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Lester B. Pearson Newsletter – February 2, 2024

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Caregivers,



It was a feast for the palate and the eyes. We want to say thank you to Chef Astrid, Andrew and Martin; a truly delectable meal to celebrate the Lunar New Year. Mango pudding should be served everyday, LOL.



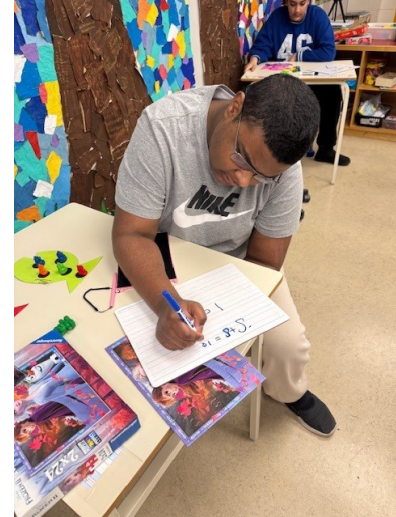
ACCESS went on their second bowling trip with Ms. Collinge and loved every moment. Ahmed got a strike!!!





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Principal 1 of the Teaching Effectiveness Framework is “Teachers are designers of learning” and Principal 2 is “Work that students are asked to undertake is worth their time and attention”. ACCESS enjoyed a wonderfully engaging and creative numeracy lesson.



Our first day of Badminton tryouts; like all of our sports and other events this year, the turnout has been tremendous.





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I managed to visit every class this week. Good to see teachers leading and students learning.



The Girls Northside Invitational took place this weekend. Thank you to tournament whip and coach, Mr. Bakos, and all the students and staff volunteers.



Our Senior Girls played to a 4th place finish.





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Our Junior Girls won the Bronze.



The Wrestling Team was at the Rundle College for a major competition.



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A successful weekend with personal bests, many medals and the team brought home the tournament banner. Coach Tardif came to inspire the team while still on rehab from hip surgery.





Pearson Robotics was at the First Tech Challenge Provincial qualifier at Mandela this weekend. Team Odyssey went all the way to the second last match of the competition. They won the Innovation Award and qualified for the Provincials in March. Team Legacy has one more chance to qualify at the last competition in two weeks.

As semester 2 begins let me give students and parents a couple of Pro Tips:

- Attendance is everything. Being on time and being in class everyday is foundation for success. Every minute counts and is important. Skipping is not an option. Being late is not an option.
- Engage in the work. This means being present with the lesson and the work. Learning is an active endeavor. It takes good effort. It requires attention. Just being in the class is not enough; passivity equals failure.

Graduation is coming up at the end of May. After seeing students and Grade 12 already cutting class and choosing to be late I have reminded all the grads in Connect class that they not only have to earn their 100+ credits but they also have to be **Students in Good Standing** in order to qualify to walk the stage. Walking the stage is earned. It is a meaningful act to walk the stage. Grads who choose to skip class, are chronically late, are disrespectful to students and staff and resort to violence will not be permitted to walk the stage even if they have earned their credits. Grads who walk the stage have demonstrated the Pearson Values of Respect, Integrity, Empathy and Accountability. The choice is up to them and I hope they choose well.

Athletics:

Tuesday, February 4th: Team Picture Day in the Drama Lounge.



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9:00am - 9:30am (period 2) – Swim Team

9:30am - 10:00am (period 2) – Cross Country Team

10:00am - 10:25am (period 2) – Jr. Girls Basketball Team

10:25am - 11:00am (period 1) – Sr. Boys Basketball Team

11:00am - 11:30am (period 1) – Jr. Boys Basketball Team

12:45pm - 1:45pm (period 4) – Sr. Girls Basketball Team

2:30pm - 3:00pm (period 3) – Coaches/Teachers

- Athletes are expected to speak with their teacher about missing course work.
- Athletes are expected to wear their clean uniform or team apparel.
- Athletes are expected to represent and follow school behavior expectations during photos, including being on time, respecting visiting photographers and limiting distractions to classrooms and student learning.
- Coaches are expected to be with and supervise their teams.

Save the Date:

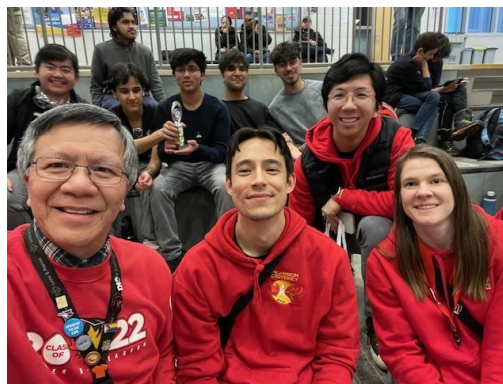
February 11th: School Parent Council at 7:30pm

February 14th & 15th: Teachers Convention – No School – School Closed.

February 17th: Family Day – No School – School Closed.

February 26th: Pink Shirt Day

February 28th: Non-Instructional Day – No School





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A pleasant and heart-warming surprise for me at our Northside Tournament. Meet Mrs. Fran Cormack, who was in the stands to watch her grand-daughter play for HWW. She approached me before the game started and said, you are Kenny Chee aren't you!!! I don't know how she remembered as I was a kid when we last saw each other 43 years ago. Fran was the last educator at Crescent Heights and the CBE to teach Latin. Fran is 83 years old. 😊

**Stay warm!!!!!!
Kenneth Chee
Principal**