

**April 9, 2018**  
**Parent Council Meeting/Minutes**

1. **OSSLT:** 300 students writing the Literacy Test tomorrow. There are no classes in the morning, and the school will be open in the PM for students to see teachers for extra help.
2. **Be Well Bethune Week** is scheduled for April 16-20. As part of our program, we will be offering a parent presentation (in both Mandarin and English) on April 18. The presentation will be delivered by Hong Fook, and it will focus on how parents can support their teenagers to achieve to their highest potential, and how parents support their well-being and mental health.
3. **Report cards** go home on Thursday, April 12.
4. April 30 marks the start of the **Summative Period**. Many courses will have **culminating activities** and projects. These activities plus the **final exams** account for 30% of the students final grade. Some courses have culminating activities only (worth 30%); some courses have a final exam only (worth 30%); some courses have a combination of both (combined, they are worth 30%). Regular attendance is essential during this time. Students who are absent for sports will be given opportunities to catch up on work.
5. The **Final Exam Schedule** will be published and given to students on Monday, April 16. It will also be posted on the website. Students who are absent for their final exam will receive a mark of zero, unless there is a medical. Students who are absent due to medical reasons may have to complete a make-up exam.
6. Bethune has put out a **survey** to all students to find out if the school is meeting their needs in term of the activities that we offer and support for academic achievement. We also want to know if they can access help when/if they need it. Student voice survey has received over 350 responses already. We will share the results with students, staff and parents, and begin working with all stakeholders to address some of the needs that students have expressed.
7. Local Bethune **Summer School** will take place for the month of July. Students have already registered.  
There is still room for GPP301 (grade 11 leadership course) and MCR3U (Grade 11 Math). These are full credit courses and will take place for a full day for the month of July.  
We will also offer remedial math for grade 9 and 10 for students who are unsuccessful this year. The remedial math will be full days, for 2 weeks.
8. During the summer months, work will begin in the Commons area to improve the acoustics. Sound panels will be installed.
9. **Elections Ontario** has secured a permit to use Bethune as a polling station on June 7. Polling will be open from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.
10. **Parents as Partners Conference 2018**
  - Registration is still open for the Parents as Partners Conference!

- The Parents as Partners Conference 2018 is on Saturday, April 28 and all parents are welcome!
- This free conference – planned by parents, for parents – includes a variety of workshops and resources that will help any parent support their child in their achievement and well-being at school and at home.
- Registration closes on April 16!
- Transportation, childcare, food and translators are all provided. Register now at [www.parentsaspartners.ca](http://www.parentsaspartners.ca)

#### **11. Upcoming Special Dates:**

Thurs. Apr. 12	<i>Sounds of Toronto</i> (Bethune Choir)
Mon. April 16-20	Bell Well Bethune Week
Wed. April 18	Parent Presentation at 6:30 pm (Be Well Bethune Week)
Mon. May 7	Parent Presentation at 7:00 pm
Fri. May 25	SAC Elections
Mon. May 28	Spring Concert, Markham Theatre
Fri. June 1	AM Classes. Grad Lunch in PM.
Thurs. June 7	Election Ontario Polling @ Bethune 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Fri. June 8	AM EQAO Grade 9; PM English Exams
Mon. June 11-21	Final Exam Period
Thurs. June 21	Prom
Mon. June 25	Exam/Mark Return; Remedial Summer School Sign Up
Thurs. June 28	Commencement; TCCCC
Fri. June 29	Report Card Pick up
Tues. July 2	Bethune Local Summer School Starts