

Parent/Guardian News – November 2023



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English Montreal School Board

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Déjà 25 ans!

Celebrating 25 years!

1. November 1: Take Our Kids to Work Day

Our Secondary 3 Personal Orientation Project (POP) students will be participating in the Canada-wide program: Take our Kids to Work! The TOKW program enables students to experience the world of work firsthand, while also illustrating the importance of education, skill development and training. Students have an opportunity to see what the workplace is like, appreciate the expectations, better understand their parents and understand the importance of planning their career path. Students who are not participating in this opportunity are expected to be in school.

2. November 1-10: Poppy Sales for the Royal Canadian Legion

In support of our veterans, poppies will be available in the plaza during breakfast and at lunch. The poppy is a cherished symbol of remembrance. Let us wear a poppy close to our hearts and remember those who bravely fought the fight, in past and present conflicts for our country and for us. The freedoms we enjoy today are because of the sacrifices they made in the hopes that people would never have to endure the horrors of war. Lest We Forget.

3. November 2: Traditional Non-Uniform Day

Student Council is holding a non-uniform day on November 2nd in order to raise money for Student Life Projects in our school. All students who come out of uniform without making a 2\$ contribution will be given a detention. **Students are expected to be appropriately dressed for a school day. Students inappropriately dressed will be asked to change or be sent home.** Please refer to the non-uniform day rules in the agenda if you are not certain about what to wear.

4. November 3- Pedagogical Day

No classes for students. The school offices will be closed as of noon.

5. November 6- Strike Day Declared

More information will follow once directives are made available.



6. November 9-November 21: Our School Survey

Our students will be partaking in Our School Survey over the next couple of weeks, through their phys. Ed. classes. The purpose of the survey is to allow us to gather information that we may use for our Safe School Action Plan and our Educational Project. Information letter to follow shortly.

7. November 7- Herzl Sexual Wellness Presentation (Sec. 4)

The Herzl Teenage Health Unit sends a staff doctor and a resident to give a presentation discussing sexual health, contraception, drugs, and mental health. Students can submit anonymous questions about any topic through a google form link. The presentation will be geared towards the secondary 4 students.

8. November 10: Remembrance Day Exhibit

Remembrance week provides an opportunity for the LBPBS students to take time to remember those who have served Canada, past and present, at home and around the world, during times of war, conflict, and peace. This year, LBPBS will be celebrating Remembrance week by selling poppies and selected classes will be writing post cards for our local legion that will then be delivered. We will also be having a special Remembrance Day display set up in the plaza area and on Friday, November 10th we will also be observing a moment of silence.

9. November 16 & 17: Holocaust Museum Visits (Select Sec. 5 classes)

The students will be visiting the Holocaust Museum for a guided tour and to hear a Holocaust survivor tell his story. This trip supports the educational aspects of the novel study being completed in English class by these students. Permission slips will be sent home shortly.

10. November 17- Lock Down Practice (NEW DATE)

Our Lockdown Drill is scheduled to take place today. The drill will be brief, but allow students and staff to practice the protocol for when a lock down is called. **An information letter to follow shortly.**

11. November 20: Governing Board Meeting

Our monthly Governing Board meeting is taking place at 7:00 p.m. virtually on Teams.

12. November 20- Coffee House

An impromptu evening of students and staff sharing their stories, poems and music is planned for Friday from 7-9 pm. This event will be scheduled tentatively, based on adequate participation.

13. November 20- Vow of Silence

Today is the United Nation's Universal Children's Day, when we celebrate, promote and advocate for children's rights. Student Council will be leading a vow of silence on November 20 to speak up for all those children around the world who do not have the same rights as we all enjoy today; it is also a day where we stand up against bullying and any instance where children are treated unjustly. We will be using the day to collect pledges to support our international social justice project as well as to educate our community.

14. November 21 & 22: Graduation Rings Orders

The Jostens representative will be present during lunch to take orders from our secondary 5 students for their graduation rings. Information regarding the ring orders will be sent home to secondary 5 parents/guardians.

15. November 22- Report Cards on Mozaik

Report cards will be posted on Mozaik today for parents. Please take time to review the report card prior to our Parent-Teacher Interviews on November 23, 2023.

16. November 23: Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews

Our first Parent/Guardian – Teacher interview evening is taking place from 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. We encourage all parents and guardians to come to school and meet with teachers to discuss their child’s academic progress in school. IEPs will be ready for parent/guardian signatures on this evening. If your child is following an IEP, please be ready to come in to sign and pick up your copy.

Mr. Vitantonio will be holding graduation requirements presentations in the auditorium, for those families who wish to understand what is required for students in Quebec to obtain their high school diploma. The times of the presentations are: 3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The students will be following a mini-day schedule today to allow the school time for the set-up for the evening. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Please see the schedule below.

Mini Day Schedule REVISED (PM Ped Days)

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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	

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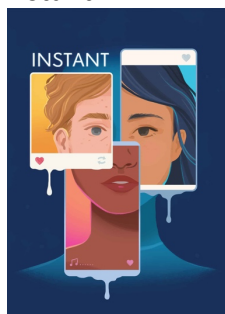
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17. November 24- Ped Day

No classes for students. The school offices will be closed.

18. November 30- Geordie Theatre Productions (Sec. 4 & 5)

Our secondary 4 and 5 students will be seeing a play presentation in our school auditorium today Called Instant.



Here’s a brief synopsis of the play they will be seeing; Meredith wants to be a pop star. Jay wants to be a hockey star. Rosie just wants to help her father. Searching for fame in a world of instant communication drives all of them to make split-second choices that have lasting ramifications. Written by Governor-General Award winner Erin Shields, Instant is a lightening-speed, multinarrative story about three teenagers who are trying to be heard in a world where it’s harder to reach the top if you don’t recognize who you really are.

SPVM Class Presentations

Our community officer, Officer Fournier will be visiting the classes over the next few weeks on various topics regarding proper citizenship, the question of consent, and legalities being texting/sexting. The presentations will be geared towards all students, and level specific.

Host Family Requested for Sport-études Student

Lester B. Pearson High School is looking to create a list of families that would be interested in being a potential host family for future out of province students coming to Lester B. Pearson High School for the Sport-études program.

Responsibilities of the host families

Provide a room with a double bed or more.

Provide a study area.

Provide a supportive attitude and communication facilities (internet, etc.). Any concerns regarding the student should be to the Administration/Sport-études Coordinator.

Ensure that the player feels at home and comfortable at all times.

Feed the player, 3 meals a day and snacks.

Benefits to host families

Monetary compensation

Precious memories of a very special human experience.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact the school Administration/Sport-études Coordinator. Do not hesitate to write to us if you have any questions regarding the host families.

Camp Lift Class Presentations

Camp Lift, a non-profit organization working with all high school sin the EMSB will be presenting to our classes over the next couple of months. The presentations include the following:

Vaping (Sec. 2):

"Nothing short of a public health epidemic" - Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb
This preventative classroom workshop explores the history, evolution, marketing and harms associated with vaping products. It is followed up with an open discussion around risk assessment. This presentation is the result of a collaboration between Camp LIFT, the Quebec Public Health Ministry and CQTS (Centre Québécois Tabac Société).

Cannabis (Sec. 3 & 4)

With the current legalization of cannabis, it's easy to get lost in all the misinformation and to lose sight of the facts. This prevention workshop on cannabis use is a harm reduction approach to open conversations with youth, and to present them factual information. This has been proven to be the most efficient way to develop critical thinking when it comes to substance use.

Parties and substance use (Sec. 5):

At the crossroads of teenage years and adulthood, substance use can become a redundant conversation, but nevertheless very important. During festive gatherings, such as graduations, proms and other parties, it's important to stay responsible and safe while having fun. This classroom workshop is for secondary 5 students to open their mind to the risks of using in festive environments.

Mid-Year Exams

Please note our mid-year exam days are scheduled to take place January 25-26-29, 2024. More details will follow, and there may be a couple of additional days added if needed. We will send out a schedule once all is confirmed.

Save the Dates- Secondary 5

Graduation Photos: More details to follow,

Graduation Ceremony: June 25, 2024. (Le Rizz Reception Hall) More details to follow.

Prom: June 27, 2024. (Venue Golf Metropolitan) More details to follow.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mr. Vitantonio
Principal

Ms. Caruso
Vice Principal (L1/2)

Ms. Di Sorbo
Vice Principal (L3/4)

Ms. Fanelli
Vice Principal (L5)