

Monday, November 5, 2018

Parent Council Meeting

**Principal's Update:**

Thank you to Janaki and Mirek, who will continue as the Parent Council Chairs.

Parents can expect a first term report card on November 23. Parent-Teacher interviews are scheduled for Thursday, December 6, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Once again, parents will be able to sign up on-line.

There are on-going concerns about traffic safety, not just on the street (with students being dropped off across the streets), but also in the side/back parking lot area, as some students are being dropped off at the back of the school. Information was put into our latest newsletter to ask that students not be dropped off in the parking lot area. We've also issued parking passes to all staff and students who park at the school, and registered their car in the office, with reminders about the speed limit in the parking lot.

Our open house for Grade 8's takes place on November 21. We have not yet been informed of our optional attendance status for next year, but we expect to be able to accept a limited number of optional attendance students.

Wednesday, November 14 is "Take our Kids to Work Day" for all grade 9 students. Grade 9 students are encouraged to accompany a parent or other adult to work. Students who do not participate are expected to report to school.

Some school improvements have been completed (Commons Acoustics, Outdoor Classroom, Subject Award Plaques).

Bethune will be hosting 10 Exchange Students from Shenyang, China. They will arrive on November 26 and will stay for 3 weeks. 20 Bethune students have volunteered to be "Bethune Buddies" and are in the process of making plans to welcome these students.

This year, students paid \$30 for their Student Activity Fee. A total of \$28,500 was collected.

**Breakdown:**

Clubs (start-up equipment, supplies, etc):	\$8000
Athletics (tournament fees, equipment):	\$8000
SAC Events (Gr. 9 BBQ, Halloween Dance, Semi-Formal, End of Year Fair):	\$6000
Special Events, Class Prizes, Pizza for Student Volunteers:	\$5000
Miscellaneous:	\$1500

*NOTE: Money collected for student activity fees are only used to support activities and resources that are not directly connected to curriculum and programming. In addition, the money collected for any given year is spent for that year.*

**From Guidance:**

Grade 9's attended leadership camp on Oct. 30.

Post-secondary assembly has been planned for all grade 12 students

Scholarship information session has also been planned.

College panel for all Colleges in GTA – presented for grade 10 and 11 students

Grade 8 Parents' Night scheduled for Nov. 21

University application process begins soon. Students will get their PINS, which they need to being the application process.

**Math Dept.**

Catherine Barratt (ACL of Math/Numeracy) provided an overview of all Math courses at Bethune, as well as all the opportunities for support and enrichment.