

February 18, 2021

Dear Bronte Community,

Bronte College is continuing with online learning on campus this semester; we continue to carefully monitor the situation and will return to face-to-face classes as soon as it is safe to do so.

The Ontario Ministry of Education has directed School Administration to postpone the March Break and move it to April. The Spring (March) Break will no longer take place in March and will be postponed to include the four-day weekend in April known as Easter weekend. The dates will be Friday, April 2, 2021 until April 9, 2021. Classes will resume on April 12, 2021 for all students.

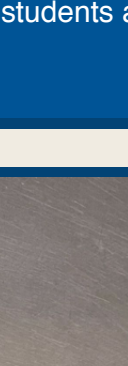
Bronte College wants to ensure that there is as little disruption to learning as possible and believes that the combined break will allow students to complete any assignments and enjoy a break from studies. For current on-campus students, we do not recommend any travel during this Spring (March) break time.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

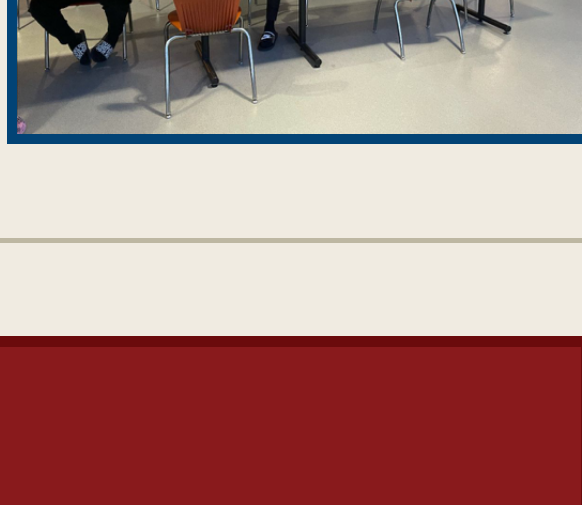
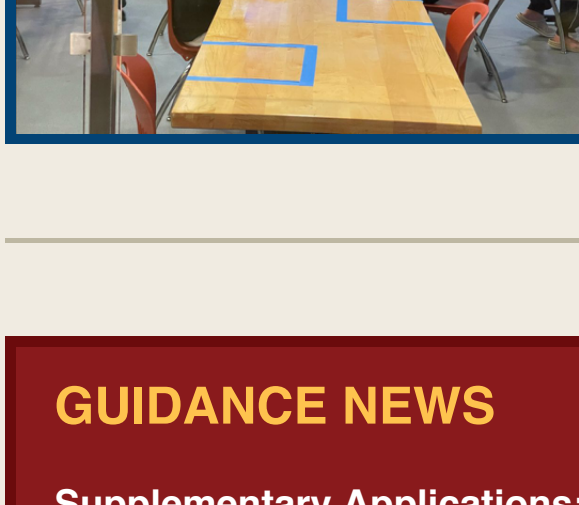
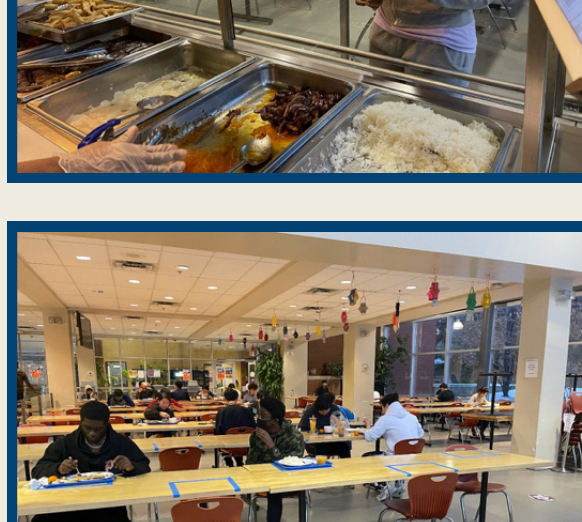
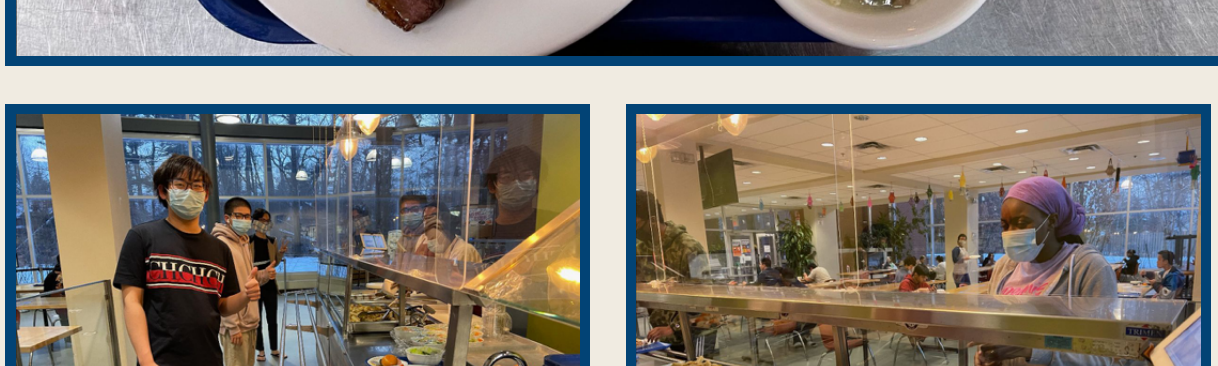


Bronte College residence students celebrated the Lunar Chinese New Year last week with a delicious festival meal!

(photos below)



Bronte College continues to celebrate Black History Month on campus. Residence students can look forward to an interactive display inside the library next week, as well as Black History Month movie nights every Friday and Saturday this month. The Black History Month display will showcase a timeline of influential Black Canadians and Americans. It will feature names such as Hosea Williams, Claudette Colvin, and Amelia Boynton, among others. The specific focus will be on individuals who were trailblazers for equality, while also providing information to students about key events from the Civil Rights Movement.



## GUIDANCE NEWS

### Supplementary Applications:

February is a busy time for university applications as many supplementary applications are due this month. Supplementary applications are extra steps in addition to the student's original application in the forms of personal statements, essays, short answer questions, interviews, auditions, tests, or portfolio that help universities make a decision for admissions. Supplementary applications are only required for specific programs and universities. Please ensure your child is meeting the deadlines for all their supplementary applications.

### Monthly Check-Ins:

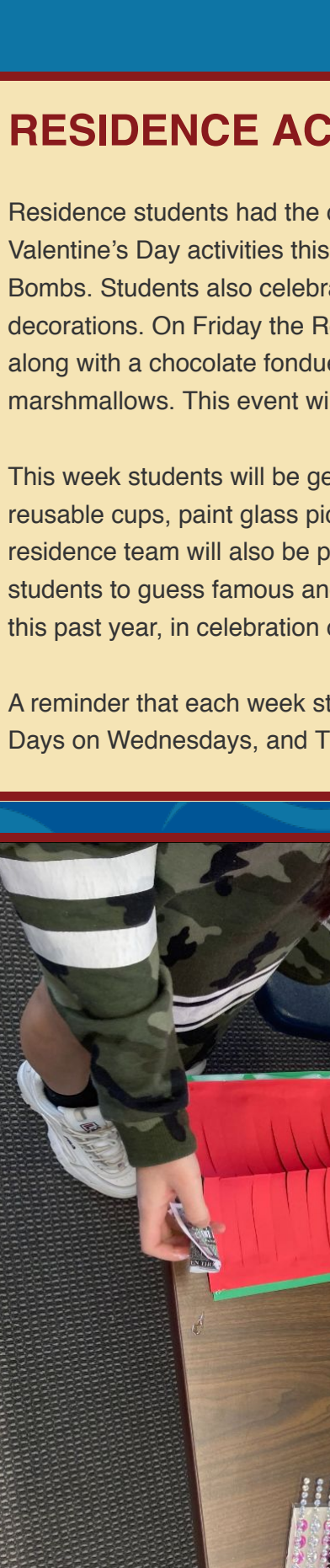
Each month the Guidance department provides a list of 3-5 questions to ask the students that are specific to that particular month. The students are supposed to take 5 minutes to answer these questions on Microsoft Teams Chat to their guidance counsellor so the guidance counsellor can help the students reach their academic goals, improve their study habits and provide support. Please encourage your child to complete the monthly check-ins on a regular basis. Students in grade 9, 10 and 11 submit their monthly check in to Ms. Yin Melody Xiang. Students in grade 12 that applied to universities in Ontario submit to Ms. Samantha McGinnis and students who applied to schools outside of Ontario submit to Mr. Jordan Frost. The students who have completed these monthly check-ins regularly have improved their academic performance and have had a better virtual or in-person experience.

## STUDY PERMITS

A reminder to any students who have received their university acceptances to please reach out to Ms. Lancy Zhong ([mlzhong@brontecollege.ca](mailto:mlzhong@brontecollege.ca)) in the business office to work on their study permit.

## STUDENT PROFILE

Bronte is continuing to profile students that are excelling in online-learning. This week we are featuring **Yuliia**, a grade 12 student currently engaging in online learning while living overseas.



"My favourite class from last semester was HSB4U (Challenges and Changes) because we are not only talking about worldwide trends and issues related to inequality, but also how they prevail today, in the modern world, and the ways to stop them. It teaches you to be a well-rounded individual, to understand other people's struggles and not be an ignorant person in our day and age.

I would not say I have any specific challenges with online studying, but I just miss hanging out with all my friends at school, so my solution is calling them regularly and maybe watching Netflix shows together. I enjoy spending time with my family, whom I've been blessed to see. Also, watching movies and shows helps a lot, I just feel like I'm transported to another universe, leaving all my worries behind for a while!

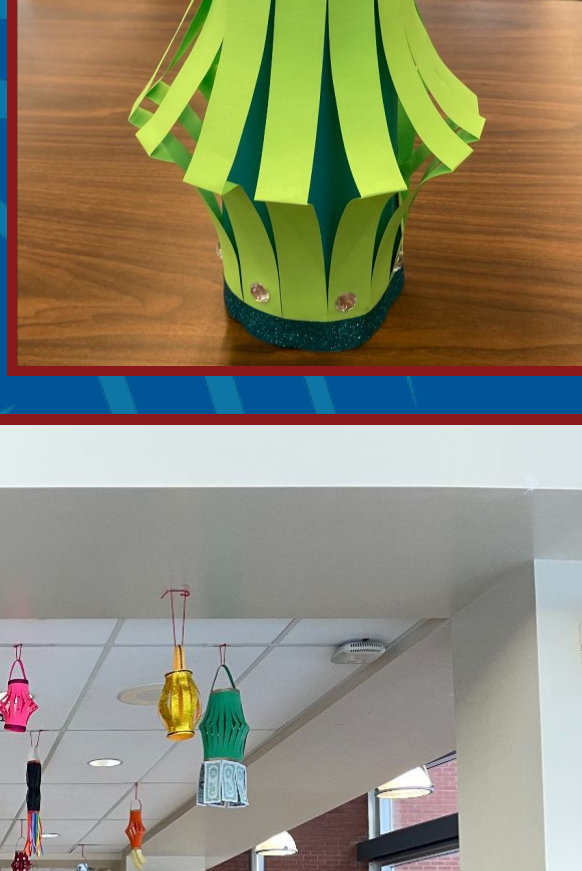
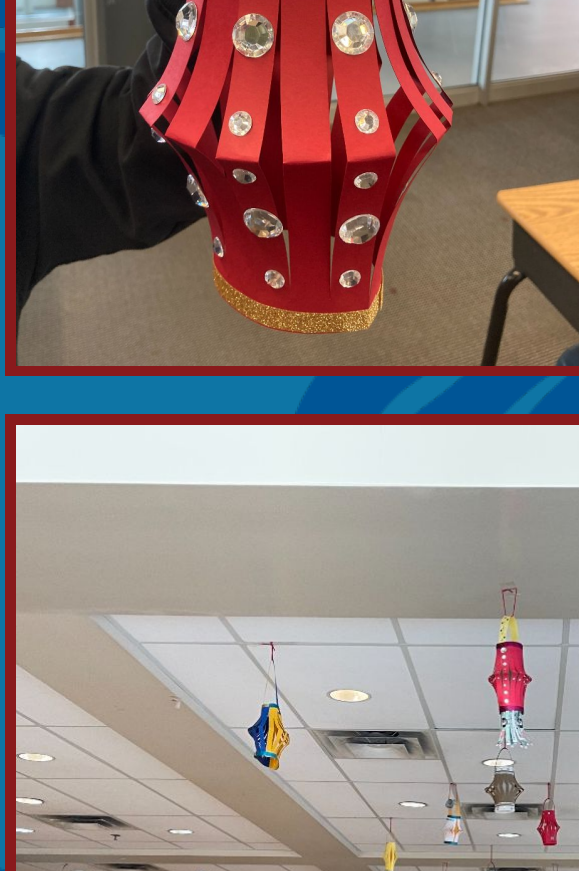
My advice to anyone struggling with online learning would be that you should not tell yourself that school time is 24/7 working on your assignments or the other way around. Go listen to some music, dance in your room or watch a few episodes of your favourite show during lunch time or right after school. Let yourself relax and enjoy to the fullest because you'll feel so much more energized afterwards and ready to finish all your projects at once!"

## RESIDENCE ACTIVITIES

Residence students had the opportunity to get crafty with a variety of different Valentine's Day activities this past weekend, including making tasty DIY Chocolate Bombs. Students also celebrated the Lunar New Year by making beautiful lantern decorations. On Friday the Residence team hosted a Black Panther movie night, along with a chocolate fondue event, where the students got to enjoy fruits and marshmallows. This event will be reoccurring every Friday for the rest of the month.

This week students will be getting crafty once more with the opportunity to decorate reusable cups, paint glass picture frames, and enjoy a delicious ice cream bar! The residence team will also be posting a "guess who" on Microsoft Teams for the students to guess famous and influential black people who have made their stride this past year, in celebration of Black History Month.

A reminder that each week students can participate in Talk Time Tuesdays, Sports Days on Wednesdays, and Trivia Night Thursdays.



## DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY

- 18** | Reusable cup decorating
- 19** | Ice cream bar, Black History Month Movie Night and Chocolate Fountain
- 20** | Black History Month Movie Night
- 21** | Glass painting
- 22 - 26** | Black History Month Interactive Display
- 23** | Talk Time Tuesday
- 24** | Sports Day

## TRAVELLING INTO CANADA

The Canadian government has announced further testing and hotel quarantine requirements for international travellers arriving to Canada. These strict new measures are aimed at preventing the COVID-19 variants of concern from reaccelerating the pandemic. For more information and the latest updates on these requirements, please visit these websites:

[Government of Canada expands restrictions to international travel by land and air](#)

[Entering Canada by air during COVID-19](#)

Please note that air passengers five years of age or older are still required to test negative for COVID-19 before traveling from another country to Canada. [Please click here for more information.](#)

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