

# FRANKLAND'S NEWSLETTER

It's official! Frankland's Holiday Concerts will be taking place Dec. 15th & 16th

## Athletics

## Falcon Gear has arrived and

will be sent home next week with Falcons who ordered spirit wear. Go Falcons go!



#### Pokemon

**Basketball** is in full swing at Frankland and Team Squirtles and Team Bulbasaurs are tied for first place. There are still many games left to play so it could be any of the 5 teams playing in the finals!

# Health and Safety

With the trifecta of flu, COVID and respiratory viruses on the rise, Michael Garron Hospital encourages masks at school. However, **masking remains a** 



personal choice. As some people may continue to wear masks, others may not. Frankland supports

kindness, respect and understanding of people's personal choices. Please strongly consider keeping Falcons at home should they have symptoms.

# **Falcon Highlights**

#### **Remembrance Day Efforts**

Frankland Falcons used creativity to commemorate service, courage and sacrifice on November 11th. During the Remembrance Day assembly, staff and parents/caregivers listened to student speakers acknowledge war veterans and recognize the important

Nations, Inuit and Métis people in service to Canada.



Photo above: An origami poppy in memory of Indigenous veterans who served in military capacities, created by a Grade 6 Falcon student.

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# News You Can Use

#### Welcome to Frankland's New TDSB School Trustee



Frankland welcomes Sara Ehrhardt, the new School Trustee for Ward 15. She began her Trustee duties on November 15, 2022 and will be the advocate for students and parents/guardians/ caregivers across the TDSB. Stay informed on what's happening at the Board, including policies under review, program updates,

and discussions around new initiatives to improve student success by visiting her <u>page</u>. She welcomes and encourages your participation in the public school system! Please read Sara's introductory letter to parents on Page 4 of this newsletter.

## **Did you Know?**

On the rare occasions, severe weather makes it necessary to close schools.



Do you know what **TDSB's Procedure for Severe Weather** is?

Become familiar with how TDSB will make **Snow Day Decisions**:

- Should a closure be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB website, social media and provided to local media by 6:00a.m.
- If school buses are cancelled, it is still possible for students to get to school by walking or other means so schools can remain open
- The decision to hold indoor recess or a shortened recess due to inclement weather is a decision typically made at school-level and depends on local conditions
- Cancellation of sport practices/ games and rehearsals are made on a school-by-school basis except for board-wide activities which will be communicated on the TDSB website and social media

## (News You Can Use cont'd)

#### Toronto Public Health Letter Roll Out for Grades 1 & 2

Under the Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), TDSB students are required to be vaccinated against nine designated diseases or have a valid exemption. To promote vaccination and reporting, Toronto Public Health (TPH) will inform families who are potentially missing vaccine doses or missing records by mailing letters directly to parents/guardians. Instructions and contact information are provided in the letters which have been mailed out this week to families at Frankland.

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## **Community Connections**

### **EQAO** Webinar

Interested in reviewing highlights from the 2021-2022 assessment results? Register for a free live webinar taking place on **Tuesday**, **November 29, 2022 at 6:30p.m.** and learn about EQAO assessment results and Ontario's large-scale assessment program at the elementary school level. The session will be approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff.



To register visit <u>www.eventbrite.ca/e/451955981507</u>

#### Planning for Know Your Worth Conference

The TDSB is looking for interested Black identifying students to join a committee of peers to organize this year's African Heritage Month student conference. This is a conference that will be held in February 2023 on empowerment for Black youth, created by youth and they need input in bringing this event to life. The first virtual meeting will be on **Monday, November 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** If there are Falcons interested, please reach out to Lena via email at <u>lena.hall@tdsb.on.ca</u>

# How to: give back this Holiday Season

#### Shoebox Project Drive

This holiday season consider supporting the Shoebox Project drive by filling a standard-sized,



standard-sized, decorated shoebox (or memory box) with approximately \$50 worth of gifts and essentials that any woman might enjoy and include a warm greeting or message of support.

These gifts will be delivered to the Shoebox Project and dispersed to local women's shelters and community agencies serving women impacted by homelessness across the city.

Making these boxes is a great family activity and offers a moment to teach empathy, kindness and compassion.



Refer to this checklist for guidance on what should go into your shoebox or visit <u>shoeboxproject.ca</u>

Please drop off your shoebox at our Shoebox Project collection table in the Frankland foyer (near office) on Wednesday, December, 14, 2022 between 8:30a.m. -9a.m. and 3:15p.m. - 4p.m.

For any questions, please contact Corina Chevalier at <u>corinachevalier@gmail.com</u>

# **Holiday Spirit**

## Annual Withrow Park Tree Lighting



Head to the neighbourhood's most familiar place, Withrow Park, to see one of its tallest pine trees get lit up with multicoloured lights and symbolizing the beginning of the holidays. This family friendly event will take place at the North end of the park by the park washrooms at **5:30p.m on Wednesday, November 30, 2022.** There will be live

performances thanks to friends from Riverdale Share, a visit from Santa and plenty of festive cheer. Bring a non-perishable food item for donation to the local food bank, hosted by Councillor Paula Fletcher.

### **Riverdale Share Concert**

#### On Sunday, December 4, 2022 at 3:00p.m. the Danforth

Music Hall (147 Danforth Avenue)

will present the 29th annual Riverdale Share Concert! The neighbourhood's staple holiday concert will be hosted by Bain and Bernard and among the many talented singer song-writers performances will include Juno Award winner Julian Taylor.

Tickets are \$25 with a nonperishable food item and are now



on sale at The Big Carrot (348 Danforth Avenue), Treasure Island Toys (581 Danforth Avenue) or at <u>ticketmaster.ca</u>

#### Frankland Community School



#### **Important Dates**

Photo Retake and Class Photos Day: November 28th

PA Day: December 2nd

Winter Concert (Grades 1-6): December 15th at 6:00p.m. Gymnasium

Winter Concert (Kindies): December 16th at 9:15a.m. Gymnasium



Parent Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 (December Social)

Thursday, January 19, 2023

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

## (Holiday Spirit cont'd)

## Riverdale SAC Holiday Community Day

Our community is invited to Riverdale Collegiate on **Saturday, December 10th, 2022 in between 11a.m. -3p.m.** for a Holiday Community Day for families! Join in on the holiday fun with a number of activities for kids.

Riverdale Collegiate is located at 1094 Gerrard Street East.



**School Council** 

#### **School Council December Social**

Please come join Frankland's next School Council meeting on **Wednesday, December 17, 2022 at 8:00p.m.** in the school's library for a December Social! As with all School Council meetings, all Falcon parents/ guardians and caregivers are sincerely



welcome, no previous attendance required. Come meet the community and the School Council and embrace some holiday spirit! Bringing a shareable appetizer or dessert will be appreciated but not necessary. See you there!

# A Message for Parents

## **A message from Sara Ehrhardt** Frankland's New TDSB School Trustee

My name is Sara Ehrhardt and I was recently elected as your Trustee for Ward 15 (Toronto-Danforth). I am a mother of a child in grade 2 at Duke of Connaught school and have **Fun For Falcons** 

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#### Holiday Activity for Kids

Are holiday cards starting to come in? Always looking for a nook and cranny to display them? Make a **Garland Card Holder**!

Cut three pieces of garland to a desired length and wrap the top of each garland around a wooden hanger. Secure with hot glue and let it dry. Decorate with acorns or tie ribbon bows for added pizzazz. Hang up on the wall or window and use clothespins to secure the cards!

#### Want to be the next Featured Falcon Author?

All Falcons who are interested in submitting a **Short Essay or Creative Writing for Frankland's Newsletter** are welcome to email the Frankland Press, Bo Karantjas at <u>bosan.karantjas@gmail.com</u>.

# Falcon Authors of all ages should express interest!

All work submitted will be reviewed by Stephen Parsons or a representative from School Council and published in the following newsletter. A hard copy will be provided to the Featured Falcon Author!



lived in the area since 2015. Outside of being a Trustee I work full-time for the Ontario Public Service in public policy.

My role as trustee is to provide representation on the Toronto District School Board and serve as an advocate for public education. I am available to help you with concerns around the TDSB, as well as ideals and suggestions for the Board including items on board agenda and board budgets.

I have started a listserv where you can sign up for updates <u>here</u> (weblink: <u>http://eepurl.com/iejA9f</u> )

I am honoured to be representing you in this capacity for the benefit of our city's students and our community, and I sincerely look forward to connecting.

Sara Ehrhardt sara.ehrhardt@tdsb.on.ca (416) 396-8787 @saratrustee

# Featured Falcon Author

#### My Awesome Weekend

#### By Hugo, Grade 2, Ms. Laforme's Class

Every November my parents go away to celebrate their anniversary. My grandparents, Nana and Papa, take care of me

and my brother Noah. We always have a fun time. This year, we got popcorn from the movie

theatre even though we didn't see a movie and we played arcade games. Nana made pancakes for dinner, and they were



yummy. I built a Nasa spaceship out of Lego and my Papa thought it was cool. I was happy when my

mom and dad came home but sad to say goodbye to Nana and Papa. The End.

Thank you for reading!