



February 11, 2021

Dear Bronte Community,



Students have completed the second week of Second semester! Bronte College continues to welcome all new students that are arriving to campus.

Canada continues to react to contain the spread of COVID-19 with new travel requirements. We will update our community as soon as we have confirmation that international students will be affected.

Students will continue online learning on campus this semester; we are carefully monitoring the situation and will return to face-to-face classes as soon as it is safe to do so.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

Our students will be celebrating Lunar New Year this upcoming Friday, with dinner and lantern-making activities organized by Ms. Cyr and the Food Committee. Lunar New Year celebrates the first new moon of the lunisolar calendars, which are traditional to many East Asian countries, such as South Korea, China, Singapore, and Vietnam. The Lantern Festival is dated back 2000 years, and often marks the end of the lunar year and the return of Spring. Lanterns are also said to bring good luck when hung above houses and public places. This lunar year is the Year of the Ox – we look forward to celebrating this on campus!

This month is Black History Month in Canada, a month dedicated to honour and celebrate the many accomplishments of Black Canadians and to remember the people and events in the history of the African Diaspora. Bronte College currently has a display set up at the entrance of the library with some information about The Civil Rights Movement and some key figures in Black History. Students can also look forward to an interactive display in the library in the upcoming week, as well as Black History Month movie nights every Friday and Saturday this month. One of the upcoming movies we are planning to feature is "The Hate U Give," Angie Thomas's first novel about a teenage girl who grapples with racism, police brutality, and activism after witnessing her black friend murdered by the police. Some other upcoming films we are showcasing are Black Panther and Bad Boy (1 & 2).

GUIDANCE NEWS

This is just a reminder that students are only allowed to change courses up to **Friday, February 12th, 2021**. The Guidance Department will try to accommodate your requests, but please understand many factors go into changing a course. The Guidance department is not able to change a course that is mandatory to graduate or a course that is a pre-requisite or required course for your university program. Your course change must fit your timetable schedule. Please keep in mind that there are **no refunds** for Grade 12s who choose to drop a course following the correct procedure after the course change deadline. Please contact the Guidance Department if you need to change, drop, or add a course this week.

SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATIONS & DOCUMENT UPLOADS

February is an important month for admission to universities. The Guidance department has uploaded your final marks for semester 1 on OUAC. Universities will be able to see these grades and could offer students with high Grade 12 and Grade 11 marks early acceptance. Please note that supplementary applications and important documents to upload should happen before the end of February. It is the student's responsibility to be regularly checking their emails and student portals as well as communicating with the universities to ensure all important deadlines are being met and all documents are being sent. Please inform Guidance of your specific requirements as we are happy to assist or advise you during this process.

STUDENT PROFILE

We are continuing to profile students that have been working very hard with our online learning platform and have been achieving academic success.

This week, we are profiling **Francis**, a grade 12 student living on campus and working very hard on our online learning platform.



"My most interesting class has been physics. The thought of knowing how the world around me works really intrigues me. To overcome my challenges of online study, I try my best to do all my work immediately as it's handed to me instead of just letting it lay around. My family has been very supportive of me especially during these tough times and they really believe I can do great things in the future. My teachers have been behind me all the way and if anyone knows my capabilities, it's them.

Without my teachers I don't think I could be where I am now. The effort they put in helping me achieve my goals is honestly amazing. I am grateful to have these types of people in my life.

For someone that is having a tough time with school I would say they should not be shy to ask questions. This is something I had to overcome on my own. The teachers are always willing to help, so asking teachers or even your peers questions is a great way to tackle online learning.

Outside of online class, I have been deeply invested in the world of anime. Watching anime relieves my mind of all stress and still keeps my mind at work when I have to read subtitles."

RESIDENCE ACTIVITIES

Residence students are getting ready for Valentine's Day! This past week students got to participate in a Valentine Candy Gram workshop and a Speed-Friending activity. Students can look forward and a love letter writing activity this upcoming Friday, DIY chocolate bombs on Valentine's day, and more! A reminder that each week students can participate in Talk Time Tuesdays, Sports Days on Wednesdays, Trivia Night Thursdays.



DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY

- 12** | Lunar New Year
- 12** | Course change deadline
- 15** | Family Day Holiday (no classes scheduled)

TRAVELLING INTO CANADA

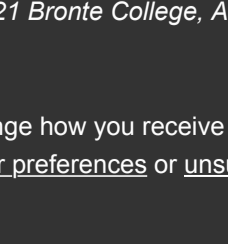
A reminder, please be advised that effective January 7, 2021, at 12:01 a.m. EST, all air passengers five years of age or older will be required to test negative for COVID-19 before traveling from another country to Canada. The test must be performed using a COVID-19 molecular polymerase chain reaction (or PCR) test and must be taken within 72 hours prior to the traveler's scheduled departure to Canada. [Please click here for more information.](#)

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