



École secondaire LESTER B. PEARSON High School

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Parent/Guardian News – February 2019

A SPECIAL THANK YOU:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. A. Antonacci for her role as Acting Vice Principal for the last few months. With Ms. Tummillo's progressive return, she will be returning to her class in the next few weeks. On behalf of the administration and school team, congratulations on a job well done; your dedication and hard work did not go unnoticed.

THANK YOU!

1. February 6th: Subject Selection

Our secondary 1-4 students will be taking part in our subject selection process in preparation for our next academic year. We ask that all students be present for this important process, taking place during period 1.

2. February 7th: Junior Science & Invention Fair

Our Junior Science & Invention Fair will be taking place, whereby students in secondary 1 and 2 will be sharing their projects with fellow classmates. We are very proud of the hard work in all the great projects being showcased. We invite all secondary 1 and 2 parents to come visit the Science and Invention Fair from 1:30pm-2:30pm. You may enter via the gymnasium doors.

3. February 6th & 7th – Graduation Ring Pick-up

The graduation ring order will be ready for pick-up during lunch on these 2 days. Information has been sent home to parents/guardians regarding the procedure for pick-up. If a student would like to order a ring, it's not too late. Please see the information document that was sent home.

4. February 8th: Pedagogical Day

No classes for students.

5. February 8th: Red Cross Babysitting Course

LBP will be hosting a babysitting course offered by the Red Cross from 8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. for students from secondary 1-5. The course information and details were distributed to students a few weeks ago.

6. February 11th - February 15th: Hooked on Schools- School Perseverance Week

The Montreal Hooked on School Week is taking place whereby the theme of '**Your actions, a + in our success**' is being celebrated. Activities will be taking place during the week at lunch and/or after school. In light of this important week, school perseverance and student success will be highlighted.

7. February 12th: English Play Presentation for Sec. 3

Our secondary 3 students will be invited to see a play being coordinated by the English Department and the school nurse. This annual play entitled 'No Kids, No Crabs' is a play geared with the theme of Sex. Education.



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8. February 12th & 26th: EMSB Math Competition

Lester B. Pearson High School is proud to take part of this year's first math competition organized by the English Montreal School Board. It's an experience that develops teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills. Over 75 of our LBP students from grades 7 to 11 are participating in this math enrichment initiative. The competition entails four qualifying rounds, the quarter finals, semifinals and the finals where parents will be invited to proudly cheer on their children.

9. February 15th: Coffee House

Our second Coffee House of the year is taking place, an impromptu evening of students and staff sharing their stories, poems and music. We will be serving up fresh coffee in the Pearson Café along with our talented student performances. Coffee House promotes literacy and the arts allowing students to express themselves in a supportive environment, free of judgment.

10. February 18th: Pedagogical Day

No classes for students.

11. February 19th: Governing Board

Our monthly Governing Board meeting is cancelled this month.

12. February 19th – 21st: Maison Jean Lapointe Workshop

Our Secondary 2 students will be receiving a workshop called *Beyond the Screens* from Maison Jean Lapointe. It is an interactive-awareness workshop focused on universal prevention to promote a healthy and balanced use of screen time. The topics addressed in the workshop include the distinction between regular usage and excess, the development of self-esteem in relation to social media, the notions of "virtual etiquette", the role of the neurotransmitter called dopamine during use of screens, the impact of blue light on the quality of sleep, and the consequences of an unbalanced use.

13. February 19th & 20th: GMAA Track & Field Meet

We are pleased to announce that we have over 30 athletes in this year's track team representing our school at the GMAA Track & Field event. They have been training intensely since December, and have shown improvement, and dedication. The event takes place at le Centre Claude Robillard and students will be traveling by school bus to and from the event. Good luck to our athletes competing.

14. February 21st: Alouettes Visit our Sport Études Students

The students of the Sport Études program will be attending a presentation by the Alouettes in the school auditorium as part of their "Together at School" program. <https://en.montrealalouettes.com/together-at-school/>

15. February 22nd: Winter Carnival Day

Our annual Winter Carnival Day is taking place. Information has been sent home to parents/guardians as well as students. We are encouraging all of our students to take advantage of this fun-filled day of winter activities. Activities will also be held at school for those students who prefer remaining at school.

16. February 25th – March 1st: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week at LBP

We would like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thank you to all of our teachers and staff members for their hard work and dedication towards our students and school community. Everything you do is appreciated and applauded! Take a moment to thank our committed staff when you get a chance!

17. February 28th: Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews

Our second Parent/Guardian – Teacher interview evening is taking place from 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. We encourage all parents and guardians to come to school and meet with his/her teachers to discuss their academic progress in school. Students will receive their Term 2 report cards

in class on Tuesday February 26th, 2019 during period 1 in order to give you a chance to look it over prior to this evening. **Students will be dismissed at 2:30 p.m. to allow preparation for this evening.**

18. March 1st: Pedagogical Day

No classes for students.

19. March 4th – March 8th: Spring Break

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students a safe and restful Spring Break! See you on March 11th, 2019. It will be a Day 7.

YOUR COOPERATION IS REQUIRED:

We would like to inform you that we have been having a few issues in the boys' bathroom regarding vaping and the misuse of the toilette paper. We would ask that you please speak to your children about the fact that vaping is **PROHIBITED** on school grounds, and students caught will continue to face a minimum of a 3-day suspension.

Secondly, the boys have been making a mess in the bathroom, flooding the toilettes and leaving an enormous amount of paper all over the floor. We ask that you please speak to your boys, since this misuse will result in the toilette paper being removed from the bathroom stalls, as it once was in the past.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mr. Vitantonio
Principal

Ms. Caruso
Vice Principal (L5)

Ms. Tumillo
Vice Principal (L3/4)

Ms. Triestino
Vice Principal (L1/2)