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Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 22-Lunar New Year.
- Jan. 23-Leaside Guidance Presentation for Grade 8 to 9 (AM)
- Jan. 25-Pizza Lunch
- Jan 25-Healthy Peer Relationships Presentation (G. 5-8)
- Jan. 26-Ms. Standing and Mr. Chong's classes to Evergreen Brickworks
- Feb. 1-Kindergarten Registration Opens



Online Safety Presentation

This past week, our grade 5-8 students attended an online safety presentation with Nicole Singer, a TDSB school social worker. The presentation was focused on social media and cyber-safety. Some key takeaways from the presentation included:

- posting on social media means that you no longer control the information you have posted
- social media messages are always public and not private and there is no real way to delete a message once it has been posted
- private information should never be shared online e.g., phone numbers, addresses, the school you attend or any information that could identify a student's location
- don't communicate with strangers online
- examples of what cyber-bullying can look like: sending and sharing stories/pictures that are embarrassing or untrue; pretending to be someone else online; sending mean or threatening messages
- some online sites are meant for older users; some sites online are filled with "toxic" images and messages and students should not be on these sites (digitally responsible citizens do not go on these sites)

Supporting our students to be good digital citizens is something that we will continue to review and teach in different curriculum areas throughout the year.

Parents can help by making sure devices have parental controls in place, by regularly having conversations with their children about good digital citizenship, and by closely monitoring their children when they are online.

This coming week students will have another presentation on Healthy Peer Relationships.

Parent Volunteers

We are always looking for parent volunteers at Bessborough, particularly for class field trips. If you are interested in being a parent volunteer but you aren't sure how to complete the TDSB Police Reference Check process, please get in touch with our office and we will make sure you get the forms with the instructions. Thank-you!!

Winter Sports and Clubs

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

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!

The below programs start the week of January 23th and sign up is still open.

Please click on program links below to sign your child up.

Bessborough Lunch Activity Program

Tuesday

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 \(madscience.org\)](https://www.madscience.org)

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 \(madscience.org\)](https://www.madscience.org)

MAYFAIR 2023

The highlight of the Bessborough school year is here and we are looking for individuals to make up our 2023 Mayfair planning committee!

This event is our school's largest fundraiser and cannot be done without many of you - at this time, we are looking for the following key positions;

- ★ Sponsorship Lead
- ★ Silent Auction Lead
- ★ Kindy Yard Lead
- ★ Guessing Jars Lead
- ★ Volunteer Lead
- ★ BBQ Lead

These jobs could be individual or you could sign up with a friend to co-lead. Our team will consist of a small group of 6-10 awesome parents! Please email bessboroughschoolcouncil@gmail.com if you are interested in any of these positions or if you have any questions!



Wednesday, January 25- Pizza Lunch



Instagram

Bessborough School Council is on Insta! @bessboroughschoolcouncil