

Parent/Guardian News – February 2024

WINTERFEST AT LBPHS

We are excited to announce that we have planned a monthlong Winterfest taking place at LBP. Most of the activities take place during lunch, with our traditional Carnival Day taking place on February 27, 2024. Here is the list of activities taking place.

Feb 6th: Pie in the Face

Feb 8th: Junior and Senior Staff vs Student Soccer Game

Feb 9th: Staff vs Senior Students Volleyball Game

Feb 20th: Karaoke in the Plaza

Feb 22nd: Junior and Senior Staff vs Student Basketball Game

Feb 23rd: La Tire Maple Syrup Mobile Sweet Treat

Junior and Senior Staff vs Student Floor Hockey Game

Feb 26th: Crowning of the Sec 5 Royals

Feb 27th: Carnival Day

We hope the students take advantage of the special treats we have organized for them, leading into the Spring break.

1. February 2nd: Pedagogical Day

No classes for students.

2. February 2nd: Red Cross Babysitting Course

LBP will be hosting a babysitting course offered by the Red Cross from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. for students from secondary 1-5. The course information and details were distributed to interested students.

3. February 9th: Pearson Pride - Spirit Wear Day

Students are encouraged to wear their 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.

4. February 9th: Leadership Camp Applications Due

If your child is interested in attending the EMSB leadership camp, Feb. 9 is the deadline to submit the registration forms to Mr. Karpontinis. This camp is open to all students, and everyone is encouraged to attend. The camp experience is open to students from sec. 1 to sec. 4. and allows students to collaborate with other EMSB students at a leadership camp. Interested students should see Mr. Karpontinis.

5. February 9th: 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.

6. February 12th: Pedagogical Day

No classes for students.

7. February 13th - February 16th: 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. Various activities have been organized, including a guest speaker for all levels on Friday February 16th, 2024.

8. February 14th: 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.

9. February 19th: Governing Board

Our monthly Governing Board meeting will be held online on teams at 6:45 p.m.

10. February 26th – February 29th- 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.

11. February 28th: Pink Shirt Day!

Pink Shirt Day is an antibullying campaign that celebrates diversity and creates environments where all people can feel safe, valued and respected. Students are encouraged to wear a pink shirt today, with school appropriate pants in support of this campaign. If students choose not to participate, they must report to school in full uniform. We will be liquidating our stock of Pink Tees for 5\$ at the Pearson Coop while limited supplies last.

12. February 29th: VIRTUAL Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews

Our second Parent/Guardian – Teacher interview evening is taking place from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. The evening will be a virtual evening, with priority going to those parents of students who teachers are requesting to see.

During the week of February 12, 2024: 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 teachers are able to book them first.

During the week of February 19, 2024: 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.

In order to allow the staff time to prepare for the evening, **a mini day will be held on February 29th, 2024** as per the schedule below.

Mini Day Schedule REVISED (PM Ped Days)

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

13. March 1st: Pedagogical Day

No classes for students. School office will be closed.

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

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our students a safe and restful Spring Break! See you on March 11th, 2023. It will be a Day 4!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Appreciation Month in February

We would like to extend a special thank you to Patisserie Lafrenaie 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!

Outstanding School Fees:

A reminder to parents and guardians who have not yet paid school fees, please do so asap. You should have access to your Mozaik statements online for outstanding fees.

Exclusive Activities for Secondary 5 Students:

We are currently working with the student council to organize a Valentine's Day event exclusively for our secondary 5 students. We have also surveyed the students for a sugar shack event in March, so the planning for that event is underway as well. This is a continuation of our plan to offer activities to our seniors, making their last year in high school a positive and pleasurable one for them.

All of this positivity and giving back to the students, does come with a commitment from them to the school team. The school team is offering their time and covering the costs of all of these activities, in exchange that students will remain respectful and allow the school team of administration, teachers and staff a safe and positive end of the year free from dangerous senior pranks. These events not only put the safety of students at risk but create high anxiety for students and staff of the school.

Student Council's Valentine's Activities

School Matchmaker! You may have a lot more in common with someone than you realize! Students will be receiving a link on February 5th 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 5th 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 or a "Crush" to your crush for 2\$. On sale from Now- February 8th.

Lunch Hour Activities Students can participate in Cookie Decorating Feb 8 and 9, as well as Valentine Crafts Feb 13 and 14.

CEGEP Applications/Voc. Training/Ad. Education

The deadline for CEGEP applications is March 1, 2024. 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 2024: Click here to book your appointment if you haven't already:
<https://schedule.prestigeportraits.ca/schedule/home.html>

Graduation Ceremony: June 25, 2024.

Prom: June 27, 2024.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mr. Vitantonio
Principal

Ms. A. Antonacci
Interim Vice Principal (L1/2)

Ms. Di Sorbo
Vice Principal (L3/4)

Ms. Magliocco
Interim Vice Principal (L5)