

Bessborough Elementary and Middle School School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Winter Holidays Begin - Dec. 22
- ◆ Term 1 Resumes - Jan. 8
- ◆ P.A. Day - Fri. Jan. 19
- ◆ Gr. 5 TUSC Trip - Jan. 29
- ◆ SK & Gr. 8 Grad Photos - Feb. 6

Winter Holidays

December 25 – January 5, 2018

Please remember that there will be no classes for students beginning on Monday December 25th. Classes will resume on Monday January 8, 2018.

The Bessborough staff would like to wish all of our families a very happy and safe holiday season. We hope that all of you take this opportunity to spend time with family and loved ones.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday January 8th!



Senior Girls Volleyball Team

For those interested in trying out for the Senior Girl Volleyball Team. Tryouts will take place on Monday January 8th at 3:25 pm, and Wednesday January 10th at 7:45 am.

Ms. Backus and Mr. Pantopoulos

Grade 5/6 Girls Volleyball

Our first practice will be after school on Thursday, January 11 in the gym for the any girls interested. Thank you!

Ms. Quagliara

Junior Boys Basketball Team

To all grade 5/6 boys interested in trying out for the junior boys basketball team please meet Mr. Tourlis in the main gym on Tuesday, January 9th and Thursday, January 11th at 8am. See you there



Mr. Tourlis

Student Athletic Council Update

STUDENT
ATHLETIC
COUNCIL

Unfortunately there will be no Intramurals or Pals the week right after the break. There will be Intramurals and Pals the following week. Have a great winter break!

Toronto Maple Leafs Centennial Game



We had a great time celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Toronto Maple Leafs! Thanks to all staff and students who purchased raffle tickets! We were able to raise over \$1000 to help support the Grade 8 Grad trip.



Covenant House

Our Covenant House campaign was a huge success thanks to the generosity of the Bessborough school community. In total, we collected approximately \$1400 in gift cards and 188 lbs of personal care products. These donations will go a long way in making the lives of homeless youth in Toronto just a little bit better. Thank you!

Bessborough Café

The Bessborough Cafe raised a total of \$780 and sold all the rafikis raising an additional \$500. All the funds collected through the Bessborough Cafe are donated to the WE Charity to support education, health or access to clean water projects in various countries where the WE Charity works. Last year our donations were used for projects in Kenya and Ecuador.

We would like to wish the Bessborough families a joyous and happy holiday season.

~The Student Engagement Committee



Lunch Programs

Lunch programs are coming for the winter term! Get in quick as classes are limited - you snooze you loose! Old favourites are back; Chess, Coding and Mad Science, along with some exciting new programs that are sure to be a hit, including; Brixology (Lego), and an Engineering workshop. Want to get creative? Why not try jewellery making, clay modelling or a bit of everything with Artibits. Registration is now open!! Classes start January 22nd. Visit the Home and School website for more details.

A Holiday Concert to Remember

Hats off to Sarina Condello & Sheila Philcox for another sensational, festive Holiday Concert. Word on the street is that this year's shows blew everyone's socks off! This curriculum-based arts programming for our JK to Grade 6s was made possible by our community fundraising efforts, and included several weeks of in-class performing arts education to culminate in the show.

Appreciation Corner

A big **THANK YOU** to Jenn O'Donnell for organizing a fun filled afternoon with the Marlies and to Suzy Sharples for providing the staff with sweets and treats as a thank you for all that they do! And, of course, we can't forget our Admin, the entire staff and all the parents who gave some (or a lot!) of their time – thank you for a great fall term! See you in 2018!

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