

# IMPORTANT DATES

February 14	P. A. Day
February 17	Family Day Holiday
March 11	Progress Reports
March 31	OSSLT
April 3	P. A. Day
April 10	Good Friday
April 13	Easter Monday
April 23	Semester 2 Mid Term Report Cards

**SCC DATES: Please join us!**  
Apr. 7 and May 5, 2020 5:30—7:00 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome to attend.

## INFORMATION FOR WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

The cancellation for school bus service is a decision made in consultation with local service providers and the school boards in the early morning. Once a decision has been made to cancel school bus service, all major media outlets are notified. **If school buses are cancelled, it is for the entire day regardless of what happens to the weather during the day.**

Brock Area Weather Zone is **Zone 1**. DSTS encourages all families to visit

[www.dsts.on.ca/inclementweather](http://www.dsts.on.ca/inclementweather)

To receive automated notifications on bus delays and cancellations, **please subscribe to our parent subscription service** found under Track Your Child's Bus at [www.dsts.on.ca](http://www.dsts.on.ca)

## Transportation : DURHAM STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (DSTS)

**If you need bussing information**, Please call 1-866-908-6578

You will require Student DEN

For all other questions/concerns regarding bussing  
1-800-240-6943

Principal — James Klodnicki  
Vice-Principal — Ann Armstrong  
SCC Co-Chair — K. Bagshaw and C. Marquis  
Superintendent — Heather Mundy  
Administrative Officer — Michael Bowman  
Your Trustee: Carolyn Morton

# Brock High School



## Principal's Message

February, 2020

Winter Greetings to all Students, Parents and Guardians of the Brock High School Community.

We have reached the end of our first semester of the 2019-2020 academic year, and our students and staff continue to demonstrate the excellence, achievement and community spirit that makes Brock High School one of the finest educational institutions in the Durham District School Board. Our Final Semester 1 Report Cards will go home on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at the end of the day.

**February is Black History Month.** In December of 1995, the Parliament of Canada officially recognized February as Black History Month in Canada. During February, the significant achievements and contributions in the areas of medicine, human rights, art, culture, politics, and public service made by peoples of African and Caribbean descent through history, as well as their struggles to overcome colonialism and racism, are officially recognized and celebrated. At Brock High School, we will be acknowledging Black History Month through daily announcements about contributions by Black Canadians, cross-curricular lessons investigating the impact of Black Canadians (e.g., \$10 bill), and in-class reviews of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) innovations developed by Black Canadians. We will also host Dwayne Morgan (@dwayne\_morgan), a fantastic spoken-word artist and motivational speaker, to kick off our recognition of Black History Month. Mr. Morgan's messages include, "You are not a victim of life happening to you! Life is a reflection of your choices. You can choose to be a victim of life...or choose YOURSELF, YOUR LIFE, and YOUR DREAMS!"

**February 26 is Pink Shirt Day.** On February 25, students and staff are encouraged to wear a pink article of clothing to send the powerful message that discrimination related to homophobia, transphobia, and sexism will be challenged at Brock High School.

Our School Community Council has enjoyed three well attended meetings, with membership in the double-digits. **Please Note:** Our next planned meeting is Tuesday, April 7 at 5:30 pm in the Brock Community Youth Hub – we invite you to join in the conversation AND follow us on Twitter @BrockHighSchool

Our Brock Community Youth Hub has been enjoying expanded participation by 35-50 students at lunch hours. Our Community Partners, including Building Youth Capacity (BYC), Brock Community Health Centre, Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Durham, Nourish and Develop Foundation, and Pinewood of Lakeridge Health, have been hosting students seeking extra help with homework, studying, and assignments, as well as recreation with our foosball tables, air-hockey set-up, large-screen TVs and (coming soon) table-hockey! With free Hub Shuttle transportation at 4:30, 5:15 and 6:00 pm to Cannington, Sunderland and Beaverton, plus free snacks and drinks, the Hub is the place to be this spring.

I wish all of you continued safety and warmth during this wonderful, snowy winter season, and look forward to meeting you at our SCC meetings, upcoming performances, or community-hosting events.

Yours in education,

James Klodnicki

## December Bulldogs of the Month



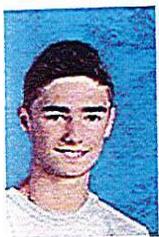
**Academic of the Month:** Paul Bond

Paul is participating in extra curricular sports and despite numerous absences he is achieving an excellent grade in geography, never misses completing work or assignments due to his activities, and always ensure that he touches base with his teachers about any material that he needs extra assistance with. Additionally, Paul is also an excellent resource to his peers in class and is eager to provide meaningful participation toward classroom discussions.



**Artist of the Month:** Ashleigh Plant

Ashleigh has put extraordinary effort into her art work throughout the semester and continues to work hard in every class during our culminating art projects. She has astonished our art class with her craftsmanship and mastery of skills and techniques. Ashleigh's art is remarkable and she is most deserving of the Artist of the Month Award!



**Athletes of the Month:** Aiden O'Connell and Sean O'Reilly

Sean and Aiden, part of the Junior Boys' Basketball team have been excellent! They have displayed hard work, talent and a no quit attitude that has lead the team by example. The two guards who entered the season as rookies have emerged as clear leaders in both point production during games and work ethic during practice sessions. Both Sean and Aiden will be key to the team's success as playoffs approach.



**Citizen of the Month:** Jesse Charlebois

Jesse rescued an exotic parrot which flew out its owner's door on an afternoon when the temperatures were dropping to -22 Celsius. Jesse saw the bird, cold and not able to move and brought it into his house, saving it's life. He later returned the parrot to it's frantic and grateful owner.

## January Bulldogs of the Month



**Academic of the Month:** Makayla Wilkinson

Makayla is a very focused student who always sets her school work as a priority, while working part-time. She spends her spare time getting extra help from teachers and is always willing to help her peers. She received 80% or higher in all her courses in the first semester.



**Artist of the Month:** Josh Boyle

Josh is always consistent in reading and completing homework and is always there to help. He has a great positive attitude and always contributes to the class.



**Athlete of the Month:** Celeste Cutruzzola

Celeste has learned a new position and taken on responsibility with the senior girl's volleyball team. She is a dedicated teammate and brings a positive attitude to practices and games.



**Citizens of the Month:** Christina McIndoo and Courtney Mulock

These two Brock students are passionate about fundraising. They decided to use a school classroom project to raise money for charities close to their hearts. Courtney Mulock designed and sold ornaments/scented sachets to raise funds for the Cancer Society of Durham. Christina McIndoo made and sold Candy Cane ornaments to raise money for Sick Kids Hospital. Way to go girls!



# Brock Community Youth Hub HUB SCHEDULE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 9:00 - 11:30 am		Big Brothers, Big Sisters	BYC (Building Youth Capacity)	Brock Community Health Centre	
Lunch 11:30 - 12:15	Pinewood Addiction Centre	Big Brothers, Big Sisters	BYC (Building Youth Capacity)	Brock Community Health Centre	Nourish and Develop Hub
Afternoon 12:15 - 3:00pm	Pinewood Addiction Centre	Big Brothers, Big Sisters	BYC (Building Youth Capacity)	Brock Community Health Centre plus nurse	
Evening 11:30am - 6:00 pm with Trent U Social Work Student support (Brenda Allen) Starting February 2020	Pinewood Addiction Centre (4:30 pm endtime)	Big Brothers, Big Sisters	BYC (Building Youth Capacity)	Brock Community Health Centre Nourish & Develop Hub and BCHC Partnership for Sewing Club (To be confirmed)	