

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Bessborough E & MS Newsletter



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Upcoming Events:

- November 30-Leaside Grade 8 Open House beginning at 6:30 pm in the auditorium
- November 30-Pizza Lunch
- December 2-PA Day
NO SCHOOL
- December 5-Assembly Presentation by Covenant House for G.7&8
- December 13,15&16-Bessborough Café at Lunch
- December 15, 16 and 19-Bessborough Winter Concerts



Winter Concerts-December 15, 16 and 19

Hold the dates for Bessborough's winter concerts! The grade 1-6 students along with the middle school choir and band will perform in a concert on December 15th beginning at 6:30 pm in the gym. The same concert will be performed again on December 16th at 9:30 am. As we have a capacity limit in the gym, families will be limited to two seats for the evening concert on the 15th and are encouraged to attend the concert on the 16th where they can.

The kindergartens will be having their concert on December 19th in the gym beginning at 2:45 pm. We are asking all families to consider wearing a mask to the concerts as recommended by public health.

Leaside Grade 8 Open House: November 30th at 6:30 PM

Presentation: 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

During this Presentation in the Auditorium, Leaside High School Administrators, Student Captains, Athletic Association, and School Council will welcome you and provide you with helpful school-wide information.

Open House: 7:00pm - 8:00 pm

The Open House will provide you with an opportunity take a self-directed tour of the school. You will also have an opportunity to meet with various Curriculum Leaders and Assistant Curriculum Leaders to discuss Grade 9 Courses and programming.

BESSBOROUGH SPIRIT WEEK (December 12-16)



MONDAY- COLOUR DAY
WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE COLOUR TO SCHOOL



TUESDAY- 80'S THEMED DAY
WEAR NEON AND 80'S THEMED ATTIRE



WEDNESDAY- SPORT JERSEY DAY
WEAR A SPORTS JERSEY OF YOUR FAVOURITE TEAM.



THURSDAY- HOLIDAY THEMED DAY



FRIDAY- DRESS UP AS YOU IN YOUR FUTURE JOB

The Bessborough Student Engagement Committee presents:
The 2022 Winter Holidays Fundraiser
Bessborough Cafe

(candygrams, hot chocolate and cookies, baked at school)

December 13, 15 & 16 in Room 31 at lunch

This is a fundraiser in support of



Covenant House
Toronto

We also collect Pre-Paid Presto Cards, small denomination gift cards from \$5, \$10, \$20, and \$25 from fast food restaurants like Subway, McDonald's, Tim Hortons, Harvey's, etc.

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE FOR THE RED DOOR FAMILY SHELTER DECEMBER 12-16



Red Door
FAMILY SHELTER

ORGANIZED BY



The Red Door Family Shelter is a sanctuary for women and their children escaping abuse, for refugees and families in crisis

THE RED DOOR SHELTER IS ACCEPTING NEW & UNUSED TOYS FOR

- BABY/TODDLER 0-3Y, SCHOOL-AGED 3-6Y, OR 7-12Y, AND PRE-TEENS/TEENAGERS 13+.
- AT THIS TIME, THERE IS A GREATER NEED FOR TOYS IN THE 7-12Y CATEGORY.
- NEW & UNUSED, TOYS, BOARD GAMES, PUZZLES, AND ARTS & CRAFTS ITEMS.*
- * NO STUFFED TOYS, WAR THEMED TOYS, GUNS, NERF OR WATER GUNS

YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR TOYS WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

TPH School Immunization Program at Bessborough

Toronto Public Health will be holding a clinic at **Bessborough Drive Elementary and Middle School** on **Tuesday December 20th, 2022**. This clinic will offer Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Meningococcal vaccines. The clinic is an on-site, school-based clinic offered during school hours.

Vaccines are safe, effective and one of the most important ways to improve health worldwide and prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Vaccinating children and youth helps protect them against infectious diseases and some cancers and can prevent children and youth from passing on an infection to other vulnerable people in their family or school community. Under Ontario's Immunization of School Pupil Act (ISPA), all students are required to be up to date with Meningococcal vaccines or have a [valid exemption](#). Hepatitis B and HPV vaccines prevent cancers and are voluntary for school attendance.

Parents/guardians of students who would like their child to be vaccinated with one or more school-based vaccines at the school's clinic on Tuesday December 20th, 2022 should do the following:

1. Read the [Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\), and Meningococcal](#) vaccine fact sheets
2. Complete, sign and return the [School Immunizations consent form](#). Have your child return the signed consent form to their teacher by December 13th, 2022.
3. Wear a mask while attending the clinic.

For information about the [School Immunization Program](#), please also review our [School Immunization Program Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) and the [School Immunization Program Facts and Checklist](#). You can also speak to your health care provider or call Toronto Public Health at 416-338-7600, Monday-Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM. Interpretation services are available.

Sincerely,
Toronto Public Health

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)

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.



School Council Meeting

Thanks to all who attended our School Council meeting on Thursday night. It's nice to see such a good turn out from our school community. Minutes from the meeting can be found on the website at www.bessboroughschoolcouncil.com. We appreciate the community involvement in voting on this year's enrichment budget.

Pizza lunch

Pizza lunch is next Wednesday - please check that your classroom is covered for volunteers to hand out the lunch in the classrooms.

Still interested in helping in the "kitchen" to organize the pizza slices and snack crates? Honestly, it's fun! Minimal involvement and a nice way to meet a few new people. What do they say? Many hands make light work!

Any interest, please contact Josette at katkic.ia@gmail.com



Pizza Lunch - Wednesday November 30th



Bessborough School Council is on Insta! [@bessboroughschoolcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/bessboroughschoolcouncil)