

# BESSBOROUGH BUZZ

## The Bessborough E&MS Newsletter

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## RAPTORS 905

Students in grades 7 and 8 have the opportunity to attend the Raptors905 game on **Friday, December 1st** with their homeroom class. Payments and permission forms must be returned to homeroom teachers tomorrow **Monday, November 27th**.

On the morning of December 1st, students will be leaving Bessborough at 9AM sharp. Students who are late to school and arrive after their class has left will not be able to attend the excursion.

Please note that students should bring their own bagged lunch and snacks in a drawstring bag (backpacks are not allowed). Note students should bring **plastic** water bottles (metal bottles are not allowed in the arena). Students who have epipens must bring them on the trip. Students will return to Bessborough when the game is done and will go to their classes.

Many thanks to parents who have volunteered for this trip. Please note that all parent volunteers must have a TDSB Police Reference Check.

## IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

### NOVEMBER 29

- PIZZA LUNCH
- SCREEN TIME PRESENTATION 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)

### NOVEMBER 30

- LEASIDE OPEN HOUSE 6:30 PM
- PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

### DECEMBER 1

- GRADE 7/8 BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
- RAPTORS 905 GAME-9AM



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**SCREEN TIME PRESENTATION  
JANINE LAWFORD  
NOVEMBER 29 @ 6:30 PM – ZOOM LINK**



Screen  
Time/Social  
Media in  
Families

More on Screens and Social  
Media in Families: Security,  
Rules etc...What every parent  
should know...

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 630pm to  
730pm

[https://tdsb-  
ca.zoom.us/j/94717496435](https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94717496435)



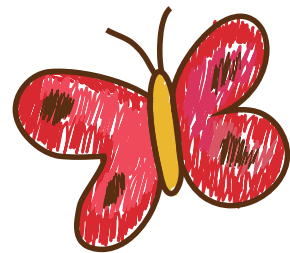
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### BEYOND GRADE 8 PLANNING

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

November

- Deadline to submit the Central Student Interest Program Online Application (4:00 p.m. on November 24, 2023)
- Attend your Elementary School Transition Event (if applicable)
- 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)



# BESSBOROUGH 1923 - 2023

## BESSBOROUGH 100TH COMMITTEE

The 100th committee is made up of Bessborough staff, students, and families. We had a productive meeting this past week where we looked through the many archives that we have and began to organize them by decade. We will be having an Open House on April 18 where Bessborough families, both current and past, will be invited to celebrate this momentous occasion. If you are interested in joining our 100th Committee to help in the planning, please email [janet.bambrick@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:janet.bambrick@tdsb.on.ca) if you are able to attend the meeting.

## BAC BESSBOROUGH ATHLETIC COUNCIL

The BAC is up and running! We are busy preparing some fun activities for the school to get us through the holiday season. We are hoping to have our first events planned this upcoming week with information to follow in next week's newsletter. Stay tuned!





# BESSBOROUGH E&M SCHOOL COUNCIL

## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER | VOLUME 4

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING NOV 30TH

Join us on November 30th at Bessborough School for our School Council Meeting on Thursday where we will be **voting on the our 2023/2024 Enrichment Budget which has been published on the following page.**

Childcare will be available.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**29**  
NOV

**Wednesday**  
Pizza Lunch

**29**  
NOV

**Wednesday 6:30pm (ZOOM)**  
Screen Time Presentation

**13**  
DEC

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Kindie Winter Holiday Concert

**14**  
DEC

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Gr. 1-6 Winter Holiday Concert

**Gr. 1-6 Winter Holiday Concert will be repeated during the day on Dec. 15th.**

### THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Bessborough School Council, we wanted to say thank you to our amazing parent volunteers **Sabahat Khuram**, who organized our Grade 7 Welcome Night and **Sabrina Booth** and **Rachel Gordon** who organized our Kindie Welcome Night. These evenings are a lot of work, but a fantastic way to meet our new Bess families. **We appreciate you!**



### 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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