

BESSBOROUGH BUZZ

The Bessborough E&MS Newsletter

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HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Our Bessborough winter concerts are coming up! The grade 1-6 students along with the choirs (primary, junior, and senior) and band will perform in a concert on **December 14th beginning at 6:30 pm** in the gym. The same concert will be performed again on **December 15th at 10:30 am**. As we have a capacity limit in the gym, families will be limited to two seats for the evening concert on the 14th and are encouraged to attend the concert on the 15th, if at all possible. The **kindergarten concert** has been changed to **December 15th in the gym beginning at 9:30 am**. Families of kindies will be able to go to the gym at 8:45 am.

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

DECEMBER 8

- PA DAY-NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER 11, 12, 13

- BESSBOROUGH CAFE RUN BY SEC

DECEMBER 12, 14, 19, 22

- BAC SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

DECEMBER 14 & 15

- GRADE 1-6, CHOIRS AND BAND HOLIDAY CONCERTS

DECEMBER 15

- KINDIE CONCERT AT 9:30 AM
- HOLIDAY CONCERT G.1-6, CHOIRS BAND AT 10:30 AM



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TDSB VIRTUAL COMMUNITY FAIR: INTRODUCTION TO LEAD AUTISM SUPPORTS COMMUNITY AGENCIES

TDSB has invited Lead Agency Representatives that support students with Special/Complex Needs to share information with families. These agencies include Autism Ontario, Strides Toronto, Lumenus Community Services, Geneva Centre For Autism, and SAAAC Autism Centre. Get firsthand information about these agencies' programs and services such as Autism Supports, Behaviour Therapy Supports (ABA Therapy), Service Navigation, Respite and much more. Get the opportunity to connect with these agencies as you continue to support your loved ones.

Speakers: Autism Ontario, Geneva Centre For Autism, Lumenus Community Services, Strides Toronto and SAAAC Autism Centre.

When: Monday, December 11th, 2023, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and the same information will be repeated on Monday, December 18th, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 255 846 447 429

Passcode: 3BWFVF

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For more information send email to virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca Or call Larena Case at 416-570-3314 or Maria Antonia Aymerich at 416-524-1930 or Vanessa Wong at 647-229-0730.

2023 Winter Holidays Fundraiser Bessborough Cafe

DECEMBER 11-12-13

ORGANIZED BY THE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF
COVENANT HOUSE TORONTO



We will sell hot
chocolate, candy
grams, cake pops,
and many more



BESSBOROUGH DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS

The BAC is organizing 4 spirit days in December on Tuesday's and Thursday's as follows:

- Tuesday, Dec 12 Holiday Sweater Day
- Thursday, Dec 14 Vacation Day
- Tuesday, Dec 19 is Holiday Headwear/Crazy Socks Day
- Thursday, Dec 22 is Pajama Day with a School-Wide **BINGO** @ 2:40 PM

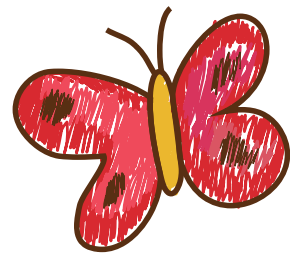
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BEYOND GRADE 8 PLANNING

Listed below is important information, including deadlines, for Grade 8 to Grade 9 transition planning for families:

November

- Attend the [Secondary School Open Houses and Information Nights](#)
 - Research [Secondary Central Student Interest Programs](#), [Alternative Schools](#) and [Local Programs](#) in the TDSB
 - Review the [Beyond 8 – Grade 8 to 9 Transitions Resources](#)
 - Students with [special education](#) needs for whom a change in setting or program is being considered for grade 9 should be discussed at the School Support Team (SST) meeting (this meeting will occur with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the SST)
- Parent/Teacher interviews
- Complete Individual Pathways Plan task(s)



Holiday Hampers



HOLIDAY HAMPERS NOV. 28–DEC.11

We are thrilled that Bessborough will be participating in this year's HOLIDAY HAMPER program. TDSB social workers have been busy connecting with TDSB families in need to create wish lists for the holiday season. Classes in Kindergarten to Grade 8 are now linked with a family profile and are asked to work together to fill a "hamper" with items from their wish list. Gift cards for clothing and groceries (e.g., Walmart, No Frills) are always appreciated, allowing for choice and independence. Please note, donations do not all need to be monetary: a beautifully handmade card filled with joy, a letter of hope or collection of jokes can really brighten someone's spirit. Please connect with your classroom teacher to learn more about your family's needs. Donations will be collected in your child's classroom from now until Dec 11. This is a great opportunity for our students to learn more about the power of giving, helping our community and thinking of others. Thank-you in advance for your kindness!





BESSBOROUGH E&M SCHOOL COUNCIL

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

With the holiday season upon us, we wanted to take this time to wish you all a safe and fun-filled celebration, filled with laughter, love, and beautiful memories. Here's to a season of happiness and community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 04 DEC** Spirit Wear Winter Launch*
Grad Hoodies + Toques on Sale

- 08 DEC** Friday
PA Day - No School

- 12 DEC** Tuesday
Spirit Day - Holiday Sweaters

- 14 DEC** Thursday
Spirit Day - Vacation Day

- 19 DEC** Tuesday
Spirit Day - Headwear + Socks

- 22 DEC** Friday
Spirit Day - PJ Day + Bingo
Last Day of School

*More details will be shared on our instagram. Be sure to follow for updates on how to get your hands on yours.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

The holiday season is upon us and we are excited to announce that annual Bessborough Winter Holiday Concerts are back. Join us for an evening of joyous musical performances by our talented students, celebrating the season with heartwarming melodies.

- 14 DEC** Gr. 1-6 Concert
6:30 PM in the Gym
- 15 DEC** Kindie Concert
9:30AM in the Gym
- 15 DEC** REPEAT Gr. 1-6 Concert
10:30AM in the Gym



SPRINT WEAR

Spirit Wear is coming back ft. **Grad Hoodies & Toques**. Stay tuned for more details!

GET INVOLVED

Get involved and help us make a difference in our school and community. [Sign up here.](#)

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SCHOOL COUNCIL 2023/2024 ENRICHMENT BUDGET

On **November 30th**, at our School Council meeting **we will be voting our 2023/2024 Enrichment Budget**. This allocation is made up of both teacher and parent recommendations. Throughout the year we will continue to fundraise through school events, donation campaigns to support the needs of our school.

Your voice matters. We encourage **all parents to join us on Thursday** as we discuss this very important agenda item at our School Council Meeting.

Item	Why	Who	Cost
TV Tech packages	To replace the remaining old promethean boards that are breaking down	Multiple classrooms	\$15,000
Team Uniforms & Jerseys	To replace old pinneys, 60 Choir/Band, 60 Sports	Band, Choir, Sports	\$3,000
Garden Club, Film Club, etc.	Garden Club: new shovels, trowels, a new hose, plants and potential raised beds Film Club: props, make-up for film club), Button Maker, Snacks for students		\$4,000
Canopy for Sporting Events	2 Additional Branded Canopies	Athletic teams	\$2,000
Classroom Allocation	All teachers - to be used for items consumed this school year in the classroom (eg. organizational, communication, art, science supplies, interest books) or longer term items which stay in the classroom.	All Classrooms	\$10,000
Principal's Discretion	To support student need and ensure opportunity for all. These funds are anonymous.	Where needed	\$5,000
5 Yamaha Flutes	Rejuvenation of the band program, replacing broken instruments which can't be repaired	Grade 4+	\$3,000



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