



## **Parent/Guardian News – December 2018**

### **Holiday Charity Drive**

In the spirit of giving this Holiday season, we encourage our school community to participate in our upcoming Holiday Charity Drive. This year's food drive is a competition between levels. Students are asked to donate food and gain points for their level; by donating change they set back a the competing level.

During the first two weeks of December, there will be bins with student levels indicated on them in the plaza at lunch. All the change found in each level's container will result in that level losing points at a rate of 1\$ per point. The winning level will win a non-uniform day at a later date for their grade.

Thank you all in helping our less fortunate this Holiday Season.

#### **1. December 4: We Create Change**

Student Council is asking everyone to be generous and come in with a 2\$ donation which will benefit our usual Christmas charities. Every dollar contributed will count towards your grade's total in our competition between the levels. This money is donated on your behalf to food banks, animal shelters and charities that help families through the holiday season.

#### **2. December 5: English Play for Secondary 1 & 2 Students**

Our secondary 1 & 2 students will be viewing a play by Geordie Productions entitled "Raise Your Voice". The presentation will take place in our school auditorium and will last one period.

#### **3. December 6- Sex Education Presentation for our Sec.5 Students**

Students in secondary 5 will be participating in a Sex Education presentation in the auditorium. Ms. Teresa Norris, a specialist in sex education will present a variety of topics to students including STIs, contraception, HPV for boys and girls, as well as communication and relationships. The presentation will last one period.

#### **4. December 6: Holiday Lunch**

With the Holidays around the corner, all students are invited to our Holiday Lunch being offered to them for only \$1. The traditional meal includes turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and vegetables. The meal is served with a desert and a choice of juice or water. The school will be subsidizing the remaining costs.

#### **5. December 6 & 7: Vaccination Day for Secondary 3 Students**

Our Secondary 3 students will be vaccinated for Hepatitis and HPV. The vaccinations involve both the boys and girls. The school nurse has visited the classes and has distributed all necessary documents.

#### **6. December 7: CinÉcole Movie Outing for Secondary 4 Students**

Students in Secondary 4 will be attending an outing through their French classes to Cinema Beaubien for a CinÉcole event. Students will be watching the movie *La disparition des lucioles* by *Sébastien Pilote*, directed and produced in Quebec. Students will be leaving school at approximately 9:00 a.m. and will travel by school bus to and from Cinema Beaubien. They will return to school for lunchtime. A permission slip has already been sent home.



**7. December 7: Spirit of Giving School Broadcast**

CTV will be visiting our school for their Spirit of Giving Campaign. We will be featured on their news broadcast for a short segment about what we are doing as a school to help the less fortunate this Holiday season.

**8. December 7/10- Distinction of Excellence Assemblies**

Students on the honour roll for Term 1 will be honoured at a level assembly to congratulate them for a job well done. They will receive a certificate and an invitation for the Breakfast of Excellence taking place on December 12. We encourage our students to continue to do their best in their studies.

**9. December 12: Breakfast of Distinction**

Our students on the Honor Roll for term 1 as well as our students who received Diligence recognition will be invited to the Breakfast of Distinction!

**10. December 18: GSA Mini-Art Exposé and Meet & Greet**

The Gender-Sexuality Alliance (GSA) is holding its annual mini art-exposé in the form of a Meet & Greet with its GSA Staff-Allies and anyone else who would like to join on Tuesday, December 18, at 3:00 pm in the plaza. The goal of this event is to start a conversation with art. Given that December is the month of giving, the GSA wants to give back to the school and the LGBTQ+ community by sharing prevailing information and promoting awareness. Most importantly, the GSA believes in supporting causes that affect ALL minority groups who face oppression, prejudice, and discrimination.

**11. December 18- Governing Board**

Our monthly Governing Board meeting will take place in the Library at 7:00 p.m.

**12. December 21: Last Day of Classes**

Last day before the Holiday break. We want to take this opportunity to wish all of our students and their families a Happy Holiday Season. All the best in the New Year! Take time together as a family and make the most of this time away from school. Be safe everyone!

**Secondary 5 Save the Dates:**

**Graduation Pictures:** February 2019 (more details to follow)

**Graduation Ceremony:** June 20, 2019.

**Prom:** June 25, 2019.

**Please note:**

**Supplemental Exam Week: January 11<sup>th</sup> - January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

This exam week includes 3 specific courses ONLY (Repeater History Sec. 5, Repeater Science Sec. 5 FLM Sec. 5)

**Mid-year Exam Week: January 28<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

The Mid-Year Exam schedule will be distributed before the holidays.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mr. Vitantonio  
Principal

Ms. Caruso  
Vice Principal (L5)

Ms. Tummillo/Ms. Antonacci  
Vice Principal (L3/4)

Ms. Triestino  
Vice Principal (L1/2)