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Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 16-Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 16-Lunch Time Activities Begin
- Jan. 18-Cyber-Safety Presentation for Grades 5-8
- Jan. 22-Lunar New Year.
- Jan. 23-Leaside Guidance Presentation for Grade 8 to 9
- Jan. 25-Pizza Lunch
- Feb. 1-Kindergarten Registration Opens



Happy New Year

I hope that everyone had a relaxing winter break with family and friends. We have just completed the first week of school after the break. I have noted with staff and families that I have talked to that this is the first time that we have returned to in person classes in January since 2020. This is a very good start to 2023 and another sign that we are moving past the COVID-19 crisis. In staffing news, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back to Bessborough **Ms. Joyce Chow** who was on maternity leave. Ms. Chow will be replacing Ms. Fung who was with us as an LTO in the fall. Please read further in the newsletter for more information as we enter the winter term.

Congratulations Ms. Ciobanu

It is with pleasure that I share that one of Bessborough's Grade 8 teachers, Ms. Ciobanu, has been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Award for her community service in Leaside. Ms. Ciobanu has organized many food drives, toy drives, and other social justice initiatives that have not only supported organizations like the Daily Bread Food Bank, Covenant House, and Red Door Family Shelter, but have also involved our students in important learning about equity, responsibility and giving back to the community. Ms. Ciobanu was nominated for the award by a past Bessborough parent with the award being presented to her by MP for Don Valley West, the Honourable Rob Oliphant. Congratulations to Ms. Ciobanu! Her award is one example of the truly excellent staff that are here at Bessborough. Our teachers, support staff, caretaking and office staff are dedicated professionals who always go the extra distance to create a safe and enriching learning environment for students.

Winter Sports and Clubs

Please see below the clubs and teams that are starting in January and February:

5/6 Girls' Volleyball: Tryouts Wednesday, Jan 18 and Friday, Jan 20 at 7:45 am

7/8 Boys' Basketball: Tryouts Monday, Jan 16th 3:30-4:30 pm and Friday Jan 20th 3:30-4:30 pm

7/8 Girls' Volleyball: Tryouts Tuesday, Jan 17 and Thursday, Jan 19 at 7:45 am

5/6 Coed Hockey Team: Tryouts Thursday Jan 19th 2:30 - 3:30 pm, Thursday Jan 26 2:30 - 3:30 pm
Friday Jan 27 8:30 - 9:30 am

7/8 Coed Hockey Team: Tryouts Tuesday Jan 17th 8:30 - 9:30 am, Friday Jan 20th 8:00 -9:00 am
Tuesday Jan 24th 8:30 - 9:30 am

Grade 6-8 Card Playing Club: Beginning Feb. 1st at Lunch

Grade 6-8 Dungeons and Dragons: Wednesdays at Lunch in the Library

Grade 7&8 Student Engagement Committee: Thursdays at Lunch in room 31

Middle School Choir & Band: TBA

Coming Soon: Grade 7&8 Recess Leaders who will run clubs (with Mr. Chang and Ms. Buksner) for the Primary and Junior students

Middle French Immersion- Registration Open Now

Applications to the Middle French Immersion program may be submitted, on behalf of students in the English program, the year the child is in Grade 3 for entry in September of Grade 4. It is an entirely online process. **All communication will be sent via the email address you provide. Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders.**

Please visit the application site www.tdsb.on.ca/pars

- You will need your child's date of birth and OEN. The OEN is a 9-digit number found on any **report card** from the TDSB.
- For non-TDSB students, please select the "Non-TDSB Student" option and follow the steps to generate an identification number. You must then return to the PARS site and follow the application procedure with this number.
- Please select Middle French Immersion from the drop-down menu and complete the application process.

On-time applicants will be offered a placement via the email address you have provided. You **MUST** take action to reserve a spot by the deadline requested when you are offered a placement. Offers of placement will be on-going through the weeks and months following the close of the application period. ***Please check your email regularly, including junk mail folders, and follow any instructions.***

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application process opens: January 9, 2023

Deadline for applications: February 3, 2023

[Learn more at an Information Session](#)

Kindergarten Registration-Opens February 1

Registration for English Kindergarten programs begins in February (**see below for information about the Early French Immersion program*). We look forward to welcoming you and your child! You may choose to register using the online registration system or by booking a face-to-face meeting directly with your school.

- Only parents or legal guardians can register a child.
- There is a separate process to apply for [out-of-area admissions](#). Please contact [alternative schools](#) or [elementary academies](#) directly for more information about requirements and the registration process.

For more information go to: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/EarlyYears/KindergartenMonth>

From the Yearbook Committee

Happy New Year, It's a new year and that means more school events in 2023.

If you have any photos to share for the yearbook, please submit them this month! It's easy as 1-2-3— simply add photos directly from your phone to the specific links below.

Thank you in advance, Jennifer Avveduto—Yearbook Committee

Winter Concert Dec 16 <https://plicbooks.ca/go/RQT267>

JK/SK Winter Concert <https://plicbooks.ca/go/VK4UAT>

December - Spirit Week <https://plicbooks.ca/go/LQDA92>

Door Decorations: <https://plicbooks.ca/go/27NJ6L>

Grade 7 over-night trip <https://plicbooks.ca/go/E6T86C>

Orange shirt Day <https://plicbooks.ca/go/F7VY5X>

Girls Soccer 7/8 <https://plicbooks.ca/go/XDLKPX>

Girls 5/6 Soccer <https://plicbooks.ca/go/4DDRC3>

Boys 5/6 Soccer <https://plicbooks.ca/go/29PM6M>

Boys Football 7/8 <https://plicbooks.ca/go/N4FB1M>

Boys Soccer 7/8 <https://plicbooks.ca/go/6A5ATN>

Pizza Lunches <https://plicbooks.ca/go/XHHP8A>

Resources for Grade 8 to 9: Preparing for High School

January

- Attend the [Secondary School Open Houses and Information Nights](#)
- Grade 8 to 9 Annual Reviews for all students with an Exceptionality (e.g., regular class or special education class)
 - [Secondary Student Transition Planning](#)
- Offers for grade 9 [ISP programs](#) will begin (e.g., congregated and integrated sites) (last week of January 2023)
- Students wishing to attend a school other than their designated school by address; Out-of-Area Online Applications are available (January 9, 2023)
- Out-of-Area Online Applications are due (January 27, 2023)
- Complete Individual Pathways Plan task(s)

February

- Grade 8 Course Selection Opens for all students via [myBlueprint](#) (February 6, 2023)
- *Round 1*
 - Deadline for parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the Out-of-Area Application (February 8, 2023)
 - Deadline for families to confirm acceptance of the Out-of-Area offer (February 14, 2023)
- *Round 2*
 - Deadline for parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the Out-of-Area Application (February 15, 2023)
 - Deadline for families to confirm acceptance of the Out-of-Area offer (February 21, 2023)
- *Final round*
 - Deadline for parents/guardians of students to be informed of the status of the Out-of-Area Application (February 22, 2023)
 - Deadline for families to confirm acceptance of the Out-of-Area offer (February 24, 2023)
- Students must finalize their destination for secondary school (designated school by address, Central Program, Alternative School, Out-of-Area Admission) by completing and submitting the corresponding course selection for the accepted school in myBlueprint (February 27, 2023)
- Course selection deadline (February 27, 2023)
- Parent/Teacher interviews
- Complete Individual Pathways Plan task(s)

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.





Lunch Programs are back!

Programs start the week of January 16th and sign up is open now. Please click on program links below to sign your child up.

Bessborough Lunch Activity Program

Monday

Chess (Grade 1-6)

Your child has the exciting opportunity to improve their mental skill with professional chess instructors from our local Chess 'N Math Association. This fun chess course for both beginners and advanced players, teaches kids to think ahead and calculate, invaluable skills for the classroom. Each fun lesson is followed by a game session.

Awards and certificates are given at the end of the term. All equipment is provided.

Dates: Jan 16 - Mar 6

Cost: \$120+HST

Registration: <https://chess-math.org/bessborough-winter2023>

Yoga (JK/SK)

Stories and games introduce children to poses that increase flexibility, build strength, improve concentration, and boost self-esteem. With their new physical capabilities, students will discover how to maintain a solid core, inside and out!

Dates: Jan 16 - Mar 6

Cost: \$171.50+HST

Registration: www.extraed.ca/login

Tuesday

Animal hands on (JK/SK)

Each week the group will meet a variety of animals and have the opportunity to learn all about them, touch, hold and pet them.

Dates: Jan 17 – Mar 7

Cost: \$145+HST

Registration: <https://tdsblunchandafter4programs.campbrainregistration.com/>

Stem Odyssey (Grade 1-5)

In this introductory STEM program, kids explore a variety of introductory topics and learn about the wonders of both the life and physical sciences. They explore themes and answer questions like “What makes your hair stand up?”, “Is it a magnet or magic?”, and “Just what are carbs, anyway?”. Formally known as Extraordinary Laboratory.

Dates: Jan 24 – Mar 7

Cost: \$140+HST

Registration: [After-School Program Registration \(madsience.org\)](https://madsience.org)

Wednesday

Crafting (JK/SK)

Children learn a new crafting technique each week. Students learn useful life skills, have fun, and get their creative juices flowing in a welcoming, inspiring setting where experimentation and imagination are always met with enthusiasm and support. All levels welcome

Dates: Jan 18 – Mar 8

Cost: \$171.50+HST

Registration: www.extraed.ca/login

Magic (Grade 1-3)

Students can develop their own magical persona as they work on basic performance skills, crowd work, concentration, thinking on their feet, and even hand-eye coordination, always being encouraged to innovate and think outside the box. No capes required.

Dates: Jan 18 – Mar 8

Cost: \$171.50+HST

Registration: www.extraed.ca/login

Thursday

Young Explorers (JK/SK)

Children will explore the extensive world of the sciences! Experiments with sound and acoustics will lead children to a closer look at the human body systems. Students will investigate some wild weather as they create rain and tornadoes inside the classroom. An exploration of nature will bring students to learn about insects and the interesting world of dinosaurs from long ago.

Dates: Jan 26 – Mar 9

Cost: \$140+HST

Registration: [After-School Program Registration \(madschoolprogramregistration.com\)](https://madschoolprogramregistration.com/)

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Friday

Lego (JK/SK)

Students create different theme-based structures every session. This leads to some incredible builds! And new ones too, as we never repeat the same theme in any school year.

Dates: Jan 20 – Mar 10

Cost: \$171.50+HST

Registration: www.extraed.ca/login

Comic Book (Grade 3-5)

From linework to shading to sophisticated facial expressions, students will be guided through how to translate what they see to paper, each being encouraged to express their unique view and illustration style.

Dates: Jan 20 – Mar 10

Cost: \$171.50+HST

Registration: www.extraed.ca/login



Wednesday, January 25- Pizza Lunch



Bessborough School Council is on Insta! @bessboroughschoolcouncil