

February 25, 2021

Dear Bronte Community,

We wish to inform you that out of an abundance of caution, it has been decided to continue the full day online learning program for residence and day students until the Spring Break, beginning April 2, 2021. Classes will resume following the Spring Break on April 12, 2021. Although our hope was that face-to-face classes could safely commence by the beginning of March, numbers of COVID-19 cases continue to be prevalent in the community, including some of the newer strains. In order to protect the health of our staff and students, we will continue to restrict access to campus, while increasing the number of activities available to our residence students.

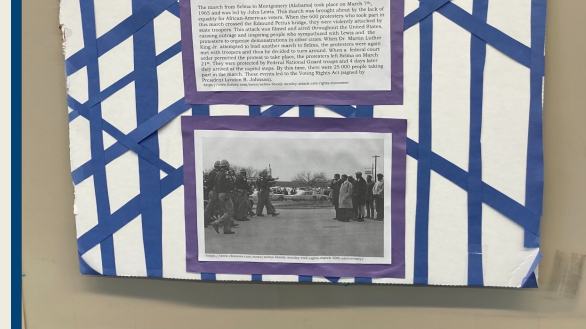
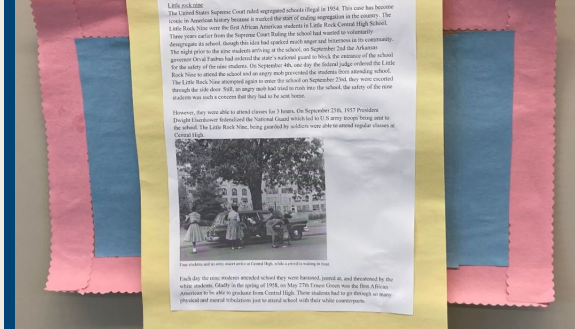
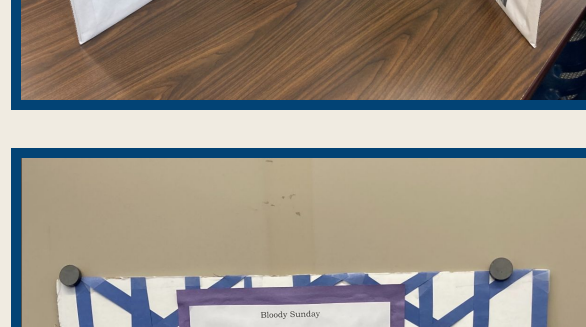
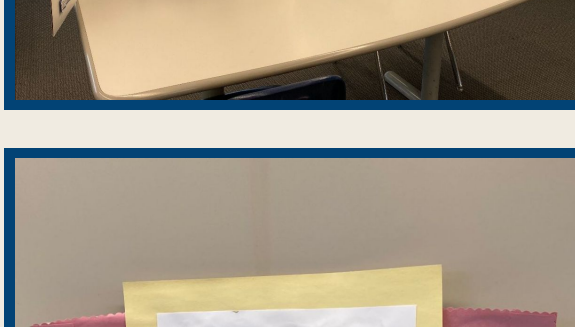
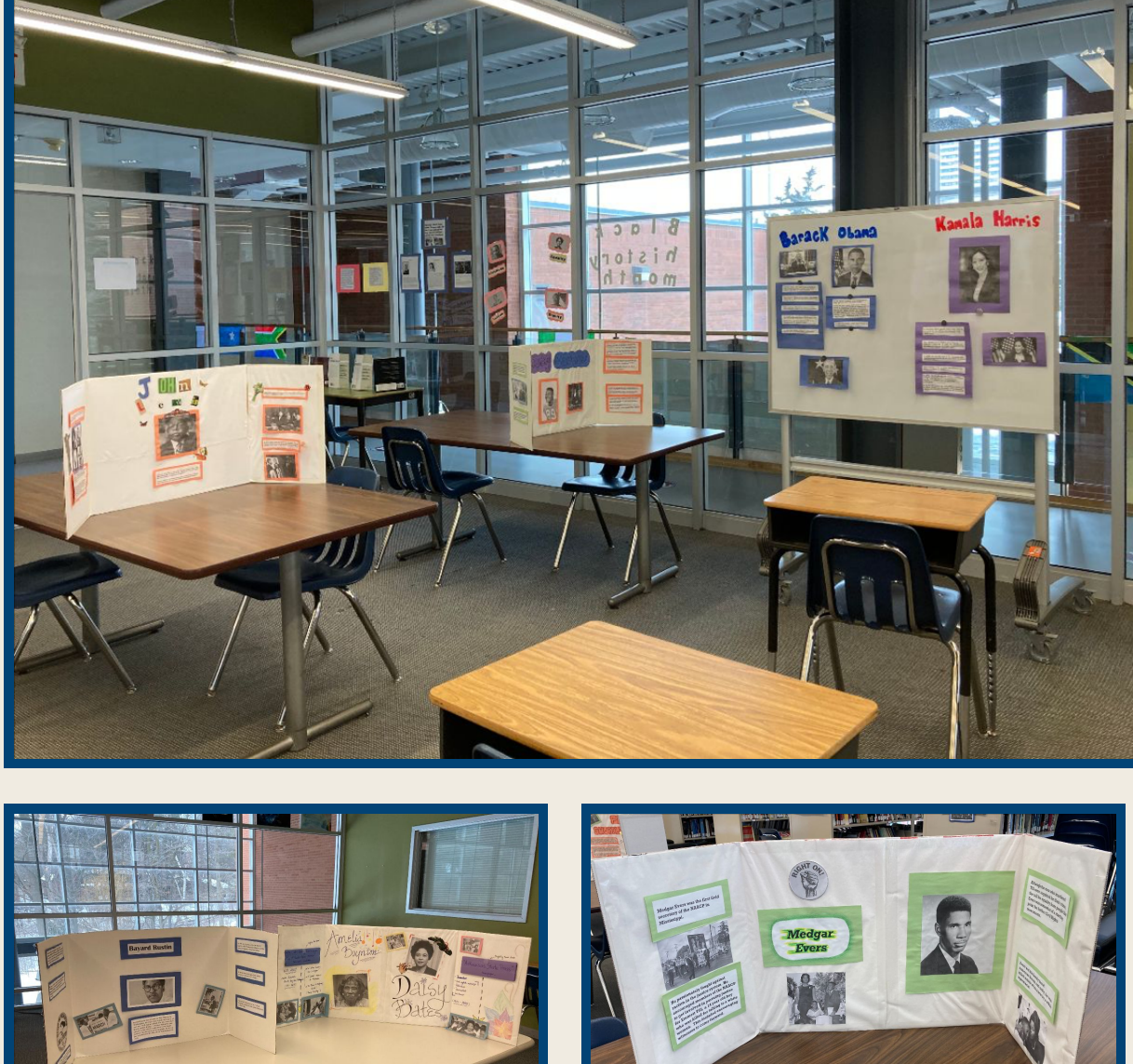
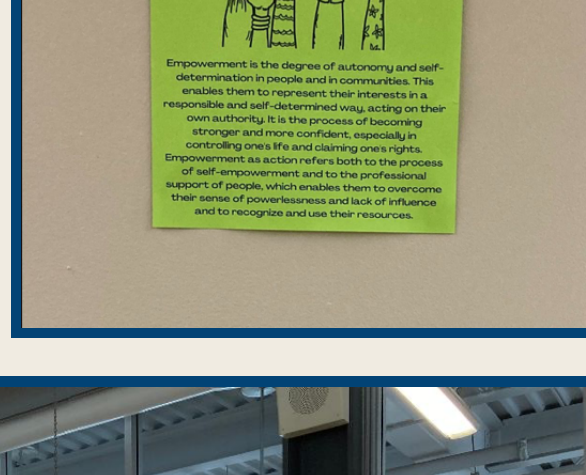
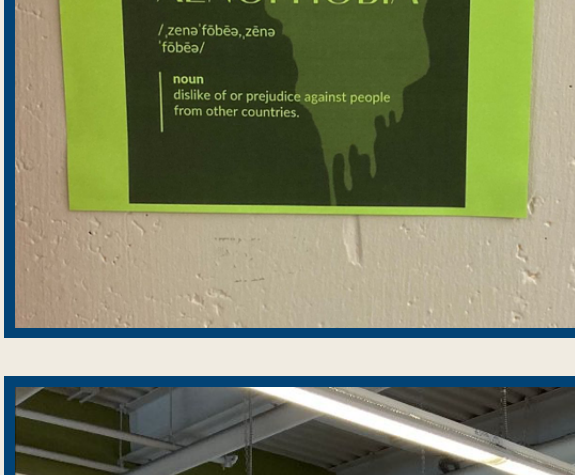
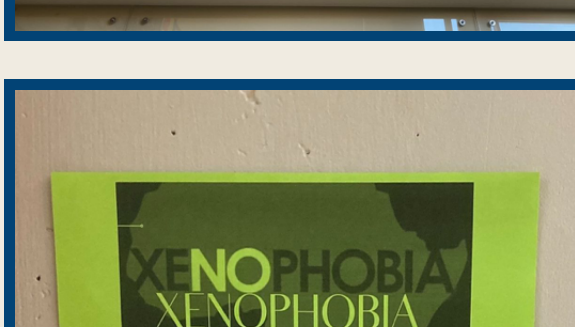
While face to face classes may not be possible, there are numerous opportunities for students to responsibly socialize and study in groups on campus. We strongly encourage all students to participate in residence activities, tutoring groups and utilize different spaces on campus for socializing and studying.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

In celebration of Black History Month, the outside of the cafeteria, lobby, hallways and business office are decorated with African masks and flags made by previous students, as well as posters and information about significant black people throughout history.

An interactive display has also been set up in the library for students to learn about prominent figures and trailblazers in Black history. The overall theme of Black History Month this year is "The Future is Now." Bronte College seeks to bring awareness to the importance of commemorating Black History Month, as well as celebrating the achievements of influential people, both past and present. Some of these people include Medgar Evers, Fred Shuttlesworth, Claudette Colvin, Daisy Bates, Julian Bond, and John Lewis. Students on campus can visit the library to see the interactive display in person. Students can also view the Black History Month presentation that has been posted on the Guidance Microsoft Teams pages. (photos of the display)

Students can also look forward to a socially-distanced Black History Month celebration hosted by the Student Athletic Committee in the gym on Friday, where students can participate in cultural games and dances and have some traditional snacks.



GUIDANCE NEWS

Interim Report Cards:

Interim levels will be available to all students and parents on **Tuesday, March 2nd at 3:16pm EST** on Maplewood. The Interim Report Cards will be emailed to parents and students by **Friday, March 5th**.

The Interim level grading scale is as followed:

- Level 4 (Student is currently performing at an 80%-100% level overall)
- Level 3 (Student is currently performing at an 70%-79% level overall)
- Level 2 (Student is currently performing at an 60%-69% level overall)
- Level 1 (Student is currently performing at an 50%-59% level overall)
- Level F (Student is currently performing at an 0%-49% level overall)

Please note that interim levels do NOT impact your University Application or ability to be accepted. Interim report cards are NOT sent to the universities. Instead, these grades serve as a *progress report or check-in* so students can improve. The Guidance Department will be meeting with students about their interim report cards. Please remember there is time to improve your grades for mid-term and finals.

Supplementary Applications:

February continues to be a busy time for university applications as many supplementary applications are due this month – a reminder, please ensure your child is meeting the deadlines for all their supplementary applications for university.

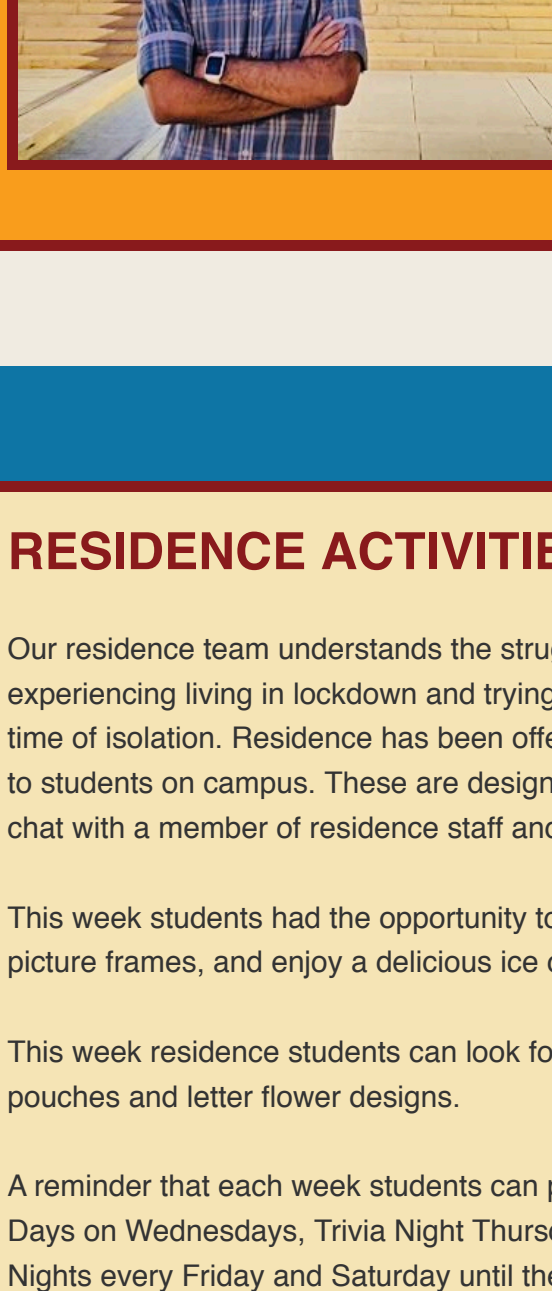
STUDY PERMITS

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

STUDENT PROFILE

This week we are profiling a recent graduate of Bronte College. **Amir** lived on campus and worked diligently during the school year and with online learning. His hard work paid off, as he was offered multiple scholarships totalling to **\$17,500** of tuition fees for the University of Alberta!

Congratulations to Amir for accepting this offer, we are so proud of your accomplishment!



"My most interesting course last semester was chemistry. Mr. Johnson was always so supportive and always tried his best to provide not long, but efficient study classrooms that provided concise knowledge.

Luckily enough, all of my teachers were considerate and understanding. Not only did they try their best to decrease the friction in the process of learning, but they stayed flexible about the deadlines.

In the age of pandemic, the most vital objective is to maintain mental health. My suggestion in these stressful situations is to calm down, breathe, and let it go. The truth to be successful is not to be perfect as none of us are, it is indeed the willingness to improve and do the best we can based on a strong agenda."

RESIDENCE ACTIVITIES

Our residence team understands the struggles students are experiencing living in lockdown and trying to find connection during a time of isolation. Residence has been offering "Talk Time Tuesdays" to students on campus. These are designed for students to sit down and have a chat with a member of residence staff and go over topics such as stress.

This week students had the opportunity to decorate reusable cups, paint glass picture frames, and enjoy a delicious ice cream bar!

This week residence students can look forward to making DIY phone charging pouches and letter flower designs.

A reminder that each week students can participate in Talk Time Tuesdays, Sports Days on Wednesdays, Trivia Night Thursdays, and Black History Month Movie Nights every Friday and Saturday until the end of February.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY & MARCH

February

- 22 - 26** | Black History Month Interactive Display
- 25** | Trivia Night
- 26** | DIY Phone Charging Pouch, Black History Month Movie Night and Chocolate Fountain, Black History Month Celebration
- 27** | Black History Month Movie Night
- 28** | Letter Flower Design

March

- 2** | Interim levels available on Maplewood, Talk Time Tuesday
- 3** | 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](#)

[COVID-19 mandatory hotel stopover: Booking and list of government-authorized hotels](#)

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

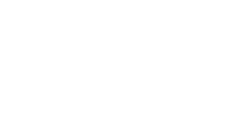
Please note that air passengers are still required to test negative for COVID-19 before traveling from another country to Canada. [Please click here for more information.](#)

[Click here for more information about COVID-19 in Ontario](#)

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