

Friday January 15, 2021

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

- January 20 – Virtual School Support Team Meetings
- January 22 – Toronto Maple Leafs Spirit Day
- January 25 – Virtual Ward Forum with Trustee Rachel Chernos Lin
- January 29 – Optional Attendance forms due at Secondary Schools



Health & Safety: Provincial Announcement

On Tuesday January 12th the Provincial Government declared a second provincial emergency and announced that online teacher-led learning would be extended until at least Wednesday February 10th for elementary school students.

The entire News Release is available [HERE](#).

See Toronto Public Health's [Lockdown Guide](#) for information about how you can stay safer and help reduce virus spread.

Toronto Maple Leafs Spirit Day: Friday January 22nd



Hockey season began with a HUGE overtime win against the HABS. GO LEAFS GO!

Please get your blue and white clothing, or your Leafs gear ready and show us your team spirit on Friday January 22nd. Awesome hockey fan signs to cheer on our Leafs are welcome too!

Please share photos from home with Ms. Themeliopoulos, and with Bessborough School Council. Photos will be shared in future newsletters, on Twitter and also on the School Council Instagram page. Email: bessboroughschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Communication for Grade 8 Families

TDSB secondary schools are hosting virtual open houses and information sessions (live or pre-recorded) for parents/guardians and students between November and January. All families are invited to join on the scheduled dates and the complete list is available [HERE](#).

Please also take some time to explore the valuable interactive resources available at the [Beyond8](#) TDSB website.

Some key dates to keep in mind:

- January 11, 2021 – Course Selection Opens (using myBlueprint)
- January 29, 2021** – Optional attendance forms due at secondary schools. **Download [HERE](#).**
- February 12, 2021 – Deadline for parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the Optional Attendance application

Please review the 2020-2021 **TDSB Secondary School Information Guide** [HERE](#).

Please note deadline for applying for French Immersion Program

To apply for the Middle French Immersion Program (Grade 4 entry) for September 2021, applications must be completed online between January 4 and January 29, 2021.

Please see this important [INFORMATION PACKAGE](#) and details about the online application process [HERE](#).

An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants and will be made in the weeks following the close of the application window. Please note: Families with an older sibling currently enrolled in a French program and who will be in attendance next year are still required to complete an online application for the new student. Please select the “sibling option” within the online application.

For more information about the Middle French Immersion (Grade 4) application process, please join us for a Virtual Information Session on one of the following dates:

- January 14, 2021 – 10 am
- January 21, 2021 – 7 pm
- January 27, 2021 – 7 pm

More information about the new Middle French Immersion Program, available in multiple languages is available to families [HERE](#). For more information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and important dates, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.



Appreciation Corner

These days we are leaning heavily on our sense of humour to get through these challenging weeks!

If you have a funny story, a favourite moment, or a great photo to share from learning at home, please share it with us. We will be featuring them in next week's newsletter and on the Bessborough Instagram page and stories.

Please send your stories and photos to bessboroughschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

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