCE CONFERENCE:

An opportunity for SCDSB Secondary Black female students who have expressed an interest in a career in the trades.

Simcoe County District School Board
Black High School Students are invited to
attend a special Black History Month event!

UPlift Black YOUth & Future Black Female presents...

**Black Futures:
Creating Career Pathways
for the Black GEN Z Workforce**



Ashanti Osei
Founder/Principle Contractor
Keyz to Your Home Reno

**Hear from our Keynote Speaker
Keziah Osei**
as she shares her inspirational journey of disrupting
a male dominated industry and becoming the first
Black female contractor to work with HGTV Canada
★★★★★
A Panel Discussion with local Black Students

**What is the Vision for OUR Black Futures?
A call to action discussion on how the
community can show UP for Black Youth
shared BY local Black YOUth**

Georgian College, ABSC Event Space - N Building
February 23 2023
11am to 2pm
Transporation Provided by Simcoe County District School Board from students school

To register visit
upliftblack.org/YOUth

Experience Georgian THE Enchanté NETWORK LE RÉSEAU Enchanté UPLIFT BLACK YOUTH FutureBlackFemale Simcoe County District School Board

To register, student are asked to see Camara Edwards, the BDHS Graduation Coach for Black Students or email him at caedwards@scdsb.on.ca

BDHS PARKING LOT SAFETY:

The safety of the students here at BDHS is our highest priority. In saying this, we would like to kindly remind all parents and/or guardians who drop off and pick up students, to be mindful that the main entrance to the parking lot can become very congested and loading and unloading in the bus loading area is not permitted. If you can utilize the back entrance and parking lot, this would help reduce traffic congestion at the side of the school. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

FROM THE BDHS LEARNING COMMONS (LIBRARY):

Research Success @ Your Library

Our Learning Commons has purchased the rights for BDHS teachers and students to use a research model developed by Teacher-Librarians with the Toronto District School Board. Research Success is available to our students through our Google Classroom. It is a document of useful strategies and templates to guide and encourage critical thinking by students progressing through the exploring, investigating, processing and creating stages of the inquiry process.

Students are encouraged by this resource to think deeply about their research questions, source validity, note taking, and development of effective written and oral presentations of their findings. Moreover, Research Success helps students avoid plagiarism by presenting how to document sources in various academic formats. Students are led to personally reflect on their inquiry experience with a focus on improvement for their next research task.

Britannica School - Video for Parents

We have renewed our school's subscription to the online encyclopedia, Britannica School. As referenced in our November newsletter, Britannica is a valuable research and learning tool for our students. Access is provided through our Learning Commons Google Classroom (joining code: 6ieopgj) where our username and password are also provided.

The following video outlines some of the features of this edited and frequently updated resource from a parent's/guardian's perspective.

[Britannica School Parent/Guardian Information](#)

Students with questions can ask our Teacher-Librarians:
Ms. Sparks jsparks@scdsb.on.ca and Ms. Faria jfaria@scdsb.on.ca

BDHS ATHLETICS UPDATE:

Senior Boys Basketball heading into play-offs

The Senior Boys Basketball team has had a very successful season - remaining undefeated in the regular season and game 1 of quarter finals. Games will be played at BDHS, including Georgian Bay Finals, if the team continues to win. Come out and support your BUCS!

SCDSB ANTI-SEX TRAFFICKING PROTOCOL AND RESOURCES FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS:

In 2021-22, the Ministry of Education directed Ontario school boards to develop an anti-sex trafficking protocol that was tailored to the needs of their community. The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) has developed a protocol and relevant training and resources for staff, students and parents/guardians. The focus of the SCDSB's protocol and resources is to protect students and empower school communities to play a key role in fighting sex trafficking and keeping children and youth safe from sexual exploitation.

More information, including a link to the SCDSB Anti-Sex Trafficking Protocol and associated resources, is available on the SCDSB website: www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/safe_schools/anti-sex_trafficking_protocol.

SCDSB CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM:

Our SCDSB Character Education program was developed over 20 years ago. As a school board, we are moving forward to update the SCDSB Character Education program, along with the attributes. The intended implementation date for our new Character Education program will be September 2023. To make this successful, it is imperative that everyone has an opportunity to have a voice. Currently, we are eliciting student voice from our elementary and secondary students and understanding the important partnership with parents/guardians; we are asking if you could take a moment to fill out the below survey.

The survey opens on Feb. 6 and will remain open until Feb. 10:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M2BF38X>.

BDHS LUNCHTIME MATH HELP IN ROOM 234:

The BDHS Math Department is excited to announce the opening of a Math Help Room every day at lunch. If any student requires assistance in Math, can come to Room 234 during any lunch period and get help from one of our math teachers. All students who have a question about their math work are encouraged to use the Math Help Room 234 to find the help they need.

BDHS ATTENDANCE REMINDERS:

Student Absences

If it is necessary for students to be absent from school because of illness or any other reason, they will be marked as an unknown absence until the absence has been reported to the school. The preferred method of communication for absences is through the attendance line [905-775-2262](tel:905-775-2262) option 1 or email bdhattendance@scdsb.on.ca. Absences reported to teachers via email may not be recorded as an excused absence and will prompt an automated attendance call home at day's end. Absences must be reported by parents/guardians until the student reaches the age of 18. Students who are 18 or older may have the privilege of signing themselves out. If the student signs out of school, they are expected to leave the school premises.

Appointments During the Day

Appointments happen and we are aware of that! However, to avoid unnecessary classroom interruption please provide as much notice as possible to have your student contacted and excused from the class. If office staff are given notice about an appointment, staff can email the teacher to have the student excused, rather than interrupting valuable teaching time with phone calls. Your co-operation with this process is appreciated.

Extended Absences

If you are planning to go on a vacation with your student or planning an extended absence from school (5 days or more), please have your student complete an extended absence form which are available in the main office.

STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR & CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENT ACTION RELATED TO RACISM, BIAS OR HATE

At the SCDSB, we are committed to maintaining safe, inviting and supportive school environments, and recognize that all students have the right to be safe, and feel safe, in our schools. With this right comes the responsibility to contribute to a positive school climate.

We want you to know that any incident of racism, bias or hate will not be tolerated. Any such incident is treated very seriously with immediate action and consequences in accordance with the requirements of the *Education Act*, and consistent with our values and obligations under the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

Students who engage in acts of racism, bias or hate will face severe consequences as a result of their actions. Please take a moment to review the [SCDSB Code of Conduct](#) with your child(ren). The Code of Conduct sets clear standards of behaviour and specifies consequences for student actions that do not comply with these standards.

We are dedicated to educating our students and staff about the injustice and impact of systemic racism. We continue to work with students, staff, parents/guardians and community partners to ensure that our schools are the safe places they are intended to be for all students.