



# Parentview

## Glenview News / Les Nouvelles

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IMPORTANT DATES	STAY IN TOUCH
<p>Dec. 1 Gr. 8s visiting Lawrence Park CI – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Dec. 2 PA Day (no classes for students)</p> <p>Dec. 15 Turkey Lunch in Cafeteria</p> <p>Dec. 20 Holiday Concert at Lawrence CI – 6:30 pm</p> <p>Dec. 22 Extended Lunch – 11:30-1:00 pm</p> <p>Dec. 23 Last day of school for 2016</p> <p>Dec. 24 Hanukkah begins at sunset</p> <p>Dec. 25 Christmas Day</p> <p>Dec. 26 Kwanzaa begins</p> <p>Dec. 26-Jan. 6 – Winter Break</p> <p>Jan. 1 Happy New Year – 2017</p> <p>Jan. 7 Orthodox Christmas</p> <p>Jan. 9 First day of school in 2017</p> <p>Jan. 14 Orthodox New Year</p> <p>Jan. 20 PA day (no classes for students)</p>	<p>Contact the school about absences: 416-393-0330 Option “1”</p> <p>Contact Principal: Mario Sirois E-mail: <a href="mailto:mario.sirois@tdsb.on.ca">mario.sirois@tdsb.on.ca</a> Phone: 416-393-9390</p> <p>Contact Vice-Principal: Marlene Calligan E-mail: <a href="mailto:marlene.calligan@tdsb.on.ca">marlene.calligan@tdsb.on.ca</a> Phone: 416-393-9390</p> <p>Contact Superintendent: Vicky Branco E-mail: <a href="mailto:vicky.branco@tdsb.on.ca">vicky.branco@tdsb.on.ca</a></p> <p>Contact Trustee: Jennifer Arp E-mail <a href="mailto:jennifer.arp@tdsb.on.ca">jennifer.arp@tdsb.on.ca</a></p>

### FROM THE OFFICE

As we approach the end of November and with only four weeks left before the holiday break, the students and staff are engaged in activities that foster critical thinking. The English department is working on their Turning Point essays as part of their professional learning community (PLC). Students in the computer lab are coding to make a robot dance, in design and technology, they have just finished a wood project consisting of items such as a picture frame, box or a design including their name. Students in family studies are learning to cook. We were pleased to be served hot and fresh chocolate chip cookies! In math, students are using manipulatives to learn about 3D shapes and our grade 8s are using protractor rulers as they create circles for their math unit. In science, students are working on structures; the Grade 8s built toys and in Grade 7 they were working on a structure that would support the most amount of weight. In history and geography we are looking at using inquiry-based learning to help students see the connection between the past and present, and to help inform our decisions for the future. Students are working on projects that will be engaging and be given the opportunity to choose the direction they would like to go. Students are getting ready for our concert so they can showcase all of their hours of practise. Students could be working on Quidditch, European handball, Tchoukball or basketball in phys. ed. Our Extended French students just completed a recipe unit and are now focusing on media studies,

in Immersion they just completed an identity unit and they are currently working on their logo designs for art. Grade 7 Core French students just finished a space exploration unit by way of video arcades and the grade 8s are working on weather and clothing. This would be a great opportunity to talk to your child about one or some of these projects.

#### Coyotes in field/ravine

It was brought to our attention by a few residents surrounding Glenview that two coyotes have been spotted during the early morning in our school yard going into the ravine. Please be extra vigilant if you have a dog and know that the City has been contacted to inform them of this spotting.

#### Dropping off Items or Signing out Early

On a regular basis we are having parents drop off items for their child during the school day. It is recommended that students who have forgotten something come down to the office to see if anything has been left for them. If there has not been anything dropped off, then students may use the phone to see if anybody can bring the forgotten item. They can come down to the office later to check if the item has since been left. We try very hard not to disrupt the learning in the classrooms with interruptions, so please be sure your son/daughter is aware of this protocol. Also, if your child is signing out early, please send them with a note so that it can be shown to the teacher and they come to the office without being called.

#### Progress Interviews

It was great to see so many of our parents during parent and teacher interviews that were scheduled on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. We had a number of parents stop by the office to share how happy his/her child is at Glenview. We thank all of you for your flexibility with booking interviews and dropping into see specific teachers. If you were not able to schedule a time with a teacher on the scheduled days, please send them an email and they will book an alternate time.

#### Remembrance Day Assembly

On Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, we had our Remembrance Day assembly for our students, staff and guests which was organized by Mark Richardson and Taline Baltayan. It was a well-delivered assembly that allowed the whole school to reflect on the importance of peace in our World. Thank you to the choir who sang the song *The Clouds* led by Jacky So and Jennifer Chiu. We would like to acknowledge how well our students behaved during this sombre assembly as they recognized the important messages being shared.

#### Grade 8 End of the Year Trips

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, we had an assembly for our Grade 8 students to share information about our overnight trips in June 2017. All students were able to select their top four choices and we are in the process of finalizing our numbers for each of the trips. Students will receive the full registration package in the near future.

#### Lawrence Park Collegiate Visit

On Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Grade 8 students who are in-district for Lawrence Park Collegiate will visit during the afternoon. They will be provided with pertinent information as well as the



opportunity to tour the school. Any student not in-district, will remain at Glenview to work with other teachers.

#### Holiday Gift Baskets - Sharing with Families

For many years now during the holiday season, Glenview adopts several "Holiday Families". Again this year we are working with our school Social Worker, Joanne Kenny to support families in our community who are struggling. In doing so, each registration class will be working with a family to provide them with essentials and gifts to make the holiday celebration special.

Each adopted family will be providing us with a profile that comes with first names, ages, genders, clothing and shoe sizes of each family member along with a "Wish List" of items the family hopes to receive. Students will use the Holiday Wish List in their class to select an item for purchase. It is by no means mandatory; it is a guideline. One of the most important donations that can be given are grocery gift cards as these are considered our top priority for each family.

More information will be provided to our students at the end of November, however, we wanted to share this with you now so you are aware that this is up and coming. All donations must come in to the school no later than Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our school participation in this initiative has been overwhelming in the past. Your support will make a positive impact in the lives of vulnerable families.

#### Holiday Concert

The students involved in our music program are busy getting ready for our Winter Concert. Please mark Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar at 6:30 p.m. for our Winter Concert at Lawrence Park Collegiate.

#### FROM THE PREFECT DESK

These last two weeks were very busy. We had a Remembrance Day assembly that took place last week. We had the Band play a song and the Choir sing a song to honour the veterans we lost during World War I and World War II. It was wonderful.

The grade 8 students had an assembly about trips in June. Trips offered are New Brunswick, Montreal, Quebec City or participating in locally planned activities. We are all really excited to spend more time with our friends on a fun trip.

The Red Maple books are back! So many students are excited to read all these incredible books by spectacular authors. "Shooters" has been a very popular book so far and Kate G. and Kate F. are reading 'Trouble's A Friend of Mine'. They say it is a very interesting book and will recommend it.

We got our Progress Reports on Monday last week. Everyone was so anxious to see what they received. Parents were in to see the teachers for interviews that week as well.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this past week, the Grade 7 and 8 students received immunization from Toronto Public Health. It was a bit of a crazy day for some.

This week was bullying awareness week so the prefects were sent out to talk about bullying in the classes. The two types of bullying that we covered were cyberbullying and bullying in general. In

our sessions with Ms. Racko, the prefects realized how prevalent bullying is among this age group. We were very happy to share the information we learned with the students. The prefects made announcements about bullying each morning and each one of us had the opportunity to present information in all of our classes. The prefects handed out surveys to the classes to collect information about cyberbullying, and in the future we are going to analyze the data that we collected and this will then be shared with the Caring and Safe Schools committee.

Tiana L and Kate G.

### REMEMBRANCE DAY ASSEMBLY

The Remembrance Day assembly started off with the orchestra band and the strings playing a peaceful song as all students walked into the gym in silence. Then soon after the students were sitting down, the assembly started. Mme Baltayan and Mr. Richardson organized slides, speakers and videos that perfectly explained what "remembrance" is all about. Along with the presentation the choir also sang beautiful and haunting renditions of "Clouds", "Thank you, Soldier," and "O, Canada" with the Orchestra Band and Strings which was organized by Mr. So and Ms. Chiu. On top of the presentation and music there were also 5 amazing students who read readings and poems during the assembly about the meaning of Remembrance Day. The most impressive part was during the moment of silence all students were quiet and listening to one student playing a solo on the trumpet. The Remembrance Day assembly this year was very impressive and all the staff and students who worked hard to make it happen deserve a lot of credit. This is one of our favourite assemblies of the year and we look forward to it again next year.

By Ava P. and Hannah Z.-R.



### FROM THE LIBRARY

Glenview's library is a very active spot! Almost every day before school, after school and at lunch, we have students coming in to work on the computers, research information, or grab one of the 16,000 books off the shelf to read quietly to themselves. Also, most classes have come into the library to receive special training on how to research properly. There are many tips and tricks that can be found on the Virtual Library website. Students can log into [aw.tdsb.on.ca](http://aw.tdsb.on.ca) and click on the "Virtual Library" button to see more!

We recently had a chance to go to the big Book Vender Fair on the CNE grounds to see all of the new releases for teens out there! We came back with almost 200 new books for the library. Students were VERY excited to see what the new offerings were. Students and staff were able to come and check out the new books last week and some students were so excited they literally danced! There are new fiction, non-fiction (French and English) and graphic novels. There are books from different voices around the world, books on aboriginal perspectives, mystery, science fiction, drama, comedy and more!



If your child has a difficult time finding a book to read, have them come visit the library and see Mr. Richardson. He can't promise that he'll make them LOVE reading, but he'll sure try to help find that perfect fit!

By: Mark Richardson, Teacher-Librarian

## NEWS AND CUES FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

### Grade 8 Information

I have had the pleasure of meeting with many of the grade 8 parents over the last few weeks to assist with their child's transition plan to secondary. I must repeat the advice to have a plan in effect when applying to more than one secondary school, or applying for optional attendance. Often, too many choices can be an overwhelming experience, albeit an exciting one. Again, I include the following link for further information on secondary school open houses.

[www.tdsb.on.ca/goingtohighschool](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/goingtohighschool)

### Bullying Awareness Week

November 21 through November 25 celebrates bullying awareness week in Canada. Our student council have had 2 hours of training in the ins and outs of bullying and cyberbullying. This week they conducted two sessions in each classroom on these topics. Thursday and Friday of this week, our students had an opportunity to complete an anonymous survey on the topic of cyberbullying. We will collect the data together as a group, and make recommendations to our Safe and Caring Committee, based on the outcome of the survey. They have been reiterating that the hallmarks of bullying include repeated actions, intentional harm, exclusion, shaming. Cyberbullying takes on a different hue considering the availability of technology in our children's' lives. It is often noted that when we were children our home was our "safe" space, and today even homes are virtually invaded by Instagram and snapchat. Cyberbullying has been defined as the use of technology to harass, threaten, embarrass or target another person. Please be vigilant with your child about the respectful use of technology.

### Upcoming

- ✓ Empathy Assembly: November 30<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker: Jasmeen Chandi | Manager, Volunteer Resources at Kids Help Phone
- ✓ Kick off of our Holiday Basket Initiative: more to come from your child's teacher's next week
- ✓ Twin/Triplet Day: Wednesday November 30

### Secondary School Open Houses of Note to our Community

- November 24, 2016: John Polanyi Collegiate Institute
  - Evening Open House begins at 6:30 p.m.
- December 1, 2016: Lawrence Park Collegiate Institute
  - All grade 8 Extended and Immersion students and those in area for LP in core French will visit Lawrence Park for the afternoon. They will be escorted by buddies from LP and by their teachers
  - Parents are invited for open house at LP at 6:30 p.m.
- December 6, 2016: Forest Hill Collegiate Institute

- Grade 8 students who have already handed in a form of permission to attend FH will be visiting the school for the afternoon. They are required to get there and back on their own. They will not be escorted by teachers, but will be met by Ms. Racko for attendance purposes only.
  - Registration for this event is now closed
  - Parents are invited to an Open House at 6:45 p.m. at FH.
- December 14, 2016: North Toronto Collegiate Institute
- Grade 8 students who have already handed in a form of permission, and those intending to still do so (deadline is Wednesday, November 30) will be meeting
  - Ms. Racko at North Toronto at 8:20 a.m. for attendance. They will be escorted by staff and students of North Toronto, and are responsible for their own transportation to and from the secondary school.
  - Parents are invited to an Open House at NT at 6:30 p.m. Doors are open at 6:00 p.m. when materials will be available

#### Cues

Prevnet is a Canadian organization that is considered a leading authority, research and education centre for bullying prevention. I included a link here that speaks to parents around the topic of safe use of technology.

<http://www.prevnet.ca/bullying/cyber-bullying/parents>

Mariam Racko, Guidance



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