

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

I hope everyone had a great holiday weekend! It was nice to finally have the weather on our side this year. We've been pretty lucky with this warm stretch heading into mid-October, and it looks like the weekend will keep it going. Yesterday was picture day at Bowmore, and I have to say, it's always one of my favourite days. Seeing the kids all dressed up and excited for their photos—it's one of those school traditions that never gets old and always puts a smile on my face.

We are thrilled to announce that Mr. Mike LeDrew and Mr. Randall Otulakowski are stepping into the roles of Co-Chairs for the Bowmore School Council! We look forward to a fantastic year ahead, filled with fresh ideas and great initiatives. Let's all give them a warm welcome and our full support as they lead us into an exciting new chapter for our school community!

We also want to express our gratitude to last year's Chair Ms. Leah Anderson Vojdani and all school council members. Your invaluable support and dedication have made Bowmore a welcome and caring learning space for everyone. Thank you for your service.

FREE Gr. 5-10 Engineering Camp from Lassonde at York University



k2i (Kindergarten to Industry) academy within the Lassonde School of Engineering at York University is excited to be hosting 3 free Go ENG Girl events this fall! At each event, girls and non-binary youth in **grades 5 to 10** will be able to engage with science,

technology, engineering and math (STEM) mentors to complete a hands-on engineering design challenge tied to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals!

The three events include:

- Go ENG Girl - York University Markham Campus - Saturday, October 26, 2024
- Go ENG Girl - York University Keele Campus - Saturday, November 2, 2024

Each event will start at 10:00 am and run till 2:00 pm. A pizza lunch and snacks will be provided during the day.

At the end of the event there will be time for the participants to show off their amazing work to family and friends during pickup!

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and spots fill quickly. In the event the program is full we will open a waitlist for the program.

Flyer and register at: <https://bit.ly/GOENG2024>

High School Open Houses and Information Nights

To help you make an informed decision when choosing a school, open houses and information sessions for parents/guardians/caregivers and students will be happening between November and January. Visit the website to learn more about our variety of schools, programs and courses and see the dates and times of scheduled

[Open Houses and Information Nights.](#)

Trustee Forum

Dear Families,

Trustee Aarts will be holding a virtual joint ward forum with Trustee Sara Ehrhardt on Wednesday, November 20th on Digital Media Literacy. CIVIX will be leading a virtual workshop on how to spot misinformation in the context of social media platforms and AI. All those wishing to participate will need to register using the [registration form](#).

Digital Media Literacy
Wednesday, November 20th, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Via Zoom

Join Trustee Sara Ehrhardt and Trustee Michelle Aarts for a special virtual ward forum. It can be challenging to sort fact from fiction online, and an increase in hate speech, alongside ChatGPT and other artificial intelligence tools, have 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.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Early French Immersion Registration

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) would like to share some information with you and your families about Early French Immersion. The entry point to Early French Immersion for September 2025/26 school year is **Junior Kindergarten**.

The application to the Early French Immersion program will remain an online process managed by the Central French Department and applications must be completed online between **November 4 and November 29, 2024**. An offer of placement in the program (**not** a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. Families with an older sibling currently in an Early French Immersion program at the same school are still required to complete an online application for the new student. For more information, please visit: [Application Early French Immersion](#).

Please find an AODA [poster](#) and [flyer card](#) with QR Code. Please feel free to print and to display in prominent and visible area(s) of the school community or to share with community partners (e.g., community centres, faith-based locations, gyms, etc.) where permissible.

At any time, please visit the [TDSB French Language Programs webpage](#) to view a [video](#) that provides information about the TDSB French Language programs, as well as, the application and placement process in the Early French Immersion and the Middle French Immersion programs. More information about the Early Immersion Program is available in [22 languages](#), or view the [application video](#).

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Angela Caccamo, Centrally Assigned Principal at angela.caccamo@tdsb.on.ca or Liliana Martins, Program Coordinator at liliana.martins@tdsb.on.ca.

Bowmore Nutrition Program (Week of Oct. 21, 2024)

- **Monday** **Waffle Crisps**
- **Tuesday** **Plums**
- **Wednesday** **Banana Oat Bar**
- **Thursday** **Cheese Portion**
- **Friday** **Cheerios**

The Nutrition Team: bowmoresnack@gmail.com

Pizza Lunch is BACK!

Reminder: Ordering closes at noon on Sunday for the October 25 pizza lunch. Please use the following school website link to visit the Pizza Lunch FAQ page.

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/Pizza-Lunch>

If your child will be away for pizza day, orders can be cancelled for a credit to your child's Lunchbox account until noon on Wednesday, October 23. Ordering is also open for pizza lunch on Friday, November 22 and Thursday, December 12.

Mark your calendars! Pizza lunch is back on the following dates:

- **Friday, October 25 (Ordering closes Sunday, October 20 at noon)**
- **Friday, November 22 (Ordering closes Sunday, November 17 at noon)**
- **Thursday, December 12 (Ordering closes Sunday, December 8 at noon)**

Pizza is sold by the slice for the following prices:

Slice of cheese pizza	\$3.50
Slice of dairy-free cheese pizza	\$3.56
Slice of gluten-free cheese pizza	\$3.50
Slice of gluten-free and dairy-free cheese pizza	\$3.50

Early French Immersion (Junior Kindergarten Entry) Application Deadline

The entry point to Early French Immersion is Junior Kindergarten. Currently eligible applicants were born in 2021.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application process opens: November 4, 2024

Deadline for applications: November 29, 2024

[Learn more at an Information Session](#)

Helpful Links:

[Application Process Step-by-Step](#)

[Application Process Tip Sheet](#)

Admission: While admission to the Early French Immersion (JK entry) or Middle French Immersion (Grade 4 entry) programs is guaranteed at the entry points to all eligible on-time applicants, admission to a specific school is NOT guaranteed. Applications to begin these programs are open to all students not already enrolled in a French program.

Transportation: Where transportation is approved by the Transportation Department, students meeting the distance criteria for Kindergarten to Grade 5 will be transported by bus, and students from Grades 6 to 8 will be provided with TTC tickets, where applicable.

French Language Programs

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs>

The application period for Middle French Immersion for September 2025 will open on January 6, 2025 and will close on January 31, 2025. All applicants who apply after the deadline will be held on a local waitlist subject to space availability.

Scholastic Book Fair October 21 - 25

Bowmore Library is hosting a Scholastic book fair October 21st - 25th! A flyer will be sent home next week with titles that will be available at the fair, and most students will visit with their class throughout the week. We will be open to the community before and after school with extended hours on Wednesday.

Book Fair - Community Hours:

Monday 8:30 - 9:15 am and 3:10 - 4:15 pm

Tuesday 8:30 - 9:15 am and 3:10 - 4:15 pm

Wednesday 8:30 - 9:15 am and 3:10 - 5:45 pm

Thursday 8:30 - 9:15 am and 3:10 - 4:15 pm

Friday 8:30 - 9:15 am

Book Fair - More Volunteers Needed

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the Scholastic book fair October 21st - 25th. The fair will be open for students and class visits throughout the day and before/after school. **We are looking for volunteers to help out during the school day.** If you can help, please email leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca.

Terry Fox

Dear Families,

The Terry Fox committee wants to thank the whole Bowmore Community for supporting Bowmore's 19th Terry Fox Run. We have tallied all the toonies.... Drum roll please.... Ms. Connors' class raised a whopping \$326.30 and M. Adamson's class raised \$210.00.... The two classes are the winners of the Freezie party. Our total funds raised so far is \$7600.00 from online donations, T-shirt sales and cash brought in. Way to go Bowmore! Let's keep up Terry's dream and remember his motto "No Matter What". We are already looking forward to next year... our 20th Terry Fox Run!

The Terry Fox Committee