



NORWOOD PARK MARCH NEWS

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MR. BRADLEY SAID ...

It has been an amazing experience coming back to Norwood Park School. I had the privilege of being a student here in the 70s! The school has changed tremendously since then. When I attended it was pretty much a middle school (15 classes, each with 35-40 students in Grades 6-8). Now there are more classes in the primary division and all the students are in French Immersion. Nonetheless, it is still a great place for students to learn!

February was a month of changes. We said good by to Mme LaCroix our Vice-Principal as she took up her position of Principal at Lawfield School. Mme Rodney-Bartolas went on leave and then Mr. Hazell and I arrived in the office. It is great to have Mr. Hazell back at Norwood. He served here as Principal for several years. One young student asked me if Mr. Hazell was the Principal when I went to Norwood. I laughed and responded, "He's not quite that old!".

While there have been changes, we are working diligently to make sure that learning continues in the classrooms, students are safe and happy, and the staff has the resources they need to deliver quality programs.

In this newsletter, you will find some reminders and new information we hope you find useful. On the back of this page is a calendar for the month of March. Norwood is a busy place!

RESPECTFUL USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Cell phones, iPads and other devices have tremendous potential as learning tools at school. On the flip side, they can also distract from learning and be used for inappropriate purposes (access adult content, cyber bullying, etc.).

At Norwood the staff recognizes that we need to teach our students to develop habits that demonstrate respectful use of technology.

Our student agendas read, "Electronic devices are to be kept locked in lockers at all times. Students are allowed to use phones/devices in the safe zone outside of the office with their teacher's permission, when required. The use of electronics in the classroom will be directed/supervised by the classroom teacher for educational purposes only. Electronic devices brought to school are the sole responsibility of the owner. Students who do not follow the policy will have their devices placed in the main office for the duration of the day. Repeat offenders will have their devices picked up, at the office, by a parent."

Please help your child maintain their focus on learning by not texting or calling them during the school day. If you must get a message to or speak with them, please call the office and our Office Administrators will be happy to help.

While texting or using SnapChat is easy, we also want our students to develop face-to-face social and communication skills. By setting the phones aside while at school, we allow our children to indulge in play and develop deeper friendships.



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MCYU CURIOSITY CRAWL

**A Day to Question,
Discover and Create
Saturday, March 3, 2018**

How many emotions do we feel in one day? How do you make dirty water drinkable? How does one create the perfect zombie virus?

Choose your own adventure from 15 interactive workshops guaranteed to spark your curiosity! A fun event for the whole family! Workshops geared towards ages 7-14.

This is a full day program! Choose two workshops from a list of 15 different exciting topics. Pizza lunch included. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. There is not charge for the day.

To register, visit

<http://mcyu.ca/mcyu-mcyu-curiosity-crawl-saturday-march-3-2018/>

PICK-UP & DROP-OFF SAFETY

Thanks to all the parents and caregivers who have amended their routines to follow the posted no stopping and no parking signs around the school. Your diligence helps keep all safe as they arrive and depart school. It might take an extra couple of minutes, but if it saves someone from injury it is time well invested.

Warren Avenue - This is the street that should be used for dropping off and picking up students. The area south of the school parking lot is reserved for buses and taxis, but the entire length of the street north of the parking lot is available for pick up and drop off.







Terrace Drive - the entire east (school) side of Terrace Drive is a no stopping, no parking zone. Please do not stop and drop your children off on the east side of Terrace. The street is narrow and the potential for accident is greatly increased when cars are stopped on both sides of the street. If you need to use Terrace Drive, please park facing south (towards Mohawk) on the west side of the street.

School Parking Lot - As the parking spaces are limited, the school parking lot is reserved for school staff only. Please do NOT drive into the parking lot to drop off your child. It is a busy location with moving cars and the potential for danger. If you are dropping off your child on Warren, please direct them to walk to the field on either side of the parking lot. It is NOT safe for children to access the playground or school by walking through the parking lot.

South Bend Road East - Another option is to drop off your child on South Bend between Terrace and Warren. The school board is investigating the possibility of installing a gate in the fence on South Bend. This would allow quicker access to the field.

MARCH 2018 AT NORWOOD PARK

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u> Do you enjoy playing chess? Could you be available Mondays from 10:35 to 11:15 am? Do you have a police check completed? Contact Mme Bianchi for more information.</p>		<p>PLEASE NOTE: Events on calendar are accurate at time of publishing. Times and dates are subject to change.</p>	<p>1* DAY 2 Sherwood Visit with Gr. 8s (Option Sheets) Indoor Soccer Practice (NB1)</p>	<p>2 P.A. DAY (School Closed, Staff focus on Math Instruction)</p>
<p>5* DAY 3 Squares of Care, Harry Potter Club and Chess Club (NB1) Gr. 7/8 Intramurals (NB1) Gr. 6 After School Scholars (3:15-4:45 pm)</p>	<p>6* DAY 4 Sr. Band (8:15 am)</p>	<p>7* DAY 5 Jr. Band (8:15 am) Indoor Soccer Tourne Pita Day  Gr. 7/8 Intramurals (NB1) Gr. 6 After School Scholars (3:15-4:45 pm)</p>	<p>8 DAY 1 Gr. 2 Dental Screening Gr. 7/8 Intramurals (NB1)</p>	<p>9 DAY 2</p>
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<p>19 DAY 3 Squares of Care & Chess Club (NB1) Gr. 7/8 Intramurals (NB1) Gr. 6 After School Scholars (3:15-4:45 pm) Jr. Girls (3:45 pm) & Boys (5 pm) BB at Chedoke</p>	<p>20 DAY 4 Sr. Band (8:15 am) Gr. 7/8 Enrichment Prog. Gr. 8 Grad Photos</p>	<p>21* DAY 5 Jr. Band (8:15 am) Pizza Day  Gr. 7/8 Intramurals (NB1) Gr. 6 After School Scholars (3:15-4:45 pm) Jr. Girls (3:45 pm) & Boys (5 pm) BB at Riddell</p>	<p>22* DAY 1 Gr. 7/8 Intramurals (NB1)</p>	<p>23* DAY 2 Ottawa Trip final Payment due</p>
<p>26 DAY 3 Squares of Care & Chess Club (NB1) Gr. 7/8 Intramurals (NB1) Gr. 6 After School Scholars (3:15-4:45 pm) Gr. 6-8 Swim Team Pract. - Westmount (3:30-4:30 pm) School Council Meeting (6:30 pm)</p>	<p>27* DAY 4 Sr. Band (8:15 am)</p>	<p>28* DAY 5 Jr. Band (8:15 am) Gr. 5/6 Trip to AGH Sub Day  Gr. 7/8 Intramurals (NB1) Jr. Boys (3:45 pm) & Girls (5 pm) BB at Anc. Meadow</p>	<p>29 DAY 1 Gr. 6 After School Scholars (3:15-4:45 pm) Last day for Grade 8s to submit Yearbook cover design. Gr. 7/8 Intramurals (NB1) * Mr. Hazell, VP at school on days marked with *</p>	<p>30 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY </p>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Apr. 2 Easter Monday	May 3 French Café
Apr. 3/4 Jr. Boys & Girls BB	May 9-11 Ottawa Trip
Apr. 4/9 Sr./Jr. Bandfest	May 21 Victoria Day
Apr. 9 Jr. Boys & Girls BB	May 25 Jump Rope 4 Heart
Apr. 10 Gr. 7/8 Enrichment	May 28 School Council Mtg.
Apr. 17 Gr. 6 Warplane Trip	June 5 Gr. 5 Enrichment
Apr. 18 Gr. 5 Enrichment	June 8 P.A. Day
Apr. 24 School Council Mtg.	June 21 Gr. 8 Graduation
May 1 Gr. 6 Enrichment	June 25 Reports Cards home
May 2 Swim Meet - Mac	June 28 Last day of school

OTHER NEWS

Thank you ... to our amazing School Council for another incredible book sale. Proceeds will place many new books in the library and classrooms.

Good-bye and thank you ... to Mme Franca (4A) as we welcome back Mme Amodeo.

Congratulations ... to Mme El-Dorra as she begins her maternity leave. Welcome Mme Beaudin (a Norwood grad) who takes on Mme El-Dorra's Gr. 6 classes and Gr. 7/8 Learning Resource duties.

Way to go! ... Our Sr. Girls' Basketball team, finished first in their division. They won their first playoff game and came oh, so close to winning their quarter final match.

Congratulations ... to Mrs. Todoric on her appointment as Office Administrator at Fessenden. Mrs. Dawson will be here for the month of March, until Mrs. Russell starts April 3.