BROOKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

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School Community Council - Agenda

Tuesday September 29, 2026
6:00 pm via
Google Meet

- Welcome and Land Acknowledgment — J. Sims Jackson

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.

This statement was co-created in partnership with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and the Chippewas of Georgina Island.

***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

- **Introductions** — J. Sims Jackson

  Introduction of Jennifer Sims Jackson as Principal, Dorinda White as VP with alpha A-L & Caitlin Twitchin as VP with alpha M-Z. Carolyn Mapp was introduced as a teacher leader.

- **Elections (If necessary)** — J. Sims Jackson

  Shawna Brown has offered to run if no one else is interested. Offer to the group for any other volunteers. Jen Sims Jackson will connect with Shawna Brown about November's meeting.

- **Constitution** — J. Sims Jackson

  We always want to model expectations for the groups. We are an inclusive community and we want to treat everyone with respect. We want to be open to new ideas and that we are working in partnership. We want to have a positive and open discussion. Parents and caregivers are always welcome to reach out to the Admin. team with any questions and areas of consideration.

Roles and Responsibility of SCC Members
All Council Members
All members of the SCC shall:

- Abide by DDSB policies and procedures (including the SCC Policy, the Indigenous Education Policy, the Human Rights, Anti-Discrimination, and Anti-Racism Policy, the Safe and Respectful Workplace Policy, the Code of Conduct and related procedures)
- Model inclusion/inclusive practices, treat one another with dignity and respect, and support the chair in ensuring that all SCC communications, interactions, practices and decision making are free from discrimination
- Work in partnership with school administration to support school community
- Adhere to clearly defined roles in order to maintain positive and productive discussions

- **Administration Introductions and Portfolios** J. Sims Jackson

  Dordina White - introduced herself with some additional detail.
  Caitlin Twitchin - introduced herself and added more detail.

- **Student Parliament Update** C. Mapp & J. Klir

  Shadya, introduced herself as the SAC co-chair and shared a presentation. Senudi, our other SAC co-chair, joined in the Google Slide presentation. They have set up a new structure to make the group smaller but more dedicated. They have just had elections for their executive council. Upcoming events include: Halloween - week long, which will include a Mummy Wrap, and putting in a Pet Costume Competition. Additional work is happening for the Terry Fox event on October 1st. There is more to come in the future as they continue planning.

- **Principal's Report** J. Sims Jackson

A number of exciting activities are already underway at Brooklin High School this year. Our fall sports teams are up and running, with many early successes and promising results.

Congratulations to the Boys' Soccer Team on winning their tournament at Pine Ridge last week. The Junior and Senior Boys' Rugby 7s teams also had a strong start to their seasons, with the juniors finishing 2-1 and the seniors posting an impressive 3-0 record in their first tournament.

Our annual Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday, October 1. Students can donate through SchoolCash Online and are encouraged to support this important cause. Following the run, students are invited to stay for the Senior Boys' Football game at 1:00 p.m. as they take on Crestwood Secondary School. Please note that there will be a buy-in for the football game. The Junior Boys' Football team will also be playing earlier in the day. The Grade 12 Leadership class has organized food trucks and a variety of activities, including face painting, to help students show their support for Terry Fox and enjoy a day of school spirit and community engagement.

The Junior Girls' Rugby team has welcomed nine new Grade 9 athletes this season, and they will play their first game tomorrow. The Girls' Field Hockey team also demonstrated great potential at their tournament last week, earning two wins and one loss. With many new Grade 9 students joining the program, the future looks bright. Their first league game takes place on Thursday.

Cross Country, Golf, Volleyball, and the Fitness Club are all well into their seasons, providing students with many opportunities to stay active and involved.

Student Council and Athletic Council are also hard at work planning a variety of school events and activities for the year ahead.

Several school clubs are beginning this week and are already generating enthusiasm among students. These include the Science Investigators Club, known for its engaging hands-on experiments; the BHS Tech Crew, which supports audio-visual productions throughout the school; the Brooklin

Players Theatre Group; Bears Care, focusing on social justice initiatives; and the Games Club. The Taylor Swift Club has also returned and continues to be a popular student group.

Our Grade 12 Business Leadership class is busy organizing the annual Brooklin Holiday Market, which will take place on December 5 and 6. Throughout the fall, students will host a number of fundraising events in support of this exciting community event.

The Pan American Lacrosse Association (PALA) Sixes Championship is being held in Oshawa this week as an Olympic qualifying event for the LA 2028 Olympic Games. Brooklin High School is proud to have strong Bears representation at the tournament, with several current and former students, coaches, and community members participating. We wish all competitors the best of luck as they represent their teams on the international stage and compete for an opportunity to advance toward Olympic qualification. Mrs. Toll was selected as part of the officiating crew, while three Brooklin alumni - Jordan Dean, Maggie Cuddy and Alissa DiGiacinto - are competing for Canada's national women's team.

Yearbooks are now on sale through Edge Imaging. The cost is $45, and they can be purchased directly through the Edge Imaging website. Additional information and reminders will be shared with families throughout the school year.

Tomorrow is Orange Shirt Day, and students and staff are encouraged to wear orange to honour Residential School Survivors and remember the children who never returned home to their families and communities. Orange Shirt Day recognizes the importance of truth, reconciliation, and Indigenous education and coincides with the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Throughout the year, students will engage in learning opportunities that deepen their understanding of the history and ongoing impacts of the residential school system, as well as the resilience, contributions, and perspectives of Indigenous Peoples.

On September 23, our virtual Grade 12 Post-Secondary Planning Presentation was held at 7:00 p.m. and was well attended throughout the hour. The Grade 12 Guidance Counsellor, Ms. Morgan Cook hosted the session, providing families and students with important information about post-secondary planning, including key timelines and application processes for both OUAC and OCAS.

We encourage all Grade 12 students and families to review the important graduation and post-secondary planning dates included in today's agenda and to stay informed of upcoming deadlines throughout the school year.

It is currently IEP season, and our Inclusive Student Services (ISS) department is working diligently to review, update, and complete Individual Education Plans (IEPs). Families can expect to receive their child's IEP in the coming weeks.

- **Literacy Updates** D. White

  It is going to run November 17 & 18. All Grade 10 students will be writing this test. We are offering after school support sessions. They run October 6 to November 5, every Tuesday and Thursday. The form is open until Friday October 2 to sign up.

- **Health & Safety, Emergency Procedures** D. White

  We have completed our three fire drills for the semester. More will be coming. We will have a lockdown in the coming weeks.

- **Breakfast Club** D. White

  At the bottom of the agenda, there is a place to donate. We are always looking for donations.

- **Mark Reporting and Parent-Teacher/Caregiver Interviews/June exams** C. Twitchin
  - Progress reports come out Oct. 8

- Teacher interviews will be 5 minute sessions and there will be a link coming to sign up

- **EQAO Math/FLGR/Exams** C. Twitchin
  - The financial literacy test will be written both semesters. They will be taking the test in class.
  - EQAO runs during the exam period. It is now worth 20% of their final mark
  - All exams have to be written during these exam dates recorded as an "S" on the school calendar. We are looking for input from parents, staff, and admin.
  - Nothing is set in stone yet, please feel free to email us or call the school if you have questions.
  - Before, we could have students write exams slightly before the exam dates to give guidance and teachers time to get those marks in and analyzed and prepared for a June graduation.
  - Parents/caregivers asked: how is this beneficial for students and what about kids who have an IEP and need more time between their exams? How will students be prepared for writing two exams on one day? Will students have the opportunity to share their voice about this topic?
  - We are asking ourselves all of those questions and what is best for students and this school community.
  - We have thought about what our most common exams are, for example, English. Could we have all grade 12 students write those all on one day. We are looking for your insights as a parent community to make sure we are getting your perspectives. We will happily discuss by email or phone.
  - This is a debate for every high school right now so we are sharing it with SCC to get the voice of the parents/caregivers and what they feel students need.
  - We will take your feedback back to our senior admin.

The link is available on School Cash Online to donate:
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Next SCC Meeting:

Tuesday, November 24, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Guidance Updates

September 23rd is our virtual Grade 12 Post-Secondary Planning Presentation, at 7:00 pm. A hyperlink version of the presentation has been emailed out to the community. It has also been shared with the students via Remind and the google classroom as well as the school website.

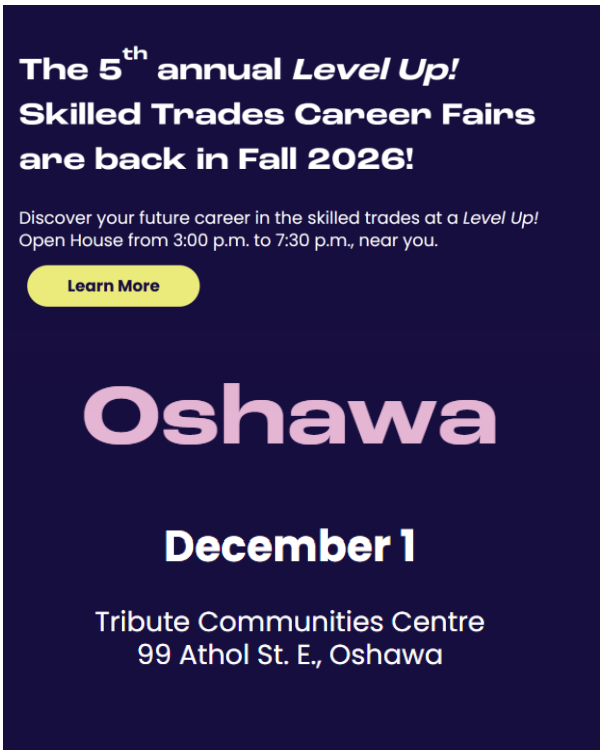
Here is the registration link: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3c0dc8a6-a5c7-46dd-8c95-8df926229c5b@6fb7b926-edeb-4d4f-82e8-0c10e447b570?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog

Upcoming Grade 12 Events:

Brooklin High School

Grade 12: Key Dates 2026 - 2027

1. **Grade 12 Parent Night** **Sept 23rd**
   - Virtual - registration required, slideshow posted on website and google classroom after the event
   - Register using this link: https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3c0dc8a6-a5c7-46dd-8c95-8df926229c5b@6fb7b926-edeb-4d4f-82e8-0c10e447b570?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog
2. **BHS College and University Fair** **Oct 6th**
   - Combined evening event 6:00 - 8:00pm @ BHS
3. **BHS Scholarship Form** - available on google classroom **Due Nov 1st**
4. **Grad Gown Sizing** **Due Dec 1st**
   - Fill in the google form on Ms. Morgan-Cook's classroom in October (all you need to know is your height)
5. **Grad Photos** **Nov 30th - Dec 4th, Dec 7th - 11th Retakes: Feb 10th - 11th**
   - Details will be communicated through Remind & Google Classroom - **school code KBI**
   - If you do not get a grad photo taken you will not be featured in the graduation composite
6. **University Application OUAC Deadline** **January 15th**
   - Apply on www.ouac.on.ca as early as September
   - No PIN required to apply, only need your OEN (different from your DDSB student number)
7. **College Application OCAS Deadline** **February 1st**
   - Apply on www.ontariocolleges.ca starting October 1st
   - No PIN required to apply, only need your OEN (different from your DDSB student number)
8. **Community Service Hours** (40 total) **Due by May 1st**
   - Will not be able to purchase a Prom ticket until Community Service Hours are handed in
   - Students will upload the Community Involvement Hours Log Sheet to my Google Classroom
9. **Grad Fees** **Due by May 1st**
   - Purchased on School Cash Online ONLY
   - Grad related fees, grad composite, grad gown
10. **Valedictorian Nominations** **April 26th - April 29th**
    - Nomination Google Form sent out via Grade 12 Guidance Remind and GC & Social Media
11. **Valedictorian Voting (two rounds of voting)** **May 3rd - May 14th**
    - Voting online through a link on google classroom and Remind
12. **Grad Gathering** **June 15th**
    - **12:45 - 2:00 pm** BHS Cafeteria - light refreshments and food provided
13. **Graduation @ Iroquois Sports Complex 9 am** **June 29th**
    - All graduation requirements must be met in order to graduate (30 credits, 40 Volunteer Hours, and TWO eLearning asynchronous credit OR the opt out form signed and returned to guidance) https://www.ddsb.ca/en/programs-and-learning/online-learning-graduation-requirement.aspx#Opting-Out-of-the-eLearning-Graduation-Requirement

Class of 2027 Grad Wear: store opening soon!!! https://shop.vintageapparelco.com/

- Other
- Adjournment and Action Items