

# BRADFORD D.H.S.

## NOVEMBER 2022 - NEWSLETTER

### Bradford District High School

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### KEY DATES IN OCTOBER & BEYOND

#### NOVEMBER 2022

- **Remembrance Day Assemblies**
  - November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- **PA Day**
  - November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- **Semester 1 Mid-Semester Report Cards Distributed**
  - November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- **OSSLT – Literacy Test**
  - November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022
- **Photo Retake Day**
  - December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- **Graduation Photos**
  - December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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### DAILY SCHEDULE

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

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

# 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](mailto:councilchairbdh@scdsb.on.ca)  
David Brooks (Principal, BDHS) [dbrooks@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:dbrooks@scdsb.on.ca)

Scheduled Meetings for 2022/2023

**Thursday Nov. 24th, 2022 6pm - 7pm in BDHS School Library**  
Thursday Jan. 26th, 2023 6pm - 7pm in BDHS School Library

## **BDHS GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT:**

### **University And College Applications**

The application portals for both college and university continue to be live. Students applying to college should go to [www.ontariocollege.ca](http://www.ontariocollege.ca) to complete the application process. Students will need their student number and OEN. For students applying to university, they will need their PIN letter and should follow the instructions for applying as a 101 candidate. Please note the following application deadlines:

**January 12, 2023** - Deadline for equal consideration for Ontario Universities

**February 1, 2021** - Deadline for equal consideration for Ontario Colleges

### **Application Information Presentations:**

Guidance is visiting all Grade 12 classes in period 3 this week and next to give a presentation on how to apply to College, University and the Trades. The presentation, including links, has been posted in the Guidance Google Classroom. If you need support with applying to a post-secondary institution, please book an appointment with your Guidance Counsellor.

## **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 PHOTO RE-TAKE DAY & GRADUATION PHOTOS:**

### **Photo Re-Take Day**

Our Photo Re-Take Day was scheduled for November 14 but has now been rescheduled to **Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 2022**. Students are reminded that they must have a photo taken regardless of whether they intend to purchase a picture package. Students do NOT have to book an appointment for this day.

### **Graduation Photos**

Grade 12 Grad photos will now take place between Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please book your photo appointment starting Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> as they fill up quickly.

<https://greenapplestudio.calendarspots.com/>

## **NOVEMBER PA DAY:**

Please note that Friday, Nov. 18 is a PA Day for all SCDSB students. Please refer to the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar on the SCDSB website for more information:

[www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning\\_for\\_school/school\\_year\\_calendar](http://www.scdsb.on.ca/elementary/planning_for_school/school_year_calendar)

## **MULTILINGUAL PARENTS: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING:**

There are many ways parents can [support their child's learning and get engaged in their education](#).

A resource that helps to support your child's teacher(s) plan and monitor English language learning is STEP (Steps to English Proficiency). Ask your child's teacher about their English language learning (STEP) and the help they are receiving. Another way you may support your child's learning is to share information about your child's experiences within and outside of school, including interests, strengths and goals.

Questions parents may want to ask the principal or teacher:

- What is my child's English language level and how is it assessed?
- How is their English learning being monitored?
- How are you supporting their English language learning and academic success.

## **FROM THE BDHS LEARNING COMMONS:**

### **Meditation/Multi-Faith Prayer Room**

BDHS has a room dedicated to individual multi-faith prayer and/or meditation. This small room is in the Learning Commons and students are welcome to use it at any time.

## **LITERACY TEST (OSSLT):**

The Ministry of Education has once again confirmed that schools will be permitted to offer students both a Fall and Spring opportunity to write the literacy test. Passing of either the Literacy Test or the Literacy Course constitutes the required literacy requirement for earning an Ontario Secondary School Diploma. To ensure that BDHS students are well prepared to write this Fall, students are being provided with various practice and preparation opportunities. Homeroom teachers are currently working with students to do a practice online session to familiarize themselves with the online test. Students are also being provided with special tutorial sessions to prepare for the long answer questions found on the Literacy Test.

Finally, a Google Classroom has been created with materials to help students prepare for the OSSLT. Students can join this classroom by using the joining code: "cfkrscn". Any students needing support joining the Google Classroom can connect with Mrs. Sparks in the Library.

**OSSLT SCHEDULE:**

**GRADE 10 STUDENTS:**

<b>Monday November 28, 2022</b>	<b>Tuesday November 29, 2022</b>
<b>Session A:</b> Period 1 grade 10 classes will come to the cafeteria at 8:00am <b>Session B:</b> Students who started in period 1 will return straight to the cafeteria to complete the second session at 11:40am	<b>Session A:</b> Period 1 grade 10 classes will come to the cafeteria at 8:00am <b>Session B:</b> Students who started in period 1 will return straight to the cafeteria to complete the second session at 11:40am
R. Clubine's Homeroom Class	B. Desmarais's Homeroom Class
C. Ivey's Homeroom Class	J. Edwards's Homeroom Class
R. Johnson's Homeroom Class	B. Cavill's Homeroom Class
M. Rose's Homeroom Class	L. Johnston-Flanagan's Homeroom Class
C. Ross's Homeroom Class	M. Lane's Homeroom Class
M. Singh's Homeroom Class	G. Pokharel's Homeroom Class
S. Verma's Homeroom Class	M. Wroblewski's Homeroom Class
K. Walker's Homeroom Class	

All grade 10 students who are not in a grade 10 homeroom will come to the library on Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 8:00am and write sessions A and B in the morning.

**GRADE 11 & 12 STUDENTS NEEDING TO WRITE THE OSSLT:**

Grade 11/12's Writing the OSSLT will come to the Library on Wednesday November 30th at 8:00am and will write sessions A and B in the morning.



## New Placements Welcome

Consider providing a work experience for Bradford High students.

Co-op can provide:

- WSIB coverage for unpaid learners
- Cost-effective, additional support in the workplace
- Potential to hire students for after-school, weekend or summer work
- Opportunity to recruit and train a future employee
- Students with a chance to earn credits while they gain work experience and awareness of career options. There are also some opportunities to start an apprenticeship as early as Grade 11, via OYAP.

If you are interested in offering a Co-op opportunity or have questions, please contact Jon Sweeny in the Co-op office at 905 775 2262 ext 41235 or email at [jsweeny@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:jsweeny@scdsb.on.ca)

## COOPERATIVE EDUCATION:

Hello Parents,

Cooperative Education (Co-op) has gone through some interesting changes over the past three years. Co-op is all about learning outside the school walls and at community businesses. Who better to learn from than our businesses that are right here and can teach the skills and commitment required to get a job and prosper.

If you know of a business, or you are an owner of a business, please let us know in the Co-op department and let's see how we might be able to help each other teach our students. We go to where the learning is, so it can be outside the Bradford area!

Please contact Co-op via email at [jsweeny@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:jsweeny@scdsb.on.ca) and Mr. Sweeny will provide more information about how Co-op works to potential Placements or Employers.

## APPRENTICESHIPS AND SKILLED TRADE VIRTUAL EVENT:

### Parents/guardians and students invited to learn about planning for the skilled trades at virtual event on Dec. 1.

Are you not fully sold on the skilled trades as a career? Not everyone is. On Thursday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m., participants in *What our School Families Need to Know About Skilled Trades Careers* will learn about apprenticeship pathways and can hear how to best explore a career in the trades while still in high school. Parents/guardians and Grade 7 to 12 students can consider what one employment researcher has discovered about contradictory perspectives on skilled trades careers. He will share findings based on interviews with hundreds of tradespeople and reveal the results of surveying 500 parents/guardians.

This interactive virtual evening, presented by the Simcoe County District School Board, will feature Dr. Jon Callegher, Executive Director at Job Talks, and will include information about apprenticeship, tech ed in our schools, cooperative education, and

a question-and-answer segment. Participants can submit questions in advance here:

<https://forms.gle/K1fHeartoGYnDd3u8>. More information regarding the event will be shared in the coming weeks on the SCDSB's website ([scdsb.on.ca](http://scdsb.on.ca)) and social media accounts.

## BDHS – MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT:

Everyone has mental health. Staying connected to supports during the school year is important if you find yourself struggling with your mental health. Many students find talking about their experiences is essential to supporting and enhancing their well-being, coping, sense of belonging and readiness to learn.

If students are interested in counselling, there are several options that can be accessed through BDHS. Larissa Broadbent is a Registered Social Worker who can provide brief counselling that is free and confidential at the school. We also have Beth Mulvale who is an Adolescent Outreach Worker from New Path that can provide more long term counselling at the school (Wednesdays). Referrals to other community programs such as the Mental Health and Addictions Nurse (MHAN), Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), New Path and other community providers are also available. Please reach out to your Guidance Counselor, SERT, or Admin if you are interested in a referral for mental health support.

## **BDHS ATHLETICS UPDATE:**

We will be wrapping up the fall sports by mid-November with the conclusion of Girls Basketball and Boys Volleyball (who are now in playoffs). We had such a successful season with a novice girl, Amelia Zealand, qualifying for OFSAA cross country! Both the Sr and Jr Boys Soccer teams won the SCAA championships! Congrats to all athletes and thank you to all coaches.

Winter sports will be starting up by the end of November. BDHS will be offering the following opportunities to students:

- Junior Girls Volleyball
- Senior Girls Volleyball
- Junior Boys Basketball
- Senior Boys Basketball
- Alpine Ski Team
- Boys Varsity Hockey
- Swimming

Students are reminded to listen to announcements or check out our Athletics Instagram Account - @bucsathletes, to stay up to date with BDHS sports. Let's Go BUCS!

## **HOCKEY:**

Attention all hockey players! We will be holding team tryouts at the BWG Leisure Center on Tuesday November 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 4:00. Athletic consent forms and team sign up must be completed before trying out. If students have questions, please see Mr. Adams

## **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](mailto: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.

## **BDHS – BRADFORD MURAL PROJECT**

This year, all of our Visual Arts teachers, students and Art Club members are collaborating with the Town of Bradford Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee to create a series of murals for the downtown core. The committee is hoping to make this an ongoing project, but for this year, we are completing 8 images. They are 12 x 8 feet each, and will be installed down the sides of the Jennings School of Karate building downtown. Our students have already been hard at work on this project, with one mural completed, and 3 others currently in progress. For more information, click on the link below.



### **2022-23 BDHS PROM:**

We are happy to be hosting Prom for our graduating class this year.

Our Prom will occur on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and will be held at The Club at Bond Head.

Graduating students will be required to purchase a student activity card and complete their 40 hours of community service in order to purchase a ticket and attend Prom.

As tickets will go on sale late April/early May, it is advised that graduates have their community service hours completed and submitted to the Guidance Department by April 15, 2023.

Any questions or concerns about Prom should be directed to the staff advisors: Laura Glass ([lglass@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:lglass@scdsb.on.ca)), Shawna McPherson ([smcpherson@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:smcpherson@scdsb.on.ca)), and Tom Basinger ([tbasinger@scdsb.on.ca](mailto:tbasinger@scdsb.on.ca)).

## **VENTILATION:**

The Ministry of Education ventilation strategy is one strategy that was implemented in schools to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and to support healthier and safer learning environments. The SCDSB has fully functioning mechanical ventilation systems at all schools. Learn more on our website.

## **FEEDBACK, RECOVERY AND IMPROVEMENT DAYS (FOR SECONDARY ONLY):**

At the end of each semester, all secondary schools will run feedback, recovery and improvement days for students. Culminating assessments such as portfolios, essays, examinations, and interviews will take place during instructional days and will be returned to students with feedback.

The last day of regular instruction for students in semester one is Monday, Jan. 30, 2023. The period from Tuesday, Jan. 31 to Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023 is reserved for students who require an opportunity to receive feedback from an assessment, to rescue or recover a credit, or to improve on an area of missed expectations. Teachers and support staff will communicate with students who will benefit most from attending this opportunity; however, all students will be invited to attend. There will be no new instruction these days. Feedback, recovery and improvement days are an opportunity for students to work closely with their teacher if they require feedback, credit recovery or an opportunity to improve on an area of missed expectations.

## **TREATIES RECOGNITION WEEK TAKES PLACE NOVEMBER 6 TO 12:**

Treaties Recognition Week was introduced in 2016 to honour the importance of treaties and to help Ontarians learn more about treaty rights and treaty relationships. Treaties Recognition Week is the first week of November every year - this year it is Nov. 6 to 12. This annual event honours the importance of treaties and helps students and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships. By learning more about our collective treaty rights and obligations, we can create greater understanding and nurture these relationships. Take some time Nov. 6 to 12 to learn about the treaty in your area. To learn more about the treaties and how we can honour them, visit [www.ontario.ca/page/treaties](http://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties).

## **NOVEMBER 29 IS "EAT WELL TO EXCEL DAY" IN SIMCOE COUNTY:**

Eat Well to Excel is a Simcoe County non-profit community partnership that supports our school's student nutrition program. The funding provided by Eat Well to Excel allows us to supply students with access to healthy snacks during the school day.

The pandemic has caused a significant financial strain on many families in our region and new data shows that 1 in 3 kids in Canada is at risk of going to school hungry. Kids that are hungry struggle to retain knowledge and keep focused throughout the day. They are also at an increased risk of experiencing poor mental health and a compromised immune system. With your support we can maintain and hopefully improve our program to provide a consistent supply of healthy food to our students.

You can make a donation by visiting [eatwelltoexcel.ca](http://eatwelltoexcel.ca). You can either support the county-wide program or direct your donation to our school. Please include our school name in the comment box to ensure the donation goes directly to our program. A tax receipt will be emailed to you.

For more information about Eat Well to Excel visit [eatwelltoexcel.ca](http://eatwelltoexcel.ca).

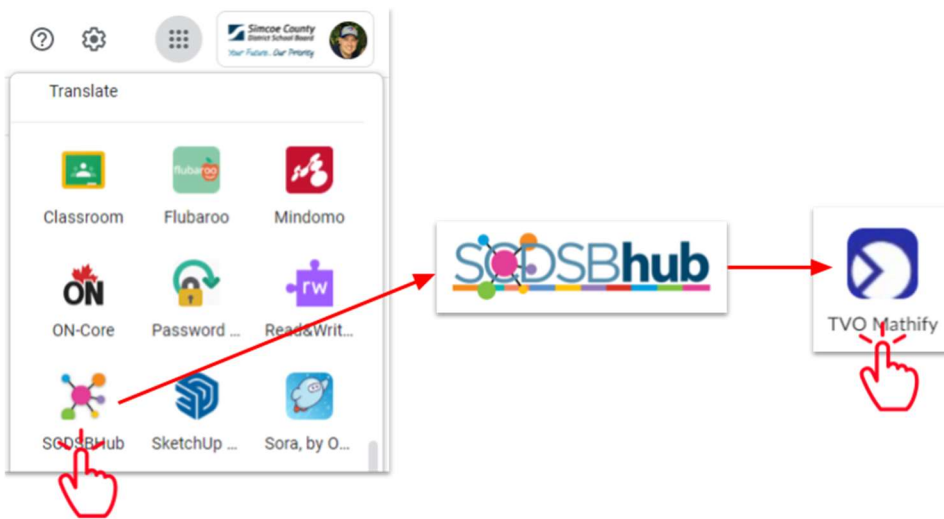


## EXTRA MATHEMATICS SUPPORT FOR GRADES 4 TO 12:

Are you looking for extra mathematics support for your Grade 4 to 12 student? TVO Mathify offers free 1:1 online Grade 4 to 12 math tutoring to students enrolled in Ontario's publicly funded English-language schools. Features include an interactive whiteboard, as well as voice and text chat to make it easy to upload a math question and figure it out with the support of a math tutor, at a time that works for you.

Connect with an Ontario Certified Teacher of your choice. It is anonymous and secure, and can be used from a phone, tablet or computer. Math tutors are available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 3:30 to 9 p.m. Sunday. All SCDSB students from Grades 4 to 12 have been pre-registered for this amazing service. For quick access to TVO Mathify:

1. Find the link in your child's Google waffle to the SCDSBhub.
2. Look for the TVO Mathify icon on their dashboard.



Your child will not need to enter their OEN number or any identifying information when TVO Mathify is accessed through the SCDSBhub.