

# Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Kindie Holiday Concert - Dec. 13
- ◆ School Holiday Concert - Dec. 14
- ◆ Gr. 7 & 8s Activity Day @ Downsview Park - Dec. 19
- ◆ Toronto Maple Leafs Game Viewing (K-6) - Dec. 19
- ◆ Winter Holidays Begin - Dec. 22
- ◆ Term 1 Resumes - Jan. 8

## Holiday Concert



The kindergarten concert will take place on Wednesday, December 13th in the Bessborough main gym. It will begin at 6:30pm.

The concert for grades 1-6 will take place on Thursday, December 14th at Leaside High School. It will run from 6:45 pm-7:45 pm and will also feature a performance from the intermediate band and drumming group. Students need to arrive at the main foyer of Leaside by 6:15 p.m. where they will be taken to their holding room by a staff member.

We will be collecting \$5-\$10 gift cards for Covenant House as well as selling Rafikki bracelets for \$10 to support Me to We at the door.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Guidance Update



Dear Parents and Guardians,

A reminder that the following High School Information sessions will be taking place the week of December 11 to December 15 that may be of interest to you:

- Dec 14- North Toronto Collegiate Institute: 6:30pm

For a complete list of our open houses, please click on the following link:

[Open-Houses-and-Information-Nights](#)

Thanks,

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## Bessborough Café



Starting on November 27, every Wednesday and Friday until the winter holidays the Bessborough Café will be open in rooms 31 at lunch and the afternoon recess. This initiative is in support of the WE Villages. All of our funds will support the **WE Organization** (formerly **Free the Children**). The funds will be donated for their global initiatives in education, water, health, food and opportunity. Each pillar is a critical component in breaking the cycle of poverty ([www.we.org](http://www.we.org)). In addition, we will be selling Rafiki bracelets. In Swahili Rafiki means “friend”. These bracelets are handmade by Kenyan artisans the “mamas”). Each rafiki bracelet is \$10.00 (**The We Group**)



## Cold & Flu Reminder



We wish to inform you that we have experienced a number of students who have become ill with flu-like symptoms (i.e., fever, nausea, vomiting, etc.).

Should your child(ren) present with any of these symptoms, you are strongly encouraged to keep them home until they feel better. This will help avoid the spread of germs and will likely help speed up their recovery. If your child has any of these symptoms and you are keeping them home, we ask that you please advise the office so that we can monitor the classrooms this is occurring in. We will then consider the need to bring in a task force to support our caretaking efforts in those specific rooms. The caretaking task force has already been called to help sanitize the kindergarten and grade 5 classrooms.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

## Student Athletic Council Update

STUDENT  
ATHLETIC  
COUNCIL

### Intramurals

Monday Intramurals are for sure happening, but unfortunately Wednesday intramurals are canceled due to a presentation in the gym. Pals is up and running again this year.

### Pals

Pals is a great opportunity for your children to participate in physical activities on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during morning recess. A group of Bessborough Athletic Council members will meet your children at the sandbox on the South Yard. Once there the students will be asked to vote on what game they want to play, and will play until the end of recess. Have a great weekend!

Bessborough Athletic Council.

## Lost & Found - Last Look!

Our Lost & Found is full of your kids' stuff - sweaters, hoodies, runners and more! There are Leaside Hockey team jackets, an LL Bean jacket, some Bessborough gear and pairs of pretty glitter sneakers. Come claim your goods! The clothing rack is located outside the office. All clothing that is left after December 15<sup>th</sup> will be donated to New Circles Community Services to help people in need.

## Bessborough Café Mayfair Kick-Off Committee Meeting - December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m.

One of our biggest FUNdraising events is right around the corner! Year after year, this much anticipated event is a huge success all because of our fantastic community of parents who work behind the scenes to get the event up and running.

Home & School is now looking for people who have ideas and energy to share as part of the Mayfair planning committee.

Please join us as we sip, savour and brainstorm at the Mayfair kick off committee meeting on **Tuesday, December 12th @ 8pm**. Location to be confirmed.

Please RSVP if you can attend to Jenn O'Donnell at [jodonnell@curacomm.net](mailto:jodonnell@curacomm.net) . If you can't attend but would like to be apart of the planning committee please do not hesitate to email.

Thanks and let the planning begin!

## And the Winners are...Marlies Fan Tunnel & Zamboni Ride

Over 120 tickets have been purchased for the Marlies Game on December 16th! It's going to be an event to remember! The winners of the Zamboni & Fan Tunnel draws were announced this week and tickets will be sent home next week. **We have two extra tickets**. Should anyone be interested please email Jenn O'Donnell at [jodonnell@curacomm.net](mailto:jodonnell@curacomm.net).

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December 12 - Mayfair Kick-off Committee Meeting  
December 16<sup>th</sup> - Day With The Marlies