

BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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School Community Council

Tuesday April 8, 2025

6:00 pm
Google
Meet

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

S. Brown

Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have long standing relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, learn and live.

Indigenous Inherent Rights:

The Durham District School Board recognizes Indigenous rights are distinct. In the exercise of those rights, Indigenous staff and students shall not be subjected to actions with the aim or effect of depriving these distinct rights.

Human Rights and Equity Statement:

The Durham District School Board is committed to learning and working environments that centre human rights and equity, and are **safe**, welcoming, respectful, equitable, **accessible**, inclusive, and free from discrimination

2. Welcome

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3. Student Parliament Update

a. Since Last we presented:

- i. Valentine's Day event (twin day, stage games)
- ii. Black Student Alliance (BSA) Assembly (slideshow, skit, dance, very well received - lots of great talent! Much thanks to Ms. Dore and Mr. Ste. Juste)
- iii. Semi-formal - very fun and very well attended run by the school's Business Leadership Class.)
- iv. Battle of the Grades! A month-long series of challenges and events! Spirit days, challenges, sports, et cetera!
- v. Sports - LAX, Girls Soccer, Boys Rugby, Track and Field, Ultimate Frisbee - Girls & Boys Hockey went to OFSAA
- vi. Prom Reminders!

- vii. DECA (fundraising for ICDC - in Florida)
- viii. Bears Care (Therapy Dog, Mental Health Events upcoming re: exams)
- ix. DYDAC (Youth Drug Awareness) - Visits to all Family of School Members by the club
- x. BHS Dramatic Bears - Two plays!
- xi. Dance Team (New!) - Prepping for upcoming recital/competitions

4. School Updates

J. MacKenzie

- a. 1430-50 students for 2025-26 School year - some slight growth - perhaps a 1.5 teacher increase...but timetabling is ongoing
- b. Yearbooks on sale - once sales close...there will be a very limited amount of yearbooks extra. Reach out to the school to order yours!
- c. Earth Day Community Cleanup - Mr. Kirchner Leading that for the school April 25, period 3
- d. Student Recognition Night - Three students will be recognized April 29th
- e. May 15th a drama and music night
- f. Graduation Ceremony - SEE NOTES BELOW - some minor changes due to turf being added to Iroquois event space.

5. Literacy Updates -OSSLT

- a. Supports in place for those writing Spring OSSLT (After School Program run by Mr. Johnson and Literacy Support period run by Ms. Shah)
- b. April 8 - 9, 2025 - Spring Writing of OSSLT

6. Report Cards

J. Sims Jackson

- a. April 22, Email Distribution of Midterm Report Cards.

7. Exams

J. Sims Jackson

Semester 2 Exams Dates:

June 16 - Grade 12 Only - (Period 3)

June 17 - Grade 12 Only - (Period 4)

June 18 - All Grades -(Period 1)

June 19 - All Grades - (Period 2)

June 20 - Grades 9 - 11 - (Period 3)

June 23 - Grades 9 - 11 - (Period 4)

*Dates are known well in advance. Families must ensure no vacations or trips are planned at this time. Absences will require a doctor's note.

8. Parking 2025-2026 Year

J. Sims Jackson

- a. Beginning in September 2025, there will be no guarantee of parking for students. There will NOT be parking passes for students next year at Brooklin High. Next year parking for students will be a first come first serve basis. It is recommended that students walk, bike or carpool. Students arriving via a vehicle after 7:45am will likely NOT be able to find a parking space. Administration will no longer be responding to parking complaints.

9. Health and Safety

F. Aziz

- a. Three fire drills will be completed this spring.
- b. A severe weather drill will also be scheduled.

10. Other Business

S. Brown

11. Adjournment

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Updates:

Guidance:

1. All **Course Requests** for next year are done. We cannot make any changes to the Course Requests until we have secured a working timetable for the following year. Hopefully, this happens by June. Timetable changes are always encouraged during the first two weeks of school. Students will not receive their timetables until the end of the summer. The date is to be determined. Throughout the summer, Counsellors balance their schedules, update courses based on summer school success and register new students.
2. **Summer School** – if your child has signed up for Summer School, they will not hear from DCE (Durham Continuing Education) about the course set up and accessing the course until **a few days before the course begins**. They will receive an email to their student gmail account with login instructions. Please encourage them to check that email often.
3. **Grad Fee** – please have this fee paid by May 1st on School Cash Online
4. All **volunteer hours** are due by May 1st as well as the **Online Opt Out Form** – these can be handed in to guidance
5. **Graduation Accommodation Information** – in early June, a form will be sent out to parents of graduates for them to fill in if they have any accessibility issues that need to be addressed for the graduation event. This form will be due by June 20th. Graduation is June 26th at 9 am at Iroquois Park Sports Complex. More information to follow.
6. This year there will be an astroturf base covering the concrete/ice surface at Iroquois Park Sports Complex. As a result, there will be **no food or drink** (other than bottled water) allowed on the turf surface. Furthermore, the turf cannot have any pointy or sharp objects come into contact with it so we will have to be a **flip flop, flat or wedge heeled, non-stiletto dress shoe graduation**.
7. **Graduation Seating**: Due to the increased size of our graduating class, students are limited to **4** guests each. We must remain in accordance with the Fire Code of Iroquois Sports Complex which limits us to the number of guests/staff/students we can have. If you have 5, then you need to find a family that was only using 4 and “use” their spot. Please work this out amongst the BHS community. Managing those requests is not something that we can facilitate. If more guests arrive than we have space for, they will not be able to enter the arena.
8. **Prom Sponsorship** – if any parent is interested in sponsoring a student’s prom ticket, please let Natalie Morgan-Cook know at natalie.morgan@ddsb.ca. We always have students that are quietly in need of such generous donations.
9. **Bears Breakfast** - we are also always looking for monetary donations to our weekly breakfast program. Please donate through School Cash Online.

Prom:

- Student forms & tickets due for students
- Guest form & VP approval form due from students BEFORE they will be able to purchase a guest ticket
- Students received links to forms and payment through Google classroom, shared by their teachers, QR codes posted around the school. See Mrs. Dean with any questions.

Prom Fundraiser:

- Prom Krispy Kreme fundraiser – April 23rd – currently on sale in SCO – order so you don't miss out!

Prom Sponsors:

- Moonlight Limo (use code **BHS2025** when booking)
- Brooklin Floral
- April's Nails

The Bear Fair – Carnival and Market: Sat. May 24th, 9:30-4:00 pm

- Still looking for vendors
- Still looking for food trucks
- Needing sponsors!
- Fundraiser for The Durham Ignite Learning Foundation – helping students within our own community

Yearbooks:

1. **Yearbook Sales are closed.** Yearbooks were on sale from the beginning of September to the end of January.
2. **Extra yearbooks?:** Any extra yearbooks will be available through School Cash Online late in June. Please watch SCO for emails.
3. **When will students get them?** Students will receive their yearbooks in their homeroom sometime in early-mid June.