



PARENT COUNCIL

UPDATED CALENDAR OF SCHOOL & PARENT COUNCIL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- **19th**, Curriculum Night
- **26th**, Welcome Back BBQ, 5:30pm
- **27th**, Terry Fox Run

OCTOBER

- **2nd**, Parent Council Mtg, 6:30pm
- **29th**, Pizza Lunch
- **31st**, Halloween Parade

NOVEMBER

- **5th**, Parent Council Mtg, 6:30pm
- **19th**, Pizza Lunch
- **21st**, Parent's Night Out
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Progress Reports Go Home

DECEMBER

- **2nd-13th**, Winter Community Outreach Program
- **3rd**, Parent Council Coffee Morning
- **17th**, Pizza Lunch
- Winter Concerts & Spirit Week

JANUARY

- **15th**, Parent Council Mtg, 6:30pm
- **21st**, Pizza Lunch



Welcome back! A new school year brings new excitement....

Bedford Park Parent Council would like to extend a warm welcome as we embark on another wonderful year at Bedford! We hope you and your family had a fantastic summer holiday and that you are feeling recharged and ready for the new school year! Hopefully the children are all feeling settled after the first few weeks of school and excited about what this year has to offer!

The Parent Council is looking forward in anticipation as we have lots of great ideas to share and put into action this year. Our **GOAL** this year is to **BUILD COMMUNITY** and **BUILD SPIRIT!**

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide:

- Key dates and events planned for this year so you can mark your calendars now
- A list of volunteer opportunities for the year
- Kick off the annual fundraising campaign

If you have any questions or ideas you want to share with us at any time please email us at bedfordparkpc@gmail.com or better yet join us in the library on October 2nd for first Parent Council meeting at 6:30pm.





VOLUNTEERS

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FEBRUARY

- **3rd**, Parent Council Mtg, 6pm
- **3rd**, Guest Speaker: Paul Davis, 7pm
- **18th**, Pizza Lunch
- **26th**, Bedford Park Parents Night Out
- Pink Shirt Day
- Report Cards Go Home
- 100th Day of School

MARCH

- **3rd**, Parent Council Coffee Morning
- **24th**, Pizza Lunch

APRIL

- **7th**, Parent Council Mtg, 6:30pm
- **14th**, Pizza Lunch
- Spring Outreach Program
- International Day of Pink
- Earth Day

MAY

- **1st**, Community Night, 5:30pm
- **19th**, Pizza Lunch
- Wellness Month
- **26th**, Parent Council Mtg, 6:30pm

JUNE

- Teacher Appreciation Lunch
- Grade 8 Graduation
- **23rd**, Pizza Lunch
- Spirit Week

As part of our effort to increase engagement within the Bedford community we want to get more people involved in Parent Council efforts. We are proposing that we create four committees this year as a part of Parent Council; **Community Outreach, School Social, Fundraising, and Communications**. See below for all of the volunteer roles we currently have available. They vary in time commitment and effort. Additional executive roles such as Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, and Co-Treasurer will be nominated and elected at our first meeting. For more information you can go to www.bedfordpark.ca or come and talk to us at the Parent Council tent at the BBQ on September 26th.

We know our community is full of talented people with amazing ideas. Whether you can help for 15 mins or organize an entire event, every contribution is appreciated. This is not an inclusive list as we need lots of volunteers throughout the year and everyone can have an opportunity to get involved.

Executive Roles

Secretary

Are you organized and great at taking notes? Become the secretary for Parent Council. Attend all meetings, document the meeting minutes and issue minutes after the meetings.

Fundraising Lead

Interested in fundraising and organizing events? Responsible for liaising with all fundraising co-ordinators to run successful events and support the teams during planning and event execution. Report to council on progress and support as required.

Communications Lead

Are you tech savvy and an effective communicator? Responsible for liaising with all the communications teams (web, Blues, Student Council, and Class Parents) and ensure all Parent Council requirements are met.





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Committee Roles

Social Committee - Create fun events for Bedford Families!

Parent Social Coordinators (2 positions): Plan our Bedford parent evenings, determine a theme, venue and entertainment and communicate the details of the event to the parent body. Coordinate ticket sales (if required) and report to Parent Council on progress and event completion.

Welcome BBQ Coordinator 2020: Set date for event with school Admin, plan and execute the BBQ with Social Committee including tickets, permits, communications and seeking volunteers. Manage the event on the day.

Community Outreach Committee - Help Bedford Help Those in Need!

School Wide Art Project Coordinators (2 positions): Develop plans and execute art projects to involve Bedford's student body. Work with teachers and admin and manage the project to ensure it is completed successfully. Report progress to Parent Council.

Local Outreach Coordinator: Determine local outreach possibilities within Bedford's immediate community and liaise with chosen outreach partner. Work with Bedford's Student Council to develop and implement the outreach project.

Toronto Outreach Coordinator: Identify an outreach partner within the city and liaise with chosen outreach partner during the program. Work with school Administration to implement and schedule the outreach project.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch Coordinators (3 positions): Plan and execute the annual appreciation lunch which includes coordinating invitations, communications, organizing donations, catering and managing set-up/clean-up on the day.

Fundraising Committee - Raise funds to build great student experiences!

Community Night Coordinators (2 positions): Plan, manage, and execute the Bedford Park Community Night. Our Biggest and most fun fundraiser! Build a Community Night team and coordinate with the different sub-committees required to run the event including food, activities, tickets, volunteers, and logistics. Liaise with Parent Council, Administration and Class Parents.





FUNDRAISING

Parent Council is already working hard to ensure that this year proves successful in helping to fund activities and resources that enhance and enrich the educational experience that our children enjoy at this great school. For this reason, we are asking you to make a contribution to enrich your child(ren)'s learning experience at Bedford Park.

This contribution is intended to replace class baskets, door-to-door ticket selling, etc. and helps us estimate early what our budget is for the year. However, it is not intended to replace our other fabulous fundraisers like Community Night and Pizza Lunch, nor does it negate charitable requests, or other occasional fundraising activities from the school.

The money raised in the past has been applied to many important enrichment activities and materials including; **visual & performing arts, field trips, music, technology equipment, caterpillar to butterfly observation, athletics, Scientist in the School, robotics and much more.**

Please consider contributing via **School Cash Online**. School Cash Online will be ready for Friday September 20th. You should receive email notifications when items are ready. Please note that this contribution is not managed via the "Make a Donation" button.

We are very fortunate to have such a strong parent community and we invite & encourage you to get involved. **There are so many ways – big & small – so please join us at our first Parent Council meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019 at 6:30pm in the library or come chat with us at the BBQ on September 26th!**
(FREE Babysitting is provided at the Parent Council meeting)

Thank you in advance for your support,
If you have any questions please contact Parent Council at: bedfordparkpc@gmail.com.

