

# Parent/Guardian News - November 2025

# **Community Relations**

We are asking for your continued cooperation in having a conversation with your child if they leave school grounds at lunch time or hang out at some of the local restaurants after school including McDonald's in RDP. It is important that the school maintains a good relationship with the residents and businesses in the area.

To this end, students are required to treat people in the community with respect. We have received some calls from neighbors and business owners regarding some messes being left in the neighboring streets and businesses from our students. Student should also REFRAIN from hanging out on private neighbors' properties including their driveways and porches.

# 1. November 3-11: 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. Lest We Forget.

### 2. November 5: Take Our Kids to Work Day

Our Secondary 3 POP students will take part in the national Take Our Kids to Work program. This exciting opportunity allows students to explore real-world workplaces, gain insight into career paths, and understand the value of education and skill-building. Students not participating are expected to attend school as usual.

# 3. November 6: Traditional Non-Uniform Day

Student Council is holding a non-uniform day in order to raise money for Student Life Projects and Social Justice 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 6: Tentative Coffee House

If enough students sign up, we'll be hosting a cozy evening of creativity and connection. Join us from 6–8 PM for an impromptu showcase of stories, poems, and music shared by students and staff. Interested in performing? Stay tuned for sign-up details.

# 5. November 7: Pedagogical Day

No classes for students. The school offices will be closed as of 1:00 p.m.



# 6. November 10-14: Grade-Level Spirit Week

Each day of the week is dedicated to a different grade, with free slushes for the featured grade. More details to follow in a separate email and google classrooms for the grade levels.

# 7. November 11: Remembrance Day

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 announcement followed by a moment of silence. Classroom pedagogical activities will also be available to teachers to do with their students.

### 8. November 14- 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.

# 9. November 17: Governing Board Meeting

Our monthly Governing Board meeting is taking place at 6:45 p.m. virtually on Teams.

# 10. November 19- 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.

### 11. November 20- Vow of Silence

On Universal Children's Day, Student Council will take a vow of silence to raise awareness for children around the world who are denied basic rights. This symbolic act also stands against bullying and injustice. We'll be collecting pledges to support our international social justice project and educating our community throughout the day.

# 12. November 20: Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews (Mini-Day)

The following is TENTATIVE based on the current STM BUS STRIKE STATUS- CONFIMATION OF THE EVENING WILL FOLLOW AS THE DATE APPROACHES. MINI-DAY MAY NEED TO BE RECONSIDERED.

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

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	

# **HOLIDAY POP UP EVENT AT PT NIGHT:**

Lester B Pearson HS is excited to announce that we will have our second Holiday Pop Up Event. Always within our goal of building relationships with our school community, we are inviting our parents and community members with businesses to showcase their products or services on Thursday November 20 during parent teacher interviews.

The cost of a rental is \$35.00, and all proceeds will go towards our lunch time school events for our LBP students. More details will follow shortly on how to book a table.

# 13. November 21- Pedagogical Day

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

### 14. November 27- Biodome Visit

Our secondary 4 Sport-études students enrolled in Biology class with Mr. Adornato will be visiting the Biodome on this day.

# 15. November 28- Pedagogical Day

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

# **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 months. The presentations include the following:

# My Independence Matters To Me (Sec. 1)

This preventative classroom workshop reviews basic concepts related to the risks of consumption and the importance of making autonomous decisions. The workshop is specifically adapted to students' stage of development.

# Vaping (Sec. 2):

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).

# Inner Warrior (Sec. 3):

A youth program that emphasizes life skills and personal growth over academics and practical skills for students who are at risk. The program provides mentorship, authentic connection, and a safe emotional space for participants. The goal is to help youth overcome challenges related to mental health and school engagement, with the aim of fostering resilience and perseverance.

# 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.

# **Security Awareness Resources for Parents and Students:**

With increased safety concerns with the internet at cybersecurity in general, the IT department has provided schools with the following links to help educate students about cybersecurity. Take a moment to review these with your child to keep them safe when navigating the internet.

Keep the kids in your life cyber safe: a checklist - Get Cyber Safe

Real examples of fake emails - Get Cyber Safe

The 7 red flags of phishing - Get Cyber Safe

<u>Cyber Security Ontario: K-12 Zone | Cyber Security Ontario</u> (includes age-based interactive games like "Spot the scam" (https://cybersecurityontario.gov.on.ca/ repo/K-12/Game/Spot-the-Scam/story.html)

# **Save the Dates- Secondary 5**

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

High School Leaving Ceremony: June 6, 2026. (Place des Arts-Theatre Maisonneuve) More details to follow.

Prom: June 25, 2026. More details to follow.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mr. Vitantonio Ms. Fanelli Ms. Tummillo Ms. Pizzichemi

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