**JOSEPH HOWE SENIOR PUBLIC SCHOOL**

**20 Winter Gardens Trail**

**Scarborough, Ontario M1C 3E7**

**416-396-6405**

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**March**

**Mrs. S. Butler, Principal**

**Mr. T. Johnson, Vice-Principal**

[**http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/josephhowe**](http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/josephhowe)

**Mar. 1 Gr. 7 + 8 girls volleyball conference finals**

**Mar. 1 Book Club at lunch in library**

**Mar. 4 Ball hockey city finals**

**Mar. 5 Girls volley ball city finals**

**Mar. 5 Chamber Strings practice**

**Mar. 7 Cafeteria closed**

**Mar. 8 Cafeteria closed**

**Mar. 8 Book Club at lunch in library**

**Mar. 11-15th March Break**

**Mar. 19 Chamber Strings practice**

**Mar. 22 Invention Convention - Grade 7’s**

**Mar. 26 Chamber Strings practice**

**Mar. 28 TDSB invention convention – Toronto Convention Centre**

**Mar. 29 Pizza Lunch**

**Apr. 4 Denmark visiting again**

**Remind 101**

**Due to the on-going dispute between Rogers and Remind 101, over the use of text messages to communicate, Remind 101 is asking parents to download their app to continue receiving reminds. As of right now, Joseph Howe Sr. P.S. will continue using Remind 101 to update our parents and community of happenings at the school.**

**REMIND 101**

**Sign up and receive short weekly texts from the Principal! This is a one-way text that will remind parents/guardians of events that are happening at the school each week.**

**Text 437-800-2358 with the message @josephh and you will be a member of Remind 101!**

**SCHOOL COUNCIL PIZZA FRIDAY FUNDRAISERS**

**March 29th April 26th May 24th June 14th**

**The cafeteria food services will be closed on the above dates because of the Joseph Howe Pizza Lunch. Students who do not participate are welcome to bring their own lunch from home on those days.**

**If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Robertson at 416-873-2673**

**Grade 8 Graduation Trip - Camp Olympia**

Exciting news!  It is time to sign up for Joseph Howe’s Grade 8 graduation trip!  We will be heading to Camp Olympia from Wednesday June 19th - Friday June 21st.  Information packages have been sent home with all Grade 8 students. Permission forms are included in those packages.

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The cost of the trip is $250 and there are 2 payment options:

1 - Pay in full (by School Cash Online, cash or cheque)

2 - Pay in 2 installments of $125 (by School Cash Online, cash or cheque)

All payments must be received by Wednesday May 1, 2019.

**Please remind your children that all forms and payments should be given directly to Ms. Neubauer or Mrs. Tanouye.**

We are looking forward to a great trip!

**Joseph Howe Book Club -** Ms Downey

**Every Falling Star The True story of Sungju Lee**

Written By Sungju Lee & Susan McClelland

As an avid reader this book really interested me. **A Falling Star** opens up a whole new perspective overall. You often hear about North Korea in the news often by the perspective of a journalist and this book is in the perspective of a person from North Korea meaning you hear a different side of a story.

This book really left me speechless in the end. You get to see how Sungju {Chang} grows as person through his circumstances from losing his parents to trying to find a way out of North Korea. The part that left me speechless was how Chang respected his friends and told them everything but he realized that he needs lie which broke their pact they had for over 3 years. Not only does Chang lie but it’s the last thing he says to them before he left.

The story really brings you on a whirlwind of emotions and I recommend it to anyone looking for a new perspective.

**Humshinee**

**My Mother’s Secret** is an amazing book. It is written by J.L. Witterick, and I couldn’t put it down. It’s about a young girl named Helena, whose mother hid many German Jews, even though at the time it was illegal. This story takes part from a few different points of view, Helena’s, and some others that her mother has been hiding. If you like books that are full of adventure, bravery, and kindness, you’ll fall in love with this book instantly. Trust me. I know, and I did.

**Katelyn** **B.**

**The Homework Club**

**The Homework Club takes place after school in the library most days until 4 pm. Thank you to Ms. Downey for providing the opportunity for our students to stay in the library after school and receive extra support or a quiet place to work. **

**MARCH BREAK**

**This year March break starts after school on March 8th and students return on March 18th. We hope that everyone has week long break  (and you if happen to make it some place sunny, please say hello to the sun from the Joseph Howe staff).**

**Safe Arrival**

Please remember to call the school office if your child will be absent; if you reach our safe arrival answering machine, please speak clearly and concisely giving us the student`s name, home form (ie.7A, 8E), who is calling and reason for absence. Please call **416-396-6405** and follow the prompts for safe arrival.

**Upcoming Sports at Howe**

* **Badminton – Try-outs being the last week of February and the first week in March!**
* **Co-ed volleyball – begins after March break**
* **Track and Field – April/May**
* **Ultimate Frisbee – May/June**