



OCDSB

Bengal Tales

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UPCOMING DATES

- ◆ 12 Feb Report Cards Issued
- ◆ 12 Feb Interactive MATH Night
- ◆ 15 Feb Intermediate PD DAY
- ◆ 15 Feb HS Dance
- ◆ 18 Feb FAMILY DAY
- ◆ 21 Feb Coffee House
- ◆ 22 Feb Ski Club
- ◆ 26 Feb Toonie Tuesday
- ◆ 27 Feb Big Band Concert
- ◆ 28 Feb Black History Assembly
- ◆ 6 Mar Ski Club (Make Up Date)
- ◆ Mar 11-15 March Break
- ◆ 19 Mar School Council
- ◆ 22 Mar Progress Reports Issued for HS
- ◆ 27 Mar OSSLT Grade 10
- ◆ 4-6 Apr School Play
- ◆ 9 Apr Parent-Teacher Interviews
- ◆ 12 Apr PD Day NO CLASSES

Hello SRB students and families; Welcome to Semester 2!

On Thursday, February 12th, all report cards were distributed to students at the end of the day; please call the Main Office if you did not receive one.

Semester 2 started with Grade Assemblies in which students were reminded of all the ways to be a successful student at SRB - from attending classes on time, to following the dress code, to seeking help from a study buddy or a teacher, to not using their cell phone during instructional time unless required by the teacher or the particular lesson. Course contracts were also distributed and Guidance staff reviewed essential information about selecting courses and the online registration process called Career Cruising. Please spend some time with your student discussing course choices, the prerequisites required, and the appropriate level of course. Complete instructions for online course selections can be found on our school website sirrobertbordenhs@ocdsb.ca. Course verification sheets, media permission forms and computer agreements are to be signed by a parent and the student. All paperwork is due to period 1 teachers no later than February 21, 2019.

In terms of renovations, our new chairs were installed in December in the lower portion of the auditorium. Work has started in the Foods room and the plans indicate a beautiful kitchen classroom to support our Foods classes and our Human Performance and Nutrition SHSM (Secondary High Skills Major).

I would like to address concerns about the cold temperatures in some classrooms. Our custodians work very hard to distribute heat on those cold days however, our building is 48 years old and the demands for electricity have increased. This spring, work will be done to increase our available power for SRB in two different ways. First, additional power will be added for the new gym and secondly, we will be disconnected from our current situation where we share electricity with the Board Office. Window and door replacements are also on the summer schedule and that should help to maintain comfortable inside temperatures. The Grade 7/8 Gym construction is on schedule for classes in September 2019. Thank-you for your understanding and patience as we work through these renovations that are intended to make our school better for the future.

A request made by parents or students to leave before the end of the school year cannot be approved. This includes requests for early departure for summer employment or camps, trainings, competitions and cheaper travel arrangements. Evaluations of student achievement require that all students remain in classes until the course is completed and that includes the completion of all summative evaluations according to the schedule established by SRB and the Ottawa Carleton District School Board. Semester 2 exams for periods 1, 2, 3, 4 will be scheduled from June 19th to 24th respectively. Thanks for honouring these time periods. Students not writing their June exams will be expected to write them in August.

Thank you to all students and their families for their continued support of SRB.

Wendy Verreault

Principal's Message



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SRB Emergency School Procedures

Safety is always a priority for our SRB school community. In addition to fire alarm drills, the school has three general types of emergency procedures to keep students safe.

A **Shelter in Place** is called when there is a potential safety concern out in the community (e.g. animal loose, an incident in our community involving the police). The school doors are locked, however activity within the school carries on as normal.

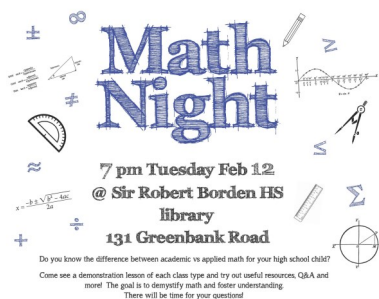
A **Secure School** is called when something has happened in the school and we need the halls cleared (e.g. medical emergency when paramedics attend to a student in distress). Teaching continues in the classroom and students and staff stay in their classroom.

A **Lockdown** is called when there is direct threat to students at school. All teaching stops, doors are locked, no cell phones are used, and everyone moves away from doors and windows.

It is important that our students know what to do and how to get to a safe place in these different situations. Without question, we cannot eliminate every threat and we hope one never arises, however, we can ensure that everyone is properly prepared.

School Council News

SRB School Council is planning two informative evenings for parents. Tuesday, Feb 12th will be **"Math engagement - understanding NOT fear!"** Michael Blakely, the Department Head of Math, will demonstrate the difference between an Academic and Applied level class.



April 2nd will be a Parent Information Workshops. Suggested topics include Social Media or Vaping still to be determined.

Our Chair is Carmen Parsons and she has been a strong advocate for good things at SRB. Our remaining school council meetings will be May 14th and June 11th. Please join us at 7PM in the Library Commons. We believe in a strong bond between home and school. We know that when parents are involved in school, their children do better in school.

News from the Phys Ed Department

Winter Team Sports Seasons are coming to an end for boys and girls curling, Jr and Sr Boys Basketball and Sr Girls Volleyball. There are just a couple of league games remaining to be played. Good luck to those teams advancing to the playoff round.

Winter Individual Sports **Nordic Skiing** - The Nordic skiers have been preparing for their upcoming competitions at Nakkertok Nordic Centre. Individual Races will take place February 12 and February 19 and Relay Races will take place February 19. Skiers who qualify will compete at OFSAA February 28 - March 1 at the Highlands Nordic Centre in Duntroon, Ontario.

Alpine Skiing - The record breaking snowfall in January has our Alpine Ski team extremely excited of their events at Camp Fortune. The team will take to the slopes February 12, 13 and 20. Blue Mountain in Collingwood await the OFSAA qualifiers, February 25-26.

Wrestling - The Wrestling team has over 30 athletes - its biggest number ever. SRB received a new wrestling mat this fall.



Before the Winter Break, the team claimed the Novice Championship for both boys and girls. The team is expecting to break a school record and send 6 wrestlers to OFSAA this March. Come out to cheer on the SRB athletes at TD Place in Ottawa March 5-6.

Mid-Winter Sports Teams have been formed for both Junior Girls and Boys Volleyball teams. The young athletes will begin competing mid to late February. The Badminton team has just begun tryouts and will begin to prepare for their April competitions.



Special Education

SRB Extended Time Policy for students with IEPs and English Language Learners.

Classroom Tests: Time and a half is available for students whose IEP states extended time as an assessment accommodation and all students who meet the English Language Learner (ELL) criteria. For example: If your test is 50 minutes in length, your extended time will be 75 minutes total. Expect to see this on your tests: Test Length = ____ Minutes

If your test length is not indicated, please self advocate by asking your teachers so that you can budget your time accordingly.

Exams: Time and a half is provided for ELL students and those with IEPs (with the exception of EQAO math and the OSSLT for which up to double time is provided to students whose IEP states extended time).

Special Education Programs and News

Learning Disabilities Program

- ◆ Specialized program referrals made by sending schools.
- ◆ 4 cohorts of 8 students who are partially integrated

Autism Spectrum Disorder Program

- ◆ Specialized Program referrals made by sending schools.
- ◆ 2 programs of 6 students learning a variety of skills both academic and functional through the use of alternative assessments.

GLE Learning Strategies

- ◆ Elective Course teaching students a variety of meta cognitive processes to enhance their lifelong learning.

The Grade 10 Literacy Test (OSSLT)

On Wednesday, March 27th, 2019, all grade 10 students will be writing the **Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test** which, is a graduation requirement. Any grade 11 or 12 students who have not yet completed the OSSLT will also be writing the test. The grade 11 and 12 students who have already completed the test will attend regular classes. In addition, on Wed. March 27th, all grade 9 students will be writing a practice literacy test. This mock OSSLT will be assessed and will provide data to help determine the types of additional support a student may need to further develop their literacy skills. It is important that all grade 9 students make their best effort to complete the mock OSSLT.

Guidance News

Over 150 students applied to university in January, and over 30 students applied to college. Many students have already received conditional early offers, and the next round of offers will be during February, once semester 1 final grades are sent to the OUAC. It is very important that students work hard in the second semester to ensure that they keep scholarship offers and many offers are still to come in May for the third round.

Teachers, guidance and administration are very concerned about missed classes. Please review your child's attendance report sent with the report card and contact guidance should you have any concerns.

Course selection for the 2019-2020 school year is keeping guidance very busy. Please encourage your son/daughter to book an appointment for individual pathway planning. We are committed to meeting with all students! During Semester 2, we would like to book appointments with students using their school email and in turn, we invite students and parents to email us with questions or to request an appointment.

Course Verification Sheets deadline: February 21st

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Course Contracts must be entered on **Career Cruising**. Students have been using this database for career exploration and should know their passwords. Supplementary forms for Cooperative Education, Outdoor Education, Peer Leadership & AP Math are located on the website under Student Services Registration. Please contact guidance if you require assistance.

Summer School information will be available in April. Course offerings will be available in guidance and also at www.ocdsb.ca/continweb. Many Reach Ahead & Make Up courses will be available. There are also opportunities for Cooperative Education, SHSM requirements and Online Learning. See guidance to register.

*Night School Registration starts
Jan 21st. Please see your
Guidance Counselor for more
info!*

