

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

We are very excited for our upcoming year. Teachers were working hard over the summer to get classrooms ready and have lots of fun and exciting activities planned!

We would like to welcome the following new staff members:

- Stephanie Manikas, JK/SK
- Vanessa Quagliara, Gr. 1
- Amanda Casselman, Gr. 1
- William Chang, Gr. 7
- Etienne Mercieca, Vice-Principal

We are also pleased to announce that we continue to work closely with Home & School to provide the best opportunities for our students and families.

Please check our school website at <http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bessborough/Home.aspx> for our Weekly Bulletins, Teacher/Class websites and blogs, School Day Schedule and calendar and other information.

We look forward to connecting with our students and families for another fun filled year!

Upcoming Events September

- ◆ Gr. 7 Camp Killcoo Trip - Sept. 20-22
- ◆ Gr. 6 TUSC Trip - Sept. 22
- ◆ Tony O Boot Camp - Sept. 25 & 26
- ◆ Curriculum Night - Sept. 28
- ◆ Terry Fox Run - Sept. 29

Opening Package

A package containing important information as well as several permission forms were sent home with your child last week. These forms are due to the school now.

We've Gone Cashless!

We are now a 'cash-less' school! Payments for all school activities can now be made on-line. Information about this can be found on the reverse side of the first page of your package. Please review this sheet if you are having difficulties. You can sign up or sign-in here:

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/Home/SignIn>

Curriculum Night - Thursday September 28

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! This will be your opportunity to meet your child's teacher, visit the classroom and hear directly from the teacher about the wonderful program they have planned for this year!

Primary Cross-Country Team

All students Grades 1-3 are invited to participate in the Bessborough Primary Cross Country program.

Program Details:

- Students will train through a variety of activities and games as well as complete continuous running at their race distance.
- Practices will take place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:00am to 8:35am on the South Field.
- Permission forms will be available the week of September 11, 2017.
- Students are encouraged to participate in the TDSB Qualifier Meet on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Earl Bales Park.
- Parents/caregivers are welcome to participate in the program.
- **Start Date - Monday, September 11 at 8:00am.**

Teacher-Coach: Sue Thurow susan.thurow@tdsb.on.ca

Parent-Coach: Sheila Allen allen.sheila1313@gmail.com

Guidance Update - Bianca Angheloni

I will be at Bessborough on **Monday morning, Thursday and Friday afternoons** throughout the school year. The focus for guidance this year is the following:

Grade 8 to 9 Transitions:

The grade 8 students will be working on "Choices for Nine", their transition program to grade 9 throughout the year. The introduction to the program begins in early October. I will be making regular visits to the grade 8 classes to ensure that information goes out in a timely manner.

As an introduction to the "Choices for Nine" program, there will be a parent information evening at Northlea EMS, date to be confirmed by end of September. It is highly recommended that all families of grade 8 children attend this very important meeting. This session will provide information about key dates, timelines, Optional Attendance procedures, Secondary School programs and requirements, Secondary School Open House dates and times, Course Selection and much more.

Student information sessions will take place prior to the Information Evening which will include the same topics as the information night, thus allowing for rich discussions prior to and after the Information Evening.

The goal of the "Choices for Nine" program is that every grade 8 student and family will be equipped with the information to make an informed and confident decision for choosing an appropriate secondary school program.

I am always happy to talk to the families of students. You are the most important people in your child's life! If you have any questions or concerns please contact me via email Bianca.angheloni@tdsb.on.ca



Home & School Is On Instagram!

Follow us on Instagram and get reminders about events, when forms are due, pictures of all the great things happening at Bessborough and more!

Username: BessboroughHS

Home & School Social Series Event - Street Crawl

There are still tickets left for this annual favourite! Join old friends and new as you enjoy food and drink at not one, not two, but *three* of your fellow Bessborough parents' homes on September 23rd. Tickets are \$65 each. Thanks to Sue Jamieson and John Shaw (Hanna), Cabrina and Shane Skillen (Parkhurst), and Kellie Smith and Glenn Zujew (Vanderhoof) for being our hosts. You are invited to arrive at the first address at 7:30pm.

Please contact: Lauren Morgan at: lauren_swinburne@hotmail.com to purchase tickets.

Kindergarten Welcome Coffee!

Calling all Kindie parents! Please join us for coffee on **Thursday September 14th at 8:30 am** in the Kindergarten yard. It's a great chance to meet the Kindergarten teachers and mingle with other Kindie parents.

Hot Lunch Service - New Provider!

Already wondering what you'll pack for lunch each day? Wonder no more! Home & School has partnered with Rose Reisman who will be offering a selection of hot and cold lunch options. The service will run on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** (except Pizza Lunch days) beginning later this month. Check out kidslunch.ca to learn more!

We Need You!

We are looking for Class Parent volunteers! This is the perfect role for you if you'd like to be involved but can't commit a huge amount of time. Please contact your Home and School divisional representative if you are interested or want to learn more:

Kindergarten: Andrea Jeffery: jefferyandrea@hotmail.com or Shawna Hogan: shawnahogan@rogers.co

Primary – Alison Steinman: alison.steinman@gmail.com

Junior – Karen Gagnon: karenegagnon@gmail.com

Intermediate: Jennifer Peel: jennifer.peel@mac.com or Triina Forbell: tforbell@hotmail.com

Babysitters Wanted!

H&S is looking for babysitters to help care for kids while parents attend the General Meetings (there are 4 meetings this year, held on Tuesday nights, 7-9pm). We are looking for 2 babysitters for each meeting. This is a terrific volunteer opportunity and a chance to begin building your resume.

Interested students should contact Triina Forbell at tforbell@hotmail.com for more info.

Bessborough Sports Uniforms are Back!

Order your personalized shirts and shorts or perhaps a hoodie (available in either black or red this year) to keep cozy with the cool weather coming. Uniforms can be worn for gym, most sports teams or just to celebrate Bessborough School Spirit! Extremely affordable, they can be ordered online through www.shop.vintageapparelco.com

In order to receive your uniform in time for the upcoming X-Country season, orders need to be placed by end of day Wednesday September 13th. Orders placed after that will not be available for the first X-Country Meet. Any inquiries, please contact Michelle Rinaldo at mich_rinaldo@hotmail.com

