



BISHOP IN BRIEF

Bishop Smith Catholic High School Newsletter

October 2018

Volume 5 issue 2

362 Carmody Street,
Pembroke, ON K8A 4G2
• Tel: 613-735-5496
• Fax:- 613-735-9272
• bsch.rccdsb.edu.on.ca

**FOLLOW US
ON TWITTER
@BISHOPSMITHCH**

**LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
BISHOP SMITH CHS**

Key Dates For October

- Sept 25- Oct. 3: "Thanks For Giving" Food Drive
- Oct. 4: College Information Session in a.m. @ Algonquin College (students must sign up at Student Services)
- Oct. 5: PA Day
- Oct. 8: Thanksgiving
- Oct. 9: Picture Retake Day
- Oct. 11: Parent-Teacher Interviews (4:00-7:30 p.m.)
- Oct. 22: University Info Session in a.m. @ FHS (students must sign up at Student Services)
- Oct. 24: Dress Purple Day (in support of FCS)
- Oct. 26: Pass & Smash V-ball tournament @ BSCH
- Oct. 29: Parent Council meeting (5:30-7:00 p.m.)

A Message From the Admin Team: Thanks"living"

With the splendor of autumn in the air and Thanksgiving fast approaching, it is often a time of year to pause and reflect on life's blessings. Without doubt, we have a great deal to be thankful for @ BSCH: wonderful students, a dedicated & caring staff, and supportive parents. Once again our EQAO scores will have us placed as one of the top-performing secondary schools in Renfrew County, but we are equally as proud of the fact that we are about more than just academics. At BSCH we educate the mind, but we also strive to provide opportunities to nurture the body & soul of each student.

The "Thanks For Giving" Food Drive is a good example of one of the projects we expose the students to and it highlights the tremendous generosity and social justice spirit of the

BSCH community and the power of Thanks"living". All non-perishable food items, hygiene items or money donations can be dropped off in the student's period I classes. This food drive will be supporting St. Vincent de Paul Society,



"Together We Will Succeed"

Did You Know? Therapy Dogs @ BSCH

Again this year an exciting placement has arisen for one of grade 8 & high school classrooms where we will be introducing certified therapy dogs, Blazer and Trax, to the classroom environment. The program started a few years ago in regards to supporting students who suffer from anxiety. The plan would be for Blazer or Trax to visit the class once a week and interact with the students. They would, however, be under the constant supervision of Mr. Peplinskie & Mrs. Peplinskie.

The BSCH community is fortunate that both staff members and both dogs are members of the Therapeutic Paws of Canada and that they are certified to be in a classroom setting with students. Over the last few years, their team has also participated at the Petawawa Public Library, Pembroke Heritage Manor retirement residence as well as the St. Francis of Assisi school community in Petawawa.

Having a dog in the building isn't necessarily new to BSCH, with one of our grade 8 students currently having a Service Dog (Innis), and we have done a great deal of education with the student body & staff as to the differences between a Service Dog vs. a Therapy Dog and how we are to respect that they are considered "working" when wearing their red vests.

For any enquiries or concerns, please contact Mr. Young directly at Bishop by phone (735-5496 ext.232) or by email cyoung@rccdsb.edu.on.ca.

RCCDSB



Parent Council

2018-2019

Thanks to all parents who turned up for our opening meeting. Executive positions are as follows:

Chairperson:

Jodie Bouffard

Secretary:

Chantel Carriere

Staff Reps:

Natalie Jalette

Angela Watson

New parents are always welcome to attend! Meetings are usually the last Monday of the month from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

BreakFast Program

Each year the school receives funding from "Food For Learning" and "Breakfast For Learning" and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, in order to run a breakfast program and a snack program 5 days a week for students. We have 9 volunteers on staff who make this program possible and each day between 70 to 85 students benefit. All, however, are welcome!

Last year we were also given a free bushel of apples weekly from Food For Learning .

A Message From Student Services

Our Student Services Team looks forward to working closely with you as you journey along a new school year. Stress builds and workload demands on students can be significant at times. We will guide you with healthy strategies to deal with stress.

For our Graduating Students:

Applications for college and university will begin during the first week in November. Students will be called down by class in order to set up their account with OUAC and OCAS. In the meantime, we highly recommend that students spend some time on MyBlueprint researching programs. The link is available from our school website under student services.

Important College & University visits to BSCHS are listed outside Student Services. (Sign up is required for all events)

Oct. 4th: College Information Day at Algonquin Pembroke Campus 8:30-12:00 p.m. (\$2 for bus)

Oct. 22nd: University Information Day at Fellowes HS 8:30-9:45a.m. (\$2 for bus)

Interviews

Semester 1: Parent Teacher Interview Night is Thursday October 11th from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Student Services will be presenting an information session for parents of graduating students in the library on the topic of College and University application processes.

Semester 2: Parent Teacher Interview Night. A Graduating Student Parent Session that same evening will be on OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program).

Pictures

Grad Photo sittings are scheduled for the week of November 26th -29th. Be ready with a white shirt / blouse. It is free but if you want more than one pose (used for the Yearbook and the Graduation Composite) the cost is \$25 and you receive the proofs.

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC EXPERIENCE 2019

The Dominican Republic Experience Team for 2019 is busy planning and fundraising for our missions work in Yamasa, Dominican Republic. This year's trip will occur during the second week of February.

This year's team includes the following members of our Bishop Smith community: Braeden Bolt

Ty Brannan, Arianna Dunlay, Sabrina Hill, Grant Hurley, Kaylie Kuehl, Myah Peplinski, Rheanna Phillips, Katrina Slusar, Mrs. Crossman, Mrs. Beaupre & Fr. Justin Bertrand.

How can you help our team?

We are looking for medical supplies, medicine and old eyeglasses which will be distributed at the clinic we

help support in Yamasa. As well financial donations for the purchase of "Friendship Food Kits" are greatly appreciated. These kits help provide food for those in need year-round in Yamasa and the surrounding area.

For more information please contact Mark Conrad.
mconrad@rccdsb.edu.on.ca