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Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 1-Kindergarten Registration Opens
- Feb. 3-8A and 8B to the Science Centre
- Feb. 14-First Term Report Cards sent home
- Feb. 16-Grades 4-6 Ski Trip to Lakeridge
- Feb. 16-Grades 7&8 Ski Trip to Mt. St. Louis
- Feb. 16-Puppet show presentation for K-3
- Feb. 17-PA Day-NO SCHOOL



International Holocaust Remembrance Day Friday, January 27th

Friday, January 27th is designated as International Holocaust Remembrance Day by the United Nations General Assembly. Ceremonies to commemorate this event were held around the world. At Bessborough, the grades 6-8 students watched a live webcast with Holocaust survivor Pinchas Gutter. It was a very moving experience for students and teachers to sit together in the gym and hear Mr. Gutter tell his story of survival, as well as his message of hope. Mr. Gutter was interviewed by Shari Schwartz-Maltz, of the TDSB. His story of losing his family, living in a concentration camp as an 11-year-old boy, and how he survived and came to Canada, was a generous gift for our TDSB community to hear. Mr. Gutter said, "Remembrance is the secret to redemption. Forgetting is exile." In a time, when we hear so much about anti-Semitism, and all manner of hate, it is important to teach our students about the Holocaust and why we remember. When Mr. Gutter was asked, "What can we (students) do about hate, racism, and anti-Semitism today?" he replied, "We must accept every person, not just tolerate, which implies a choice, but acceptance of everyone."

February 16th

We are delighted to offer grades 4-8 students once again, the opportunity to have a ski day. Students in grades 4-6 will be going to Lakeridge Ski Resort and students in grades 7&8 will be going to Mount St. Louis. The ski resorts set a capacity limit for school ski trips, due to the extra requirements they entail, which is the reason for the two different locations. While our students in K-3 will not be going skiing, they will also have a special day on Feb. 16th with Puppetmongers theatre company visiting and presenting "Foolish Tales for Foolish Times" in the morning. Classes will be engaged in puppet-making in the afternoon. A nice winter treat!

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!!

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>

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.





MAYFAIR 2023!

The highlight of the Bessborough school year is fast approaching 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
 - Responsible for finding community sponsors to support the school - many leads have been sourced in the past, so it would require returning to our previous sponsors and securing support again
- Silent Auction Lead
 - Responsible for collecting silent auction items, packing the items, creating the sheets, running the auction, and making sure all winners receive or pick up their item
- Guessing Jars Lead
 - Collecting and labeling the guessing jar area - this is a great job for someone one week before the fair or a new parent!
- Volunteer Lead
 - Get the volunteers and organize where they need to go on the day.
- BBQ Lead
 - Responsible for organizing all the food, drinks, equipment etc - this would be a great job for a few dads to take on!

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, February 22- Pizza Lunch



Bessborough School Council is on Insta! @bessboroughschoolcouncil