

## Black History: Oscar Peterson

### Brookfield Sports

As we enter the latter half of the month of February, BHS sports teams are diving deeper into playoff action, while new sports seasons are just getting underway.

A powerful 68-38 victory was won by the Senior Boys Basketball team this past Wednesday in the quarter-finals against Pierre-Savard E.S.C. A win by over 30 points shows just how much the boys have been perfecting their craft both offensively and defensively. They play in their semi-finals TODAY here at BHS after school against St. Mother Teresa HS. This is sure to be a match you WON'T want to miss.

The Senior Girls Volleyball team had an exciting playoff run but fell just short of advancing. Their quarter-final matchup against Ridgemont HS came down to a thrilling 5th set, decided by just two points. Though the season didn't end as hoped, we're incredibly proud of their effort and dedication, especially in their hard-fought battles against our rival Ridgemont. Amazing job!

In addition to all our talented Senior sports teams, we'd like to welcome the Junior Girls Volleyball team! They recently played their first game against Elmwood School and won it by a dominant score of 3-1. They play their next game today HERE at 1:30PM against Cairine Wilson HS. Today is definitely going

to be one of the best sports-filled days of the year!

Finally, we'd also like to welcome the Junior Boys Volleyball team! Coached by members of the champion Senior Boys Volleyball team, they are sure to be a dominant force in the division this year. Best of luck to every athlete and coach involved in our amazing athletics! GO BLUES!

### Spotlight: Oscar Peterson

Oscar Peterson was a famous Canadian musician who was born on August 15, 1925, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. From an early age Oscar Peterson had music in his life. Growing up he lived in a primarily black neighbourhood where he encountered the culture of jazz.

When he was five he had started to learn how to play the trumpet and the piano. However, when he was seven years old, he got tuberculosis which made him unable to play trumpet again, so he decided to focus on playing the piano. Throughout the rest of his childhood and teenage years he would dedicate six hours daily into learning the piano. When Peterson was fourteen, he won a national music competition organized by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. After he won, he dropped out of highschool and became a professional pianist who would perform on a weekly radio show, in hotels, and in music halls.

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From the 1950s to the 1970s Oscar Peterson spent time making and playing music with various musicians and bands. In 1978 Oscar Peterson was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame.

In the late 1980s, Peterson suffered from his arthritis and began to tour less than usual. Throughout the rest of his playing career he would play on occasion for events or festivals. By 2001 Oscar Peterson had released more than 130 albums under his own name, and he had won a total of eight Grammy's as well as an outstanding amount of other awards. On December 23, 2007, Oscar Peterson unfortunately passed away and left behind a truly unparalleled jazz legacy. In our city of Ottawa, sitting outside the National Arts Centre where he would often perform, a sculpted statue of Oscar Peterson can be seen, as a tribute to one of the greatest pianists this world has ever known.

*Eco Club:* Thursday, room 208

*Rainbow Alliance:*  
Thursday @lunch, room 131

*Christian Faith Association:*  
Thursday @lunch, room 113

*Robotics Club:*  
Wednesday @lunch, room 214

*Math Contest Club:*  
Wednesday @lunch, room 240

*Library Advisory Committee:*  
Tuesday @8:30am, library

*Crochet and Knitting Club:*  
Tuesday @lunch, Art room

*Women's Initiative Network:*  
Wednesday @lunch, room 125

*Dungeons and Dragons:*  
Tuesday @lunch, room 114

## Student Involvement

Email this edition's word to [Kritcl@ocdsb.ca](mailto:Kritcl@ocdsb.ca) for a shoutout in the next edition of The Brookfield Bark!

## School Club Meetings and Upcoming Events

At Brookfield, we are a very diverse community and have many groups and clubs to represent communities within the school. View the list below for more info!

*Muslim Students Association (MSA):*  
Thursday @12, room 134

*Asian Students Association (ASA):*  
Friday @lunch, room 238

*Black Students Association (BSA):*  
Tuesday @12, room 205

