Professional Learning Day

November 27, 2026

During the upcoming Professional Learning Day on November 27, Birchmount teachers and educational support staff will participate in learning with school and district colleagues. Professional learning will be connected to staff members' grade levels, subject areas, and roles, with a continued focus on strengthening teaching and support practices for students.

Staff learning will include:

- Kindergarten to Grade 2 English literacy teachers will focus on assessment practices, including monitoring student progress, building knowledge, developing high-frequency word skills, and using evidence of learning to support reporting.
- Grade 3 to Grade 5 English literacy teachers and Academic Support Teachers will explore text complexity, student progress in reading, and ways to support learners with word reading and building knowledge.
- French second language teachers will explore high-impact language practices and ways to identify student needs and provide timely, evidence-informed support.
- Grade 6 to Grade 8 English literacy teachers will focus on reading comprehension, including identifying main ideas and important details, understanding how texts are organized, and supporting students in summarizing what they read.
- Grade 6 to Grade 8 numeracy teachers will explore ways to connect mathematical strategies, models, and concepts to strengthen student understanding.
- Specialist teachers will participate in subject-specific learning in areas including physical education, art, music, science, and Middle School Technology Education. Topics will include assessment and feedback, printing techniques, technology in music, extending student thinking in science, and technical skill development.
- Education support teams and educational assistants will participate in learning focused on supporting student well-being, including trauma and mental health and supporting students returning to school following a risk assessment.

This professional learning provides staff with dedicated time to strengthen their knowledge, collaborate with colleagues, and develop practical strategies that support student learning, well-being, and success at Birchmount School.