

NIE BLOORNEWS

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is always a pleasure to communicate with parents and guardians and it is particularly meaningful when we do it, as in this case, with a newsletter designed and produced by students with the support of their teachers. Ms. Gillespie and Ms. Gulia are the creative, communication technology teachers behind this newsletter.

Students, teachers and community members of today and years past are invited to support one of BCI's newest projects: Archiving Bloor. Before we move to our new built school in 2021, we would like to collect stories, memorabilia, such as photos, clothing and more to properly tell our almost 100 years of public education story. Please send us any piece of Bloor history that you may have!

Some of the highlights of the last twelve weeks include getting to know our new 240 grade 9 students in class, in excursions such as Green Acres, in peer to peer conferences and of course at the semi formal dance last Thursday. Also, the grade 10 students participated in our 2nd annual overnight trip to camp Wannakita while the grade 11 students are enjoying exceptional Co-op placements and the grade 12 students are visiting universities and attending career fairs. This fall, success was celebrated at the Awards Assembly and Commencement. We congratulate all our students, teachers and parents on their accomplishments; in addition, we are very proud of the large number of people that attended, as well as the fantastic music provided by BCI music students. This year, once again, we welcome many new teachers and a new Vice-Principal - Ms. Stadnyk because BCI continues to grow -860 students. Growth and change are great opportunities for program development and increased resources; they are also a space challenge and a test of our culture of academic achievement, caring relationships and safe environment. I have no doubts that our students and teachers will remain dedicated to the preservation of this culture. I am excited for the many possibilities that the future of our BCI community holds. Adelante Bloor!

Susana Arnott - Your proud Principal

A Message from S.A.C.

What is the purpose of high school? Memorizing content? Completing assignment after assignment? No. Those are the first things you forget. High school is about student life and experiences. The Student Council at Bloor CI gives a voice to students, to make the school experience as a whole more enjoyable for all. The SAC works hard to combat the daily grind of classes and studying with dances, clothing, games, clubs, and other activities. So far, SAC has run events such as our Fall Dance, Halloween Day games, and Spirit Week (Activities and dress up days for a week).

Right now, SAC is planning to order new sweaters for the winter, with a custom-made logo made and voted on by Bloor students. We are also planning for our Holiday Assembly, and Winter Activity Day. Multiple trips, such as skating and a trip to a local shelter, will be available! We continue to look for ways to make school even the tiniest bit more exciting. We hope to have your support throughout this year.

Presidents out! - Tahsin Sarker and Aritra Banik, SAC Co-Presidents



Green Acres

In the second week of high school, Bloor CI's new cohort of grade nine students spent the day together at Green Acres. There, everyone participated in a number of group building activities including low ropes, bouncy castle relay, plank walk and other team work games. It was a beautiful late summer day and a lot of fun and bonding was enjoyed by all, including our teachers.

YMCA Camp Pine Crest

On September 16th, our grade 9 TOPS on Bloor students went to the annual orientation camp at Gullwing Lake in Torrance, ON. Students had the opportunity to do high ropes, canoe, kayak, large group game, campfires and participate in a STEM raft challenge. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with new classmates and the senior TOPS leaders. - K. Craigie



Huntsman

On October 22nd, our grade 12's set out on a marine biology trip to St. Andrews, NB. Students had the opportunity to experience the Bay of Fundy marine diversity at the Huntsman Marine Institute. There was lots to see and do at the shore, on the lobster boat, and at the UNB labs. We even braved the tides and hiked across a causeway to Minister's Island National Historic site.

Wanakita

This year our grade 10 mainstream students had the opportunity to be part of an exciting outdoor educational experience at Camp Wanakita. It was a beautiful time to go into the Kawarthas with the leaves changing colours and a light snowfall one morning. We had 3 fun-filled days of team building and group work exercises. The trip involved orienteering, night hikes and campfire songs, along with many other great activities. It was a great experience to make new friends, and for teachers and students to build stronger connections. This trip happens each year, and we strongly encourage our current grade 9s to participate next year. - O. Stam



BMI Marketing Trip to Dufferin Mall

Grade 11 Marketing students had the opportunity to meet the Marketing Manager of the Dufferin Mall and learn about consumer profiles, target markets and retail marketing. This was a great opportunity to learn about local business in our Bloordale community. - B. Wilson



DECA

The DECA business club at Bloor CI instills professionalism through conferences and competitions. The goal of DECA is to prepare students to respond to authentic business cases and market demands.

Seventy members of the Bloor CI DECA team travelled to Cedarbrae CI for the Toronto Regionals on the 16th of November. Everyone worked hard, showed dedication and dressed the part, too. The team competed at a very high level and as a result won 37 ribbons and 11 medals. Many DECA students from the Bloor chapter will advance to compete at the DECA Provincial Competition in February. - B. Wilson



Rotman

This past weekend Grade 11 students Adib Adib, Kevin Sun, and Hannah Wang participated in the Rotman School of Business Case competition and won first place! They advance to the final round Nov. 11 at Rotman School of Business. Congratulations to them! - B. Wilson

Robotics

Bloor's robotics team, Arctos, is getting ready for another season of the FIRST Robotics Competitions. In October, Arctos competed at the Fall Fiesta Offseason Event, hosted by Victoria Park C.I. We placed 10th and advanced to the semifinals! We hope to continue our success this season at the Durham College and Nipissing University events. GO ARCTOS! - Erika. N.

Experiential Learning

Cooperative Education (co-op) provides grade 11 and 12 students with the opportunity to earn high school credits and test drive a possible career interest through the completion of an unpaid work placement. Here is a sampling of where students are placed: Ummuhan Canatan at a Bay Street optometrist, Tiago Trusler with the Toronto Police Service, Helen Jacob-Bayly and Malisa Tieu at animal hospitals, Tiago Rodrigues, Cole Searcy and Fung Yu at computer repair shops, and Melisa Denis at a luxury downtown hotel. - M. Douglas

Specialist High Skills Major

Health and Wellness, Business, and Information Communications and Technology are the three Specialist High Skills Major programs offered at Bloor CI. In October, students travelled to YMCA Cedar Glen Outdoor Education Centre in Caledon. Some students also went on guided campus tours of the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University. Last week, eight students attended the Women in Capital Markets SheBiz conference at the University of Toronto, which puts career opportunities in business on the radar for young women. Up next, students in the Health and Wellness SHSM will participate in the Think First Injury Prevention Strategy for Youth (TIPSY) – an interactive workshop at St. Michael's Hospital. - J. Hoang



Sports Update

It's been a great season in SPORTS at Bloor! The Boys Volleyball teams had a great season, the Jr. Girls Basketball made it to Regional semi-finals and Boys Jr. and Sr. Soccer went undefeated to the regional semi-finals. Congratulation to the Cross Country team and to Sophia Rashid-Cocker and Mose Aidoo for their great performances at OFSAA (Provincial Finals). Finally to the Girls Ultimate team who went undefeated and won the first ever TDSB Girls Ultimate City Finals! Thank you to all the coaches for the season! - M. McNally



Bloor's first ever girls' ultimate frisbee team with the CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS GOLD MEDAL!

Cross Country

The Bloor Cross Country team had an outstanding season! With a team that grew to 25 this year, we became a very visible and well-known competitor! Bloor regularly had students placing in the top 5, top 10 and top 20 of many of the mini meets. All of our novice boys, novice girls, junior boys and junior girls advanced to the city finals, and two of our athletes, Ana-Sophia Rashid Cocker, and Moses Aidoo, made it to OFSAA! Most notably, the team should be proud of their dedication and their positive attitude towards running. With so many of our runners in the junior grades, Bloor Collegiate definitely has a very promising future in the world of cross country! - D. Buchner



Math

Many of our students have been busy writing various Math Contests including the Canadian Open Math Challenge and a number of Contests from the University of Waterloo. We look forward to their results! Follow the BCI Math Department on Instagram and Twitter: @bci_math - M. Gleeson

Arts Update

It has been an exciting first term in The Arts! Students are busy preparing for concerts, showcases, and assemblies. The Arts programs at Bloor continue to show great growth and are an important aspect of daily Bloor life. We have purchased new computers for the digital arts lab, new guitars, and created a Men's Chorus of 20 singers. We have also already had excellent guest speakers and artists, including a close personal friend of Norval Morrisseau who spoke with our grade 9 visual arts students. Students and teachers continue to seek opportunities for performances and spaces to display art work. We have some important dates coming up this year: TDSB Instrumental Music Symposium later this month, Sounds of Toronto on April 4 at Roy Thomson Hall, and Arts' Week at the end of April. - J. McNaughton & G. Gillespie

Greetings from Guidance

It's the conclusion of the fast-paced three months beginning the 2018-19 school year. Our hope in guidance is that all our students are feeling well-adjusted, comfortable, and supported. Regardless of this November's marks, we'd like to continue to foster an enriching environment for everyone, socially and academically. Please be aware of all the resources guidance has to offer, and know that we're here to inform and direct you (whatever your needs may be).

All the best,
Leela Acharya, Matt Douglas & Oscar Stam.