

## Parent/Guardian News – December 2022

### 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 the competing level. Non-perishable food items should be brought to their POP/ERC classes.

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 on December 23, 2022 for their grade.

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

#### 1. December 1: 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 peas/carrots. The meal is served with a desert and a choice of juice or water. The school will be subsidizing the remaining costs.

#### 2. December 1: PJ Day

Wear your comfiest pajamas on Thursday December 1st for 2\$. Time to break out the onesies! PJs must be appropriate for school. If students are not in PJs they can make the same donation and wear Jeans and a t-shirt. All money raised will benefit our local Christmas charities, your 2\$ will make a big difference for someone in need. Please be kind and be generous.

#### 3. December 2: Pedagogical Day!

No classes for students.

#### 4. December 9: Coffee House

Our first Coffee House of the year, an impromptu evening of students and staff sharing their stories, poems and music, will be held on December 9. We will be serving up fresh coffee along with our talented student performances. We will begin taking sign-ups in the plaza on Wednesday and Thursday at lunch in the plaza.

## 5. December 12-16- Mid-year Exams

The mid-year exam schedule and student instructions were distributed in November and is attached once again with this edition of the newsletter.

***Students must bring their ID cards with them and all supplies for exams in a clear ziploc bag. No pencil cases will be permitted in the exam room. The use of cell phones and smart watches are also prohibited in the exam rooms.***

***Absences from exams will require a medical note for exemptions, if not the exam will be graded a zero.***

## 6. December 19- Governing Board

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

## 7. December 19-December 23: CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Tis the season has finally arrived, and we can now enjoy the holiday spirit in the air by participating in Student Council's holiday activities!!!

- Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> We will be providing holiday crafts for students to decorate and bring home for the holidays!
- Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> We will be providing holiday crafts for students to decorate and bring home for the holidays!
- Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> We will be hosting day 1 of cookie decorating, bring them home or enjoy them on the spot!
- Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> We will be hosting day 2 of cookie decorating, bring them home or enjoy them on the spot!
- Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> We will be handing out free hot chocolate and candy canes to everyone at lunch.

### Holiday Spirit Week

Twas the week before Christmas and all through the school, LBP students will be invited to add some holiday flare, Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la!

- Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> all students in attendance are invited to wear the ugliest holiday sweaters. Send a selfie to us on FB or Instagram in your ugly Christmas sweater on Monday to be entered into a draw for a prize.
- Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> holiday socks, ties and accessories.
- Wednesday December 21<sup>st</sup> your wackiest holiday hats, elf ears and antlers!
- Thursday December 22<sup>nd</sup> Dress up as your favourite Christmas movie character.
- Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Non-uniform day for the winner of our Spirit of Giving Competition.

## 8. December 21: Breakfast of Excellence

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 Excellence!

## 9. December 23: Last day before the Holiday break.

We want to take this opportunity to wish all 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!

# **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Reporting Absences and Early Dismissals**

A friendly reminder to all parents and guardians that absences and early dismissals must be called in before recess. As you can imagine, things get very hectic for our level secretaries as the day progresses, and we'd like to be able to process the absences and early dismissals in a timely fashion. Also, please note that students have a 50-minute lunch period, and excused lates by parents following lunch will not be accepted. Students need to be in class on time following their lunch period.

## **Online Parent Testimonials**

In our campaign to recruit new students for the next school year, we are asking for volunteer parents who would like to record a short testimonial about their experience having their child at LBP. If you are interested in participating, please email Mr. Vitantonio expressing interest in being part of the campaign. These short videos will be shared on our website and social media platforms. Please let Mr. V know by Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, so we can plan accordingly.

## **Student Drop-off and Pick-up**

Please ensure that you are not blocking the street access when dropping off or picking up your child on Hurteau. With the winter season ahead, snowbanks will limit the street access, and we cannot have the street blocked for the drop-off and pick-up of students. We encourage you to use the side streets for this purpose alleviating the overflow on Hurteau. Police have advised us they will be ticketing parents who block the street access.

## **Parent/Guardian Sportsmanship at Sports Events**

We are asking for parent/guardian cooperation when attending sporting events representing our school. There is a code of conduct in place by the sports organizations, and this code of conduct extends to spectators in the stands watching the games. Failure to respect the code of conduct will result in the removal from the game by referees which is out of our control. We would like to encourage all parents to represent our school with pride and dignity as we ask our students when participating in sports. Thank you for your cooperation and support for all our sports teams.

## **Secondary 5 Save the Dates:**

**Graduation Pictures:** February 2023 (more details to follow)

**Graduation Ceremony:** June 26, 2023.

**Prom:** June 28, 2023.

## **Supplemental Exam Week (For select groups ONLY)**

Supplemental Exam Week: January 9<sup>th</sup> - January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

This exam week includes 3 specific courses ONLY - History Sec. 4 (sec. 5 students who failed), Science Sec. 4 (sec. 5 students who failed), Math CST 4 (sec. 5 students who failed), FLM Sec. 5)

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mr. Vitantonio  
Principal

Ms. Caruso  
Vice Principal (L1/2)

Ms. Fanelli  
Vice Principal (L3/4)

Ms. Antonacci  
Interim Vice Principal (L5)