

Parent/Guardian News – November 2024

1. November 1-11: 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. *Let's We Forget.*

2. November 4 & 5: Vaccination Day (sec. 3)

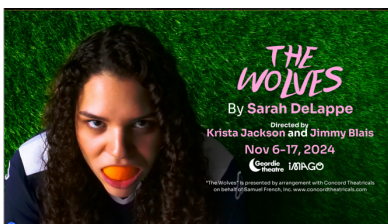
Students in secondary 3 will be vaccinated. Information will be sent home to parents and guardians following the school nurse visits to the classes. Students are encouraged to wear short sleeves on these days and have breakfast the morning of the scheduled vaccinations.

3. November 6: 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.

4. November 6 & 12 - Geordie Theatre Productions (Sec. 5)

Our secondary 5 students will be seeing a play presentation on these two days called *Wolves*. The grade level has been divided into 2 groups, and each group will be bussed to the Segal Centre for the presentation.



Synopsis:

Meet a girls' soccer team on their own turf.

They're not on ours.

They warm up, preparing for ultimate victory while navigating the biting realities of coming of age in a complex world. They define themselves

*amongst themselves. A fast-paced, raw and unapologetic snapshot of adolescence, *The Wolves* explores belonging, friendship, sexuality, grief and politics as seen through the eyes of nine strong young women. *The Wolves* was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Winner of the Relentless Award and a New York Times Critics' Pick. *The Wolves* is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com*

5. November 8: Traditional Non-Uniform Day

Student Council is holding a non-uniform day 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.

6. November 8- Tentative 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.

7. November 4-15: Anxiety Presentations (sec. 1)

Ms. Johnson will be visiting our sec 1 classes to give the students a presentation on managing stress and anxiety. The presentation will cover topics such as what is the difference between stress and anxiety, the cycle of avoidance, and strategies to manage anxiety in a helpful way.

8. November 11-14: Ensemble – Cyberviolence (sec. 2)

The organization Ensemble for the Respect of Diversity will be coming to give a workshop to the Sec 2 classes November 11-14 on combatting cyberviolence. By creating a space where youth can express themselves frankly, the workshop aims to supply them with tools and mobilize them to oppose various violent behaviours they may witness online and question some of their own attitudes.

9. November 11: Remembrance Day Exhibit

Remembrance week provides an opportunity for the LBPHS 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, LPBHS will be celebrating Remembrance week by selling poppies and we will also be having a special Remembrance Day display set up in the plaza area we will also be observing a moment of silence.

10. November 15- Pearson Pride-Spirit Wear Day

Students are encouraged to wear the LBP spirit wear today. These include their school hoodies, t-shirts, club t-shirts and hoodies. **Phys. Ed uniforms are not considered spirit wear.** Uniform pants must be worn. **Students must be in their school polo for ID photo retakes today, so bring it in your bag if you're in spirit wear!**

11. November 18: Governing Board Meeting

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

12. 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 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.

13. November 22- Pedagogical Day

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

14. November 26- 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.

15. November 28: Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews (Mini-Day)

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.

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)

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	

The STM special busses will be available at dismissal.

NEW INITIATIVE- HOLIDAY POP UP EVENT AT PT NIGHT:

Lester B Pearson HS is excited to announce that we will have our first Holiday Pop Up Event. Always within our goal of building relationships with our school community, we are inviting our parents with businesses to showcase their products or services on Thursday November 28 during parent teacher interviews.

The cost of a rental is \$25.00, and all proceeds will go towards our Holiday Baskets for our LBP families. More details will follow shortly on how to book a table.

16. November 29- Ped Day

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

Camp Lift Class Presentations

Camp Lift, a non-profit organization working with all high school in the EMSB will be presenting to our classes over the next 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)

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. 4 & 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 23-24-27, 2025. More details will follow. We will send out a schedule once all is confirmed. Only certain subjects at certain grade levels will be writing mid-year exams.

Save the Dates- Secondary 5

Graduation Photos: The grad photos will take place in February. More details to follow,

Graduation Ceremony: June 23, 2025. (Renaissance Hall) More details to follow.

Prom: June 26, 2025. (Venue Golf Metropolitan) More details to follow.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mr. Vitantonio
Principal

Ms. Caruso
Vice Principal (L1/2)

Ms. Tumnillo
Vice Principal (L3/4)

Ms. Fanelli
Vice Principal (L5)