

Lester B. Pearson High School Student Council Newsletter

Despite going through a pandemic, Student Council has been working very hard to make this school year as pleasant and as memorable as possible for our students. While still respecting safety guidelines, we are proud to report the many wonderful events that happened during the first semester of this school year.



General Meetings: Adapting to the pandemic has been hard on everyone. We now hold our monthly general meetings online. Committees meet at lunch with some of us online and some of us in person.

Orientation Day: We safely welcomed this year's class of secondary one students with open arms into the building hoping to help ease the stress of entering high school. Our usual leadership games and tours were modified to include social distancing and mask wearing.

SPC: We sold Student Price Cards at the beginning of the year. Students who purchased them at school were able to save the taxes. Sales supported our activities and offered our students a chance to save money while they shopped. They can still be purchased at our coop.

Breakfast Club: Student Council members run the breakfast club every morning from 7:35am until 8:15am. We sell a pre-packaged breakfast bundle for only \$0.50. Any unsold food is sent home to our families in need or given to a local food bank. We also won a \$1250 grant from Maxi/Provigo to improve our breakfast offering.

The week before Christmas our club raffled off holiday candy and prior to Valentine's day, we were raffling off Hershey's Hugs and Kisses.

We have recently begun to sell hot chocolate every morning for 1\$ a cup.

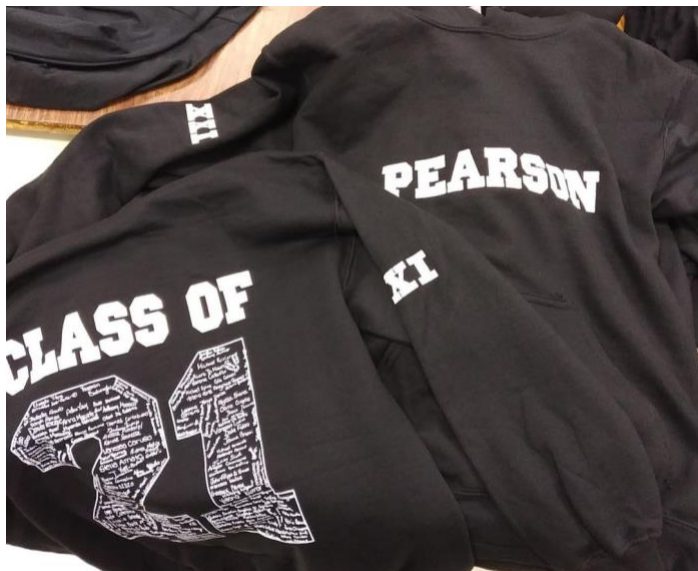


Pearson Pride Days: Once a month, students can wear their school-bought spiritwear or any other "Pearson" branded club or team shirts in class. Ex: LBP Sports Uniform Shirts, Student Council Tees, Cheerleading Tees, Pink Shirt Day Tees, Terry Fox Tees etc... in order to show off their pride for LBPHS!



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Secondary 5 Graduation Apparel: Maintaining an annual rite of passage, our secondary 5 students are now wearing their graduation apparel proudly every day.



Student Co-op & Vending Machine: Every Wednesday student council members open up our coop during the lunch hour. We sell everyday necessities as well as spirit wear and school supplies. We also invested in a vending machine for students to enjoy when we are closed. You can purchase anything ranging from healthy snacks to hygiene products.

LBPHS TikTok: Student Council started its very own tiktok page. It started off with our "28 Days in the red-zone" campaign meant to bring awareness to the COVID measures being put into place. Now it is also being used to inform students of what's going on at school and to inform them of upcoming events. [@lbpstudentlife](#)

CPR: 36 Student Council members took a ped day crash course in Emergency First Aid + Severe Allergic Reactions and are now CPR certified.



Pearson Pride Masks: Before the reinforcement to wear surgical masks in schools, we designed masks for all students with our Pearson Pride logo, every student was given a mask.



Commemoration of Polytechnique Shooting: On December 6th a student council member made an announcement and encouraged everyone to take a moment of silence to commemorate the victims of the Polytechnique shooting.

Non-Uniform Days: We held our first non-uniform day on the 9th of October and collected a total of \$1300. \$632 was donated to the breakfast club of Canada, \$316 was donated

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to Centraide du Grand Montréal and 316\$ to the Second Chance Cafe. Our second non-uniform day was held on the 6th of November and we collected a total of \$1050. It went towards student life initiatives such as the Games Room, Student Cafe and other school activities

Remembrance Day: Student council sold poppies and pins during the lunch hour. A poem was recited for the whole to hear and students were asked to take a moment of silence in honour of our fallen veterans.

Digital Concert/Coffee House: On December 24th we organized an online digital concert where anyone was able to submit a video and show of their talent. Both staff and students were able to participate and express themselves.

Annual Student Council Canvas: Our canvas committee worked very hard to complete this year's council canvas. They decided that it would be fit to paint something representing COVID-19. Every year our tradition is to normalize that years leaders by mounting their signatures on the wall and with tongue-in-cheek illustrations.

Spirit of Giving Competition: We collected non perishable food items for two weeks before leaving for the Christmas break. All grades competed against each other to win a free non-uniform day. Secondary 5 students won with a total of 430 donations and the secondary 1's came very close to winning with a total of 411 donations. We donated more than 2000 items to church pantry programs and local food banks.

Christmas Themed Week: For the week before the holidays, we asked daily questions on our

Instagram page to get our online community in the holiday spirit. On December 14th we held a ugly sweater day, on December 15th people were able to wear any festive hats and December 16th you were able to wear any festive accessories and socks.



Christmas Pajama Day: We raised a total of \$1551, by collecting donations from all students coming to school in their PJs. We donated \$200 to Beaulieu Blondin, \$551 St- Brendan's, \$200 to the SPCA, \$200 to Centre D'Amitié Autochtone de Montréal Inc, \$200 to Moisson Montréal and \$200 to Welcome Hall Mission.

Christmas/ Halloween Door Decorating Contests: Students participated in both a Halloween and Christmas themed door decorating contest to bring some life to our school.



Canvas Painting Project: Both students and staff members were able to add their fingerprints to a canvas, which in the end turned into a

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rainbow. Hopefully helping to boost everyone's morale and include as many people as possible.



Black History Month: This past month, there has been a daily bfact shared for Black History month during our morning announcements and Student Council members created and placed posters around the school.

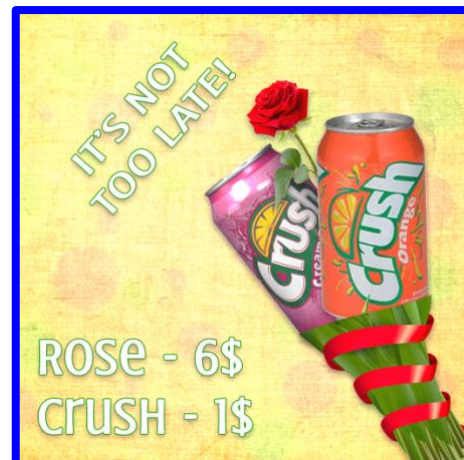
Vow of Silence: Student Council members had the choice to participate in the vow of silence on the international day of the child on the 20th of November. You were able to collect loose change and/or even make a silent statement to educate those around us. \$150 of collections went to Unicef Canada.



Valentine Matchmaking Activity: On February 4th, first period students had the opportunity to participate in one of this year's valentine activities. Students filled out a survey about themselves and the things they enjoy and we paired them up with people who had similar

likings to possibly start new friendships. 362 participated in this activity which was offered free of charge to create connections in these disconnected times.

Valentine Crush Cans and Roses: We sold crush cans for \$1 and roses for \$6 for valentines day during lunch time. The gifts were delivered to the classes during the first period February 11th & 12th.



Anti-Bullying and Pink Shirt Day: Anti-bullying facts were shared during the entire month in order to raise awareness. Students were invited to write positive messages on paper pink shirts that are now on display throughout the school



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We held our pink shirt day on February 24th. Students could wear any pink shirt of their choice or wear our own council-designed anti-bullying shirts. The purpose of the day is to take a public stand against those that bully.



We want to congratulate all students for their hard work during their first semester. We hope that they continue to work hard and keep up the great participation. We hope that everyone takes advantage of this break to rest and recharge. Stay safe and we hope to see you all back in school soon!

Recycle Your Masks: Our green committee decided that we should invest in bins meant specifically for the disposal of surgical masks. There are four collection boxes placed around the school and students are encouraged to throw their masks away in order to help our environment.



Positive Cafeteria Decals: Decals spreading a positive message were placed all around our cafeteria.

We are online:

School Website

www.lbphs.ca

School Twitter

<https://twitter.com/lbphs>

Sport-études' Twitter

<https://twitter.com/LBPSportEtudes>

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