

BOWMORE ROAD BULLETIN

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School Website

Please visit our school website for important information and upcoming events.

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/>

Principal's Message

By now, you should have all received your progress report card by email. If you haven't, please get in touch with the office, and we'll make sure a copy gets to you. I also hope everyone's had a chance to connect through parent-teacher conferences this week—it's such an important piece in supporting every student's success. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Upcoming Important Dates

- November 21 - School Council Meeting (School Staffroom at 6 pm)
- Nov 26th - Photo Retake Day
- Nov 29: PA Day
- Dec 20: Last day of classes before break
- Winter Break Dec 21 - Jan 5

School Council Meeting

School Council invites you to attend its second meeting of the year on Thursday, November 21st, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the school staffroom. All parents and caregivers are warmly welcome to attend in person, as the online option is no longer being offered. Child care is available, with cheese pizza offered for the kids (please bring your water bottles).

Please [RSVP here](#) by Monday, November 18th, at 4 pm.

Please also feel free to reach out to bowmoresc@gmail.com with any questions.

Hope to see you at our meeting on November 21st.

Order your Bowmore Hoodie - Available for a Limited Time



Bowmore Hoodies - one week left to order!

Only a week left to order your Bowmore hoodies. They are available in red or black, in youth and adult sizes. \$38 each (incl tax) must be ordered through School Cash Online by Friday, November 22nd. Hoodies will be distributed to students in December. *Note: Photos are for reference only to show the design and the colours. They are not the final product. For quality and size reference, they will be the same Gildan style used for past spirit wear hoodies.* If you have any questions, please email bowmorespiritwear@gmail.com.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER.](#)

Any funds raised by Bowmore School Council through spiritwear orders will support various programs, events, activities and equipment to enrich students' education at all grade levels and across all disciplines.

Bowmore Cares Fund

At Bowmore, all students should be able to participate in school events and activities without financial barriers. The Bowmore Cares Fund is a community-supported fund managed by the school that assists families within our Bowmore community who may need extra support to participate in school programs and events, including spirit wear.

For more information on accessing or contributing to the Bowmore Cares program, please contact Vice Principal Kosta Flegas at Konstantinos.Flegas@tdsb.on.ca.

Thank You for Supporting the Bowmore Cares Fundraiser



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous contributions to the Bowmore Cares Fundraiser. Your support helps us continue to make a meaningful difference in our community. Thank you for embodying the spirit of care and generosity that makes Bowmore such a wonderful community.

Bowmore Cares Committee

Lost and Found OPEN School Days!



Check the Lost and Found Before Items Are Donated!

Dear Families,

Please visit our school's Lost and Found to check for missing belongings. The collection has grown, and we want to ensure all misplaced items make their way back home.

Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of November, so please stop by before then to retrieve anything your child may have misplaced.

Thank you for helping us keep our Lost and Found manageable and supporting sustainability!

Bowmore Nutrition Program (Week of November 11, 2024)

Monday	Applesauce
Tuesday	Tangerines/Bananas
Wednesday	Scones
Thursday	Cheesestings + Crackers
Friday	Nutrigrain Bar

The Nutrition Team: bowmoresnack@gmail.com

Pizza Lunch

The next pizza lunch is on Friday, November 22. Ordering is open NOW and will close at noon on Sunday, November 17. Order early to avoid any last-minute issues!

For more information on how to order, please see the Pizza Lunch FAQ document on the school website: <https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/Pizza-Lunch>

Grade 8 Graduation Committee

Are you the parent of a child in the eighth grade this school year? The Parent Council's Grade 8 Graduation Committee has been established and is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in participating in the planning process, please contact us at bowmoregrad2025@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Angie & Katie

Grade 8 to 9 transition

A smooth transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9 contributes to a strong foundation for success in secondary school and beyond. Grade 8 is a time for students to look to the future and begin thinking about their selection of courses for Grade 9 and throughout high school. The information and links below will assist Grade 8 students and families in planning:

- [Open Houses and Information Sessions](#)
- [TDSB Beyond 8 website](#)
- [Out-of-Area Admissions](#)
- [Secondary Schools without a Boundary](#)
- [Central Student Interest Programs website](#)

Please note: There is a 'Translate' button at the top of the TDSB website that will translate the contents of the web pages to your preferred language.

Toy Drive

Hello Bowmore Community!

The Toy Drive is happening this **Saturday, November 16th, from 11 am - 1 pm.**

Bring your new, unwrapped gift to the school pavement and help bring joy to families across Toronto! We are accepting gifts for children of all ages. All gifts collected will go to the Toronto Council Fire Native Cultural Centre. If you're not sure what age to buy for, you can think about the ages of the children in your life and purchase for that age.

There will be a reading at 11:00 am by local Inuk author Sarabeth Holden, who won last year's Forest of Reading Blue Spruce award! We'll also have free hot chocolate, coffee and food (while it lasts!). Some local Indigenous vendors will be selling their clothing, which make great gifts!

If you have any questions, please contact kindergarten teacher Graham Seater at graham.seater@tdsb.on.ca

The Toy Drive Team



Joint Ward Forum: Digital Media Literacy

Trustee Sara Ehrhardt and Trustee Michelle Aarts are hosting a joint virtual ward forum on Wednesday, November 20th, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM via Zoom.

It can be challenging to sort fact from fiction online, and increased hate speech, alongside ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence tools, has made it even harder.

This virtual workshop, led by CIVIX, is designed to help parents/caregivers learn simple skills for spotting misinformation in the context of social media platforms and AI.

All parents/ guardians/ caregivers, students, staff, and members of school communities in Toronto-Danforth and Beaches-East York are welcome to attend.

You can [register here for the forum](#).

And if you want to know more about what's happening in the TDSB, you can sign up for Trustee Michelle Aarts' newsletter on her website: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/ward16>

Library News!

Dear Families,

Our library continues to be a busy and wonderful place. We have checked out over 5000 books so far in under three months! The students love to see the counter go up and up. We do have a lot of overdue books at the moment, so please remind your child(ren) to return their books this coming week.

We recently welcomed the author, Jessica Vitalis, <https://jessicavitalis.com/>, who spoke to our Grade 7 and 7/8 classes. She talked about her life and the process of becoming a published author. Her books have been flying out of the library nonstop since! We are in the process of booking more author visits for the other divisions. Stay tuned.

There are over 60 #Shelfies who visit the library daily during morning and afternoon recesses. The library will now be open on Wednesday and Thursday at lunch for Grade 7 and 8 students who want to help or have work to complete. The library is always looking for additional parent volunteers to help maintain our shelves. If you have an hour or two to spare, please contact Leah Jarvis at leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca

We will be starting our Forest of Reading <https://forestofreading.com/> program in December. Grade 4-8 students will be welcome to join our Forest of Reading book clubs which will be held during the lunch hour (day to be determined).

Working with Dash and Dot robots, Sphero Robotic cars and microbits will also be part of the library program. All students will have access at some point throughout the year to develop their coding skills. These materials have been generously purchased with funds from the parent council.

Thank you for continuing to support Bowmore's library!
Happy Reading, Ms. Jarvis

Learn4Life Adult General Interest Program - Winter Registration Opens Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Registration for winter courses in the Learn4Life Adult General Interest Program opens on November 13 at 8:30 a.m. Available to adults 18 and older, the Learn4Life program offers a unique opportunity to pursue interests, expand knowledge, and engage in lifelong learning. The program features a wide range of courses and activities designed to cater to diverse interests and passions—from art and fitness to languages, sports and handiwork.

Some of the new courses this term include:

1. Making Your Home Smarter
2. Classics of Horror
3. Wood Carving Introduction
4. How to Minimize Cost of Living and Maximize Your Purchasing Power
5. Strength for Life - Full Body Fitness
6. Portugal's Iconic Pastel de Nata Workshop

Courses start January 11, 2025. [Visit Learn4Life's program page for more information.](#)