

## Parent/Guardian News – February 2023

### WINTERFEST AT LBPHS

We are excited to announce that we have planned a monthlong Winterfest taking place at LBP. The calendar for the month is attached with this newsletter for your attention. Most of the activities take place during lunch, with our traditional Carnival Day taking place on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Permission forms for the day will be forthcoming. We hope the students take advantage of this special treat we have organized for them, leading into the Spring break.

**1. February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Leadership Camp Applications Due**

If your child is interested in attending the EMSB leadership camp, today is the deadline to submit the registration forms to Mr. Karpontinis. This camp is open to all students, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

**2. February 9<sup>th</sup>: Holocaust Museum Visit (Select Sec. 5 ELA classes)**

Ms. Seremetis will be taking her two sec. 5 ELA classes to the Holocaust Museum, as a wrap up to their book study on the book 'Night' by Elie Wiesel.

**3. February 10<sup>th</sup>: Black History Presentation (sec. 1 & 2)**

Speaker Malik Shaheed will be presenting for secondary 1 and 2 students on the topic of Black History. The Black History presentation is described as having the objectives of educating on key points in Black history and promoting Black culture in a positive light, while at the same time breaking down stereotypes perpetuated by media and pop culture.

**4. February 10<sup>th</sup>: Pearson Spirit Wear Day**

Students are encouraged to wear the LBP spirit wear today, which include their school hoodies, t-shirts, club t-shirts and hoodies. **Phys. Ed uniforms are not considered spirit wear.** Uniform pants must be worn.

**5. February 13<sup>th</sup> - February 16<sup>th</sup>: Hooked on Schools- School Perseverance Week**

The Montreal Hooked on School Week is taking place this week, highlighting the importance of education and staying in school. As a kick-off to the week, we will be hosting guest speaker, Adam Aktas who graduated from LBP. Adam will visit to talk to students about a life changing experience that could easily have led him down a dangerous path. He was attacked and viciously beaten while walking home one dark winter afternoon. The body healed, but the mind and heart took him to the brink. Select classes will attend the presentation due to limited space.

**6. February 14<sup>th</sup>: Valentine's Day**

Please see the activities planned for Valentine's Day in the special announcements section below. Students are also encouraged to add red or pink accessories to their uniform. More details will follow to the students for this during our daily announcements at school.

**7. February 17<sup>th</sup>: Pedagogical Day**

No classes for students.

**8. February 17<sup>th</sup>: 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.

**9. February 20<sup>th</sup>: Governing Board**

Our monthly Governing Board meeting is cancelled this month.

**10. February 20<sup>th</sup>: Mini-Day Ped Day**

Today marks our mini day ped day as highlighted in the student calendar. The students follow the schedule as follows for the day.

**Mini Day Schedule REVISED (PM Ped Days)**

<b>Homeroom</b>	<b>8:15 to 8:20</b>
<b>Period 1</b>	<b>8:20 to 9:15</b>
<b>Period 2</b>	<b>9:20 to 10:15</b>
<b>Recess</b>	<b>10:20-10:30</b>
<b>Period 3</b>	<b>10:35 to 11:30</b>
<b>Period 4</b>	<b>11:35 to 12:30</b>
<b>Dismissal</b>	

**11. February 21<sup>st</sup>: Lockdown Practice**

Our lockdown practice will take place today during period 2. Our community officer and his team from the SPVM station 39 will be assisting us during the drill. A more detailed letter will be sent to you prior to the lockdown.

**12. February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Play Presentation for Sec. 3**

Our secondary 3 students will be invited to see a play during period 3. This play entitled ‘Kiss me, if you want’ is a play geared around the theme of sex. education and is part of our yearly annual sex education plan.

**13. February 24<sup>th</sup>: School Dance- Pearson Under the Stars**

Our next dance of the year will be the evening of February 24th, we will be treated to music by My City Events and Snapstar Montreal’s photobooth! Consents will be distributed in your period 1 classes this week and tickets will be on sale Feb 8-10 for a refundable deposit of 5\$.

**14. February 27<sup>th</sup> – March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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! Kind gestures go a long way.

**15. March 2: VIRTUAL 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. The evening will be a virtual evening, with priority going to those parents of students who teachers are requesting to see.

**February 13, 2023:** First portion of the process (Invitation only): parents of children that have been invited to book an appointment from your child's teacher book appointments immediately as appointment blocks fill up quickly. We kindly ask that **you do not share** appointment links with friends who have not received invitation at this time to ensure that those needing appointments with specific teacher are able to book them first.

**February 20, 2023:** Second portion of the process (open to all): All parents are free to book an appointment with their child's teachers at this time. The links will be sent to you for the bookings.

**16. March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pedagogical Day**

No classes for students. School office will be closed.

**17. March 6<sup>th</sup> – March 10<sup>th</sup>: Spring Break**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students a safe and restful Spring Break! See you on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. It will be a Day 5!

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Staff Appreciation Month in February**

We would like to extend a special thank you to Resto Capucine located at 7000 Bd Maurice-Duplessis, Montréal, QC H1G 0A1, Lorena Traiteur on IG @lorena.traiteur and one of our parents, Ms. T. Conforti for their support in helping us celebrate our staff during the Staff Appreciation Week. They have both graciously donated sweet treats for our staff. THANK YOU for your help!

### **Student Council's Valentine's Day Activities**

**School Matchmaker!** You may have a lot more in common with someone than you realize! Students will be receiving a link on February 1st on their "Class of" Google Classrooms.

On February 14th, everyone who took part will receive an email with their closest matches of LBPHS students to see who you have the most in-common with, they will also receive horoscopes and birthday trivia!

**Chocolate Raffle** Every morning from February 1st to 14th, our breakfast club will be raffling off chocolate treats we invite everyone to stop by and fill out a raffle coupon. No purchase necessary, limit one prize per student for the duration of the giveaway.

**Valentine's Grams** Send a friend a candy gram for 2\$, or a "Crush" to your crush for 1\$. On sale from January 30-February 3. For Feb 14 deliveries; you need to know their period 1 class on Feb 14th.

### **CEGEP Applications/Voc. Training/Ad. Education**

The deadline for CEGEP applications is March 1, 2023. Mr. Plescia, our Guidance Counsellor has visited the secondary 5 classes to provide information to them and reviewed the application process. If any student requires assistance in their application process, please advise your child to see Mr. Plescia for an appointment. If CEGEP is not part of your child's plans, and they prefer a different educational path, Mr. Plescia is also available to them for guidance.

**Secondary 5 Save the Dates:**

**Graduation Pictures:** February 2023 (information has been sent to sec. 5 students and parents)

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

**Prom:** June 28, 2023.

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)