

What's On

FEBRUARY

- 14-16** Gr. 11 TOPS
Leadership Retreat
- 16** P.A. Day - no classes
- 19** Family Day - no classes
- 21** Parent/Guardian-
Teacher Interviews
- 28** BCI Music Concert

MARCH

- 12-16** March break - no
classes
- 24-25** First Robotics
- 30** Good Friday - no
classes

APRIL

- 2** Easter Monday - no
classes
- 6-8** First Robotics
Gr. 10 OSSLT
- 12** BCI @ Sounds of
Toronto
- 23-26** Arts week

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The winter break seems to have taken place a long time ago and despite a cold January, Bloor students and staff have accomplished a lot.

The arts continue to thrive at BCI; in these pages you will find an invitation to participate in upcoming concerts and Arts Week. Experiential Learning is booming at BCI with many field trips such as Artificial Intelligence at York U., medical related research at St. Michael's Hospital, and visits to several other colleges, universities, hospitals and other institutions. Students have also been exploring the world of work, learning about personal finances and nutrition, doing CPR and First Aid and customer service certifications, and much more. For more information on experiential learning and co-op opportunities, discover the world of SHSMs – three are available at BCI.

Our students love contests and competitions; this year the tri-Science tournament at York U. and the UBC Science contest have been added to the traditional Math, Computers, History and Phys-Ed ones. BCI also has over 25 student-led clubs and organizations that enrich their educational experience.

Recently, grade 10 students wrote the mock OSSLT, and will be receiving feedback to prepare them for the test on April 10. On that day, grade 9 students will write their mock OSSLT in preparation for next year's actual test. After school support classes are available for EQAO grade 10 Literacy and grade 9 Math tests.

February is course selection month. We urge parents to participate actively in this process. Accurate and thoughtful choices allow us to plan the number of classes and the number of teachers that we need to support high quality programming. Complete your choices on MyBlueprint.com.

Bloor C.I. has now implemented a cashless system; Cash on-line is BCI preferred method of payment. This is a safe and convenient way for families to pay for fees and trips. Go to our website and subscribe now. I am looking forward to seeing you all at parent/guardian-teacher interviews on February 21st.

Susana Arnott – Your Proud Principal

PS: In February remember: "All you need is Love", "Love does not dominate; it cultivates", "A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge" and "At the touch of Love, everyone becomes a poet".

Robotics

The Robotics' Team continues to grow at BCI. This year the team counts with an invaluable mentor, mechanical engineer, Sarah Drake. Ms. Drake went to the University of Windsor and she credits her involvement with First Robotics in high school for her interest and career in engineering. Ms. Drake met Bloor's team, Arctos, in Windsor U. last year and she has been volunteering 3 times a week including Saturdays at our school ever since! Ms. Drake was there when the team won the off season STEMly Cup and will be mentoring us all the way to the competitions at York U. March 24-25 and at McMaster U. April 6-8. You are invited to support the team financially, by mentoring and by attending events. - Julia G.

Student Award



work will now be going on to the regional level competition. Congratulations and good luck Kelsey! - Isabelle S

In January, Grade 12 Bloor student Kelsey Zhao won a district level Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) Student Achievement Award for her digital artwork submitted to the contest, in collaboration with Mr. Hobbs. Her



❄ Winter Activity Day ❄

Student Council has been hard at work all year to offer students many chances to enjoy student life. In November, students dressed up for a night of food and dancing at the Fall Formal. On the last day of school before the December break, students were treated to a morning of skating and other fun activities in the school and, just recently, Bloor ran a Spirit Week with fun themed days for everyone to take part in. Looking forward, SAC is beginning sweater sales with our brand new Bloor Wear logo!

We hope even more Bloor students will come out and join SAC at our future events. Stay Tuned! - SAC



On the day before the Winter Break, 16 Bloor students prepared a bag lunch for 120 clients of the Christie Ossington Neighbourhood Centre. The meal included a roast beef sandwich, carrots & celery sticks, a piece of cheese, a clementine and a cookie or square. The groceries were purchased with donations from Bloor teachers, who also contributed home-baked treats. Students walked to the centre to deliver the food in time for lunch. Thanks to students and teachers for thinking of those in need. - D. Hobbs



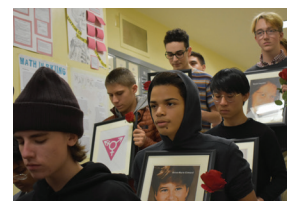
Bloor students launched the Winter Break with a fabulous skating party here in our Bloordale community. Over 70 students and staff enjoyed the morning of this annual event. For many students it was their first time skating! - B. Wilson

Week of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

December 6 marked the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre. On this day, the whole school stood silent for 20 minutes as a powerful procession of sixteen boys walked the hallways carrying photos representing the 14 women killed at L'Ecole Polytechnique, missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, and trans women. In order to prepare for this important day, the Bloor CI Women's Empowerment Committee, led by Isabelle Strang and Sarah Bahreinian, planned an entire week of activities meant to inform, empower and inspire the entire Bloor CI community to take an active stance against violence against women. They hosted a discussion circle, a Wen-Do workshop, poetry jam, and film screening of Mandi Gray's "Slut or Nut". The whole school community was engaged in important discussions, and demonstrated a strong commitment to ending gender based violence and a commitment to equity, and a more just world. - D. Buchner



\$300 donation to *Sistering*, our local women's shelter





Global Ideas Institute

Bloor's GII team (Stephanie Simpson, Veronica Martins, Yasmin Adina, Blaise Matlock, Samia Anwar, and Sadie Tremblay) is entering the second stage of this year's institute, whose focus is solving the world's food security issue. The team has decided to address food security in Ontario's northern James Bay communities, addressing the exorbitant food prices faced by many northern communities, where less nutritious food is often the most affordable, and where orange juice can cost upwards of \$26 a bottle. - L. Filipe

Off the Streets

This December, Bloor's student council and "Off the Streets" club ran its very own food drive to collect resources for The Daily Bread Food Bank in Toronto. Over the span of a month, Bloor collected 350 pounds of food and necessities in their home-rooms that will go towards the community's hungry. Special thanks to Ms. Surtees and Mr. Lefresne for being an incredible help during the collection process. Most importantly, thanks to all Bloor students who generously donated to the drive! - Stephanie S.

Law Society of Upper Bloor

Bloor CI's law club, The Law Society of Upper Bloor, saw four students (Yasmin Adina, Rahma Bintah Mohammad, Sadie Tremblay and Natalie Tateishi) shortlisted in the Charter Challenge competition, an appeals court scenario that includes over 500 students from across Ontario arguing a case addressing a facet of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The club is now preparing for a mock trial competition in April, where they will argue both the defence and prosecution side of a manslaughter case. - L. Filipe

Indoor Girls' Soccer

Bloor's first indoor girls' soccer team has jumped out to a dominant 4-0 record, scoring 27 goals, while conceding only five. They will look to close out the final three games of the season on the same high note in preparation for the playoffs, and further refine their skills at a tournament at the end of February. - L. Filipe

Sports Update

The Bloor Athletic Department has been busy this winter! We are currently running Bantan, Junior and Senior Boys Basketball teams which are looking forward to playoffs. The Senior Boys just won the Early Haig tournament! The Girls Junior and Senior Volleyball Teams have both qualified for playoffs. The Varsity Boys and Girls Indoor soccer teams are also doing well and we look forward to see how they finish their seasons. Our co-ed Varsity Hockey team is having a successful season and qualify for playoffs. Varsity Co-ed Badminton tryouts are in full swing and their season will start in February! 9 teams!!! GO GOLDEN BEARS!

The BAC has been busy with Wellness Friday's as we just finished a reduce stress splatter paint activity and are getting ready for our Bloor Olympics! Our "Right To Play" dodgeball tournament was on January 30 and the money raised is shared with the charity "Right To Play." Intramurals are going on at lunch so sign up at the beginning of each season with your friends! Currently the Boys are finishing dodgeball and the Girls who had a great dodgeball season are playing European handball. The weight room is open! Check out the schedule outside Room 102.

Thank you to all the Fall coaches and Winter coaches: Buchner, Dawkins, Deurloo, Filipe, French, Fryer, Hayward, Hobbs, Lush, McNally, Pickernell, Singh, Tsilfidis! - M. McNally

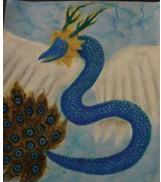
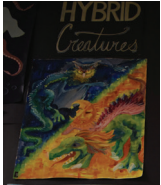


Grade 11 Canadian Law

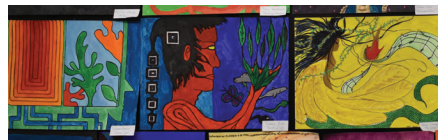
Robes and gavels are ready! Bloor law students have been working diligently over the past number of weeks preparing legal factums for their appeals court proceedings. Three cases, six different teams arguing either side of the case, will be proceeding at the end of January and early February. A panel of six student judges will be presiding over the cases of their peers where issues such as police carding, detention of refugees, and torture will be addressed and argued. - L. Filipe



Arts Update



Students in Music, Drama, and Visual Art are gearing up for a very busy Spring. Our first event will be an elegant evening of the an elegant evening of Western Art Music on February 28th. This concert will feature solo and small ensemble performances in three sets. This night will also feature a dedication of the grand piano donated by the Tampold family of Alpha II. Later in the spring, we will again be participating in the Sounds of Toronto Concert at Massey Hall on April 12th, we will host our own Spring Concert and Art Showcase on April 24th, and we are rehearsing to perform a musical, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, on April 26 and 27th. Great things to come from Bloor Arts over the next few months. Stay tuned! - J. McNaughton



Greetings from Guidance!

COURSE SELECTION

Graduating students pursuing college and university in Sept. 2018 have submitted their applications. BCI course selections for grades 9-11 are underway. Please ask your child to share their course selection sheet for 2018-19 with you and encourage them to submit their courses online and follow the timelines. Details are on the grade-specific course selection sheets.

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

Toronto Public Health – Healthy Schools &

Substance Misuse Prevention presents free Parenting Workshops Connecting with Your Teen: a 2 hour interactive session for parents & caregivers of teenagers 13-18 years old

Workshop covers the following topics:

- Normal growth & development during the teenage years
- Physical, emotional, behavioural and social pressures teens may experience
- Facts and myths about drugs
- Ways to improve communication between parents/caregivers and teens
- What to do if you think your teen is under the influence of drugs

[Toronto.ca/health](http://toronto.ca/health) 416-338-7600

The Islamic Institute of Toronto and Dr. Farah Islam are offering an action-oriented, community engagement course focused on Muslim youth mental health.

This course is for parents and caregivers working with Muslim youth. You will learn about youth mental illness and addiction in the Muslim community, dispel myths and misconceptions, highlight youth voices, and go through the Qur'an, sunnah, seerah and history.

Together we will brainstorm what we can do as parents and role models to eradicate mental health stigma and ensure our Muslim youth thrive in Canada.

For more details visit

<http://open-institute.thinkific.com/courses/mental-health-for-muslim-youth>

Guidance counsellors are always available to meet with you to further discuss any questions and/or concerns about your child at Bloor Collegiate. Please contact us: leela.acharya@tdsb.on.ca or 416-393-1420 x 20041 (last names A-L), oscar.stam@tdsb.on.ca or 416-393-1420 x 20042 (last names M-Z).

Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews

**Coming up
Wednesday, February 21, 2018
between 1:30-3:30p.m.
and 5:30-8:00p.m.**

Parents and guardians wishing to schedule a meeting can pre-book up to five appointments online at <https://bci.parentinterview.com>.

Simply reference your child's report card or timetable for a list of their teachers, and use your child's 9-digit student number to log in. The website will accept bookings starting at 8am on February 14th and will close at 11pm on February 20th.

If you do not have access to the internet at home or in the workplace, please call parentInterview toll-free at 1-866-810-0076 by February 20th and someone will be happy to make your appointments for you. A limited number of appointments will also be available at the interviews, on a first-come, first-served basis.

We look forward to seeing you!

- A. Warner, VP