

# Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



## Bessborough Elementary & Middle School

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### Upcoming Events:

- December 26-January 6-  
Winter Break (No School)
- January 9-First Day back  
after the winter holiday
- January 13-PA Day (No  
School)



## Happy Holidays

Dear Families,

We have had a bit of a surprise ending before the break with the closing of schools today due to the coming winter storm. I hope that everyone is staying safe and getting a chance to relax with their families. In this last newsletter before the holidays, I would like to take a moment to recognize my gratitude to the amazing staff and families at Bessborough. The teaching and learning at our school are topnotch and it happens through the partnership between all within our community. Thank-you for your support of our school.

I also want to thank families for their incredible generosity this past month. The Holiday Hampers, Bessborough Café, the Shoebox Projects, and the Red Door Toy Drive, were all great successes. These giving projects were an opportunity to engage students in important learning about the issues that lead to inequity and the marginalization of people in our society.

Extra-curricular activities have come back with a roar at Bessborough with sports teams, Terry Fox runs, the Student Engagement Committee, Film Clubs, Band, and Choir, and holiday concerts, just to name a few. The coming winter term promises to have more activities for students to join. More information will be available in our January newsletter.

Finally, a big thank-you to the Bessborough School Council, led by Chair Andrea Bee and the parent executive, for their work to engage families in school life and in raising funds for enrichment, which will go toward extra resources and opportunities for students.

I wish everyone a happy and rejuvenating holiday!  
Janet Bambrick, Principal

## Grade 8 Shoebox Project



Students from 8A, 8B and 8D took part in The Shoebox Project this year. The Shoebox Project for Women is dedicated to sharing empathy, kindness and compassion with local women impacted by homelessness through the collection and distribution of gift-filled shoeboxes and messages of support. Students worked together to fill 17 shoeboxes and student representatives from all three classes helped to drop off our donations! Way to go Grade 8's!

## Resources for Grade 8 to 9: Preparing for High School

### Further Resources for Families for Grade 8 to 9 Information:

- Attend the [Secondary School Open Houses and Information Nights](#)
- Research [Secondary Central Programs and Schools](#), [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)

## Hot Lunch Sign-Up

The Bessborough page is all set up and online for next term's orders (January 10-March 30) - here is the link to sign your child up for hot lunches

[BESSBOROUGH HOT LUNCH SIGN UP LINK WINTER TERM \(Jan - March\)](#)

## Trustee Chernos Lin's Ward 11 Webpage

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

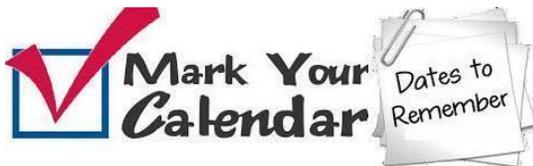


**Sub Lunch**

Sub Lunch will be returning in the new year! Keep an eye out for ordering details.

**Appreciation**

A HUGE thank you to all the teachers and staff at Bessborough from all the parents. You kept our kids safe, learning, happy and engaged. Enjoy your well-deserved break! Safe and happy holidays to all.



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