

BESSBOROUGH BUZZ

The Bessborough E&MS Newsletter

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GRADE 8 VISIT TO LEASIDE – NOV. 1ST

Bessborough Grade 8 students will have the opportunity to visit Leaside the morning of Wednesday, November 1. Students will meet members of the Leaside Student Council, see Lance (the school Mascot!), and learn about co-curricular activities (Clubs & Teams, Athletics) at Leaside HS. Students will also have the opportunity to rotate through a few different classes (French, English, Compulsory Credit Courses and Elective Credit Courses). They will take part in a School-Wide Scavenger hunt to learn more about the school Labs (Art, Science, Computers, Photography, and Music, to name a few), and visit the Gymnasiums for some team-building fun. Students will return to Bessborough by about 11:30 am at which time they will be dismissed for lunch. This promises to be a great opportunity for all of our grade 8 students.

100TH ANNIVERSARY

As part of the celebration of Bessborough's 100th Anniversary, we will be having a whole school picture take of students and staff at 1 PM on picture day. We look forward to displaying this picture at our 100th Anniversary Open House which will take place in mid-April. More details to follow from our 100th Committee!

IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCTOBER 30

- PICTURE DAY
- 100TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL PICTURE AT 1PM

OCTOBER 31

- HALLOWEEN PARADE 1 PM

NOVEMBER 1

- GRADE 8'S VISIT LEASIDE AM
- GRADE 8-9 VIRTUAL INFO. SESSION

NOVEMBER 4

- YPT EXCURSION GRADE 1-4

NOVEMBER 10

- REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY



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Bessborough Used Winter Coat, Snow pants and boots Drive

This event is organized by the Student Engagement Committee

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 10



We accept donations of gently used, clean, functional and free of tears items. This is a partnership with Grenoble Public School and the items will be donated to families who benefit from them.



DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Please drop the items off with your child's teacher or directly in room 31, Ms. Ciobanu's classroom.

BESSBOROUGH HALLOWEEN FOOD DRIVE

October 23- 31

Organized by the Student Engagement Committee

in support of



**MOST
NEEDED
ITEMS**

Baby food and formula,
canned fish and meat,
canned fruit and vegetables,
grains, lentils and beans,
dried pasta, pasta sauce,
canned tomatoes, soups and
stews, tetra packed milk

BESSBOROUGH ATHLETIC COUNCIL

Students in grade 7 & 8 who are eager to support and lead school athletics, and who can be relied on to lead athletic activities are invited to apply for the Bessborough Athletic Council. Signed permission forms are due to Ms. Backus by Monday, October 30th.



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beyond 8

Choices for 9: Interactive Guide for Students, Parents and Guardians

BEYOND GRADE 8 PLANNING

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

November

- [Grade 8 to 9 Transition Information Session for Grade 8 Families](#) (November 1, 2023)
- [Student Interest Program Information Session for Grade 8 Families](#) (November 2, 2023)
- Central Student Interest Program Online Application is available (November 6, 2023)
- Central Student Interest Program Application Support
- 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)

Note that Bessborough Grade 8 students will also have an opportunity to visit Leaside High School on November 1. Grade 8 teachers will be sending more information when it is available.



HALLOWEEN: CULTURES ARE NOT COSTUMES

Bessborough will be having a Halloween parade on Tuesday, October 31st at 1 pm. This event is voluntary for our students and appropriate supervision will be provided for anyone who does not wish to participate. As we prepare for Halloween, there are often questions and concerns about Halloween costumes. We remind our community to consider the following guiding principles from TDSB:

- costumes should not include cultural appropriation, stereotypes, and caricature.
- some costumes are viewed as offensive, inappropriate and/or discriminatory to many different cultures/peoples, and as a result can cause harm to members of that community and the TDSB community
- be aware of the potential negative and triggering impact violent images and/or scenarios can have on students and families with varying lived experiences and backgrounds.

We thank all families in advance for partnering with us to support an inclusive school environment by considering the above principles for Halloween costumes at Bessborough



TRUSTEE CHERNOS LIN'S NEWSLETTER

All families can visit Trustee Chernos Lin's Ward 11 [webpage](#) and sign up to receive her Newsletter.





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CALLING ALL GRADE 7 PARENTS

Join us on **October 25 from 7-9pm at Leaside Pub for our annual Grade 7 Welcome Social**, hosted by Sabahat Khuram. It's the perfect time to connect with fellow parents and extend a warm welcome to our new Bessborough families. We look forward to seeing you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

23
OCT

Monday 8-8:40am
Cross Country Practice

25
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Wednesday AM
Centennial Park Meet

25
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Wednesday
Pizza Lunch

25
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Wednesday 7-9pm
Gr. 7 Welcome Social at Leaside Pub

30
OCT

Monday
Picture Day

MR. IVAN NEEDS OUR HELP!

Join us in creating endless fun on the playground! Mr. Ivan is on a mission to assemble the ultimate recess cart, but he needs your support. We're looking for affordable volleyballs, footballs, and four square balls to keep our kids active and entertained during recess.

Your contribution makes a big difference! Drop off your donated balls at the Office, and let's make recess the highlight of their day. Thank you for your generosity



PICTURE DAY

Picture day is **Oct 30th** looking forward to seeing all of Bessborough smile!

GET INVOLVED

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

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