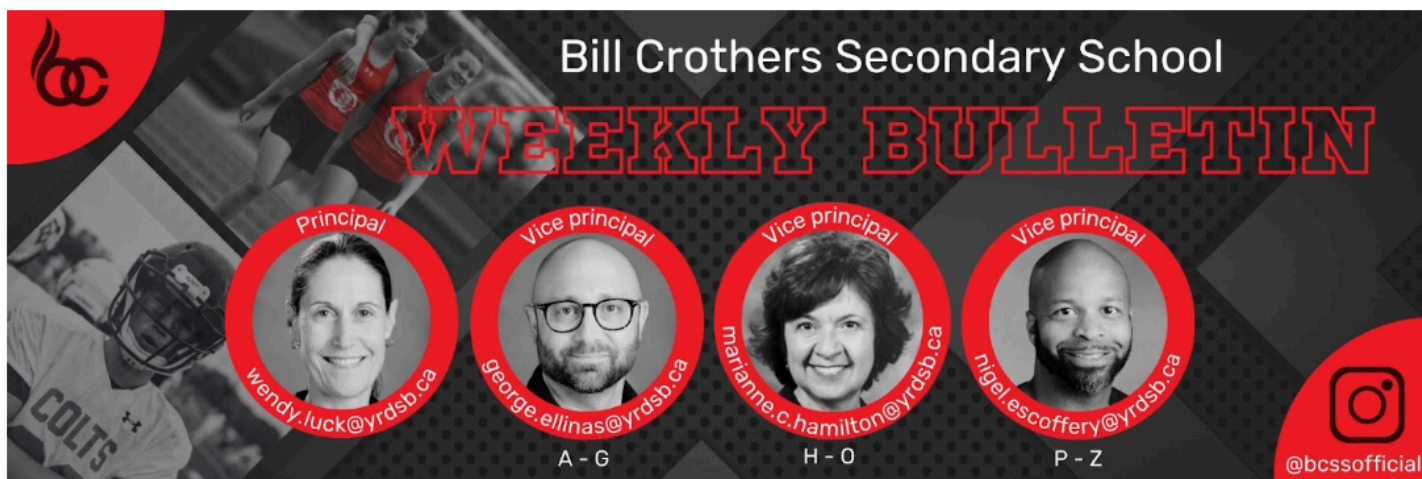




August 18, 2025

Grade 9 Day

On Monday, August 11 we welcomed the class of 2029 to BCSS. The energy and school spirit was incredible and it was a fantastic day filled with fun and connection.

A huge thank you goes out to the Bill Crothers Leadership Council (BCLC) and student volunteers. They did a phenomenal job running the activities, and their enthusiasm was contagious. They truly showed what it means to be a part of our school community. It was wonderful to see so many of our students decked out in our school colors, showing their Colt pride!

The various activities, from team-building challenges to a fun scavenger hunt, were a hit, and it was great to see everyone laughing and connecting. Students also had the opportunity to meet key staff members, which helped them get to know the people who will be supporting them throughout their time at BCSS.

Grade 9 Day is an important day for us, as it helps our newest students feel welcome and find their place. This year's success is a testament to the hard work and spirit of our entire school community.

Strength and Conditioning Coach

We wanted to share some news regarding the Strength and Conditioning position at Bill Crothers Secondary School. As you may be aware, this position has been filled by contract staff for the past few years. Unfortunately, the position will not be posted or filled. While we understand this may be disappointing news for some students and families, we would like to assure you that the achievement and well-being of students remains our priority.

Please feel free to contact the school should you have any questions.

Photo Day- Tuesday, August 19

Please see the attachment.

Student Services

While we continue to provide supports for our students, an introduction to our SERT Team this year:

- Joan Chan
- Bronson Chu
- Michael Nunes (Department Head)
- Aminah Patel

Our Student Services team continues to meet with students who require IEP accommodations, and have emailed the families of these students last week. If you did not receive a "Student Services Welcome" email from your child's SERT but believe they should be receiving IEP support, please email michael.nunes@yrdsb.ca to get connected.

Student Success

Our Peer Tutoring Program is looking for new tutors for the 2025-2026 school year. Students who are interested in earning volunteer hours while helping out their fellow peers in a subject area that they excel in can sign up to be a peer tutor. If interested, please see Ms. Martinez in Room 1013.

Athletics

All new students to Bill Crothers (grade 9s and seniors) must complete the primary sport declaration form by September 15th. In order to play sports at our school, this form must be completed and handed in to the main office or to the Athletic Director in room 1018 by the due date. Additionally, all new seniors must complete a transfer form.

Junior Boys Colts Prep

Tryouts will take place on Monday, August 25 for all interested athletes. Call backs will be invited to a final tryout on Tuesday, August 26. Grade 9s 3:15-4:30 pm and Grade 10s 4:45-6:00 pm. Email coltsmbb@gmail.com for more information.

Girls Colts Prep

Tryouts will take place on Tuesday, August 19 and Thursday, August 21 at 3:15 - 5:00 pm for Junior Girls and on Wednesday, August 20 and Friday, August 22 for Senior Girls. Please contact info@coltsprep.com for more information.

Driving to School

Families who choose to drive their student(s) to school are asked to consider parking a block or two away from the school and walking the rest of the way. Please be considerate and careful when either driving through the loop and or when driving into the school parking lot. Do not block accessible parking spots, parked cars or block fire routes.

Do not park in the fire zone or bus loops for any reason.

Students who choose to drive to school are to be aware of the following student parking rules listed below:

- parking is very limited;
- park in designated areas and obey all municipal by-law signage;
- drive safely on school or adjacent property under the required speed limit of 15 km/h;
- respect the safety of Bill Crothers' students, staff, and visitors;
- no sitting in the vehicle with the sound system turned on loudly, no smoking/vaping in the vehicle, etc.;
- refrain from transporting other students without parental permission;
- ensure the number of passengers does not exceed the number of seatbelts in the vehicle; and
- comply with municipal by-laws and provincial traffic laws and practices e.g. seatbelts, idling.

Failure to follow these rules may result in the vehicle being towed or ticketed at the owners' expense and will result in loss of parking privileges at BCSS.

Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, August 19 - Photo Day
- Monday, August 18 - Friday, August 22 - Caring and Safe Schools Assemblies
- Thursday, August 28 - Friday, August 29 - BCSS Holiday
- Tuesday, September 2 - Friday, September 5 - Safety Week
- Monday, September 8 - School Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm (Library)