

# Dr. Norman Bethune C.I. Newsletter

September 2018

Principal: S. Kaskens  
Vice-Principals: L. Houghton, C. Wilson



## Principal's Welcome

Hello Bethune Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year! We've had a great start. We have welcomed about 200 grade 9s and have organized a number of activities to help them adjust to high school and get the most out of it. Our senior students have been impressed with their enthusiasm and their willingness to ask questions and seek assistance when needed. Our first Parent Council meeting is on Monday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Our meetings are informative and they are an excellent way for parents to meet other parents and to provide the school with valuable feedback and input. Please consider attending our regular meetings! We are looking forwards to our Annual Awards Assembly on Wednesday, October 3rd. Over 100 students will be recognized for their achievement and leadership from last

year. Award winners are encouraged to invite their best friend(s) and of course, their parents, to this ceremony. It takes place at Bethune beginning at 2:15 p.m. with a reception to follow. Finally, as we begin a new school year, I'd like to encourage parents to get involved. We welcome your feedback, and want to work with you and your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail the school. Please visit our website ([www.bethuneci.com](http://www.bethuneci.com)) for all contact and email information. You are also welcome to complete an on-line form (through our website) if have any concerns (under "Parent" tab, and "Report a Concern"). You can look forward to our newsletter every month for information about programs and up-coming events. Thank you for your continued support.

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## School Day Schedules

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Gr. 9 Leadership Camp
- ◆ Post-Secondary Information Assembly
- ◆ Thanksgiving
- ◆ College Panel
- ◆ Awards Assembly
- ◆ Hallowe'en Haunt
- ◆ SAC Costume Contest

| SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULES |               |               |                                     |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| PERIOD               | REGULAR       | LATE START    | BEAR (FRIDAY)                       | ASSEMBLY DAY  |
| 1                    | 8:40 - 9:55   | 10:30 - 11:20 | 8:40 - 10:10<br>(9:50 - 10:10 BEAR) | 8:40 - 9:40   |
| 2                    | 10:00 - 11:15 | 11:25 - 12:20 | 10:15 - 11:25                       | 9:45 - 12:00  |
| Lunch                | 11:15 - 12:25 | 12:20 - 1:15  | 11:25 - 12:35                       | 12:00 - 12:55 |
| 4                    | 12:30 - 1:45  | 1:10 - 2:10   | 12:40 - 1:50                        | 1:00 - 2:00   |
| 5                    | 1:50 - 3:05   | 2:15 - 3:05   | 1:55 - 3:05                         | 2:05 - 3:05   |

## 2018/2019 Bethune Staff

This year we welcome back our staff members and we look forward to a wonderful year ahead. We also have many new staff members to Bethune. We welcome Mrs. Houghton, Ms. Bernier, Ms. Codrin, Ms. Duong, Ms. Faria, Mr. Jones, Ms. Lacey, Mr. Lin, Ms. McPhail, Mr. Munro and Ms. Rimell (returning).

|                      |                      |                     |                       |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Adam, D.             | Teacher              | Malisani, J.        | Teacher – Acting ACL  |
| Anderson, M.         | Teacher – ACL        | Mathrani, N.        | Educational Assistant |
| Aziz, W.             | Teacher – ACL        | McCabe, R.          | Teacher               |
| Barratt, C.          | Teacher-ACL          | McPhail, S.         | Teacher               |
| Barrile, A.          | Teacher              | Mueller, M.         | Teacher               |
| Barrs, L.            | Teacher              | Munro, D.           | CYW                   |
| Bernier, L.          | Teacher              | Najak, A.           | Teacher               |
| Blom, M.             | Teacher              | Ng, C.              | Teacher – ACL         |
| Brown, D.            | Office Assistant     | Oortwyn, E.         | Teacher – ACL         |
| Ceccol, D.           | Teacher              | Parizadeh, R.       | Teacher               |
| Chard, L.            | Teacher              | Parmer, D.          | Teacher               |
| Chow, A.             | Teacher              | Pham, H.            | Teacher               |
| Codrin, C.           | Teacher              | Pitt, C.            | Teacher               |
| Coutsoyannopoulos, D | Teacher              | Rao, V.             | Teacher – ACL         |
| Covelli, L.          | Social Worker        | Rappos, A.          | Teacher               |
| Cullum, M.           | Safety Monitor       | Rimell, A.          | Teacher               |
| Daniels, R.          | Teacher – ACL        | Ross, D.            | Teacher – ACL         |
| Duong, M.            | Teacher              | Rzeczniczek, M.     | Teacher               |
| Eisenberg, H.        | Teacher              | Scott, R.           | Teacher               |
| Eliopoulos, M.       | Teacher              | Selvam, A.          | Teacher               |
| Faria, C.            | Teacher              | Soni, N.            | Teacher – ACL         |
| Fettes, N.           | Teacher              | Sopielnikow, E.     | Caretaker             |
| Fisher, L.           | Teacher              | Tam, H.             | Teacher – ACL         |
| Focseneau, S.        | Teacher              | Tenn, K.            | Office Administrator  |
| Harrop, C            | Teacher              | Thornton, A.        | Caretaker             |
| Ho, B.               | Sr. Office Assistant | Thurairasu, P.      | Caretaker             |
| Houghton, L.         | Vice Principal       | Tibbet, D.          | Teacher               |
| Hum, J.              | Teacher              | Till, M.            | Teacher               |
| Ishiguro, J.         | Teacher              | Tran, A.            | Office Assistant      |
| Jessa, R.            | Teacher              | Tutchener, J.       | Teacher – ACL         |
| Jiang, J.            | Settlement Worker    | Tzotzis, A.         | Teacher               |
| Jones, N.            | Head Caretaker       | Van Den Eynde, B.   | Teacher               |
| Kaskens, S.          | Principal            | Villamin-Arenas, A. | Teacher – ACL         |
| Kilbride, A.         | Teacher              | Villote, N.         | Teacher               |
| Kim, G.              | Teacher              | Watson, T.          | Teacher – ACL         |
| Lacey, S.            | Teacher              | Webster, H.         | Teacher               |
| Lee, J.              | Teacher              | Williams, G.        | Teacher               |
| Lin, K.              | Teacher-ACL          | Willoughby, A.      | Teacher               |
| Lo, J.               | Sr. Office Assistant | Wilson, C           | Vice Principal        |
| Luong, B.            | Teacher              | Wojcik, M.          | Teacher               |
| MacLellan, N.        | Teacher              | Wright, C.          | Teacher               |
| Makris, S.           | Teacher              | Yang, F.            | Settlement Worker     |

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*"It is noble to teach oneself; it is still nobler to teach others."*

*-Mark Twain*

## Club Carousel 2018



Club Carousel is an annual event where clubs and organizations at Bethune share information about what they do and encourage extra-curricular involvement. This year we had 34 clubs participate and our students enjoyed learning about the opportunities that these clubs had to offer. The Archery club has been resurrected and we now have the WE take Action at Bethune (based on the ME to WE movement) club. Our grade 9 students appreciated learning about how to be more involved at Bethune and were also able to find clubs that suited their interests. Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Club Carousel and may your events and activities be a success this year!

## Update from Bethune Guidance Department

Greetings from the Guidance Department! We've gotten off to a great start this year and we're excited about all that's happen here at Bethune. The counsellors have been out to visit our gr. 9 classes to give the students a great big Bethune welcome and to let them know how we can support them in the Guidance Department.

In October, we have many opportunities for all students, gr. 9 to 12, to learn more about their post-secondary opportunities. Please mark them in your calendar!

**Thurs. Oct. 4 – Gr. 12 Post-Secondary Assembly (Per. 2):** We'll be speaking to our gr 12s about Post-Secondary Opportunities and how they can research, plan and apply.

**Thurs. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> – College Panel & Fair (Per. 2 &**

**Lunch):** Our GTA Colleges will be having a panel presentation for interested students to find out more about what they have to offer...diplomas, degrees & joint programs.

**\*\*NEW\*\* Thurs. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:45pm–9pm – College & University Information Night:** The University and GTA College reps will all be coming to Bethune to speak to our students and parents about their programs, facilities, supports and admissions. Parents and students of all grades 9-12 are invited!!

**Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>–Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – Ontario College Fair@ Enercare Centre:** for more info, check out [www.ocif.ca](http://www.ocif.ca)

## Fall Sports Are a Go!

It's been an exciting start to the new school year with nine teams up and running. We have three Boys Rugby teams, two Boys Volleyball teams, Cross Country, Girls Golf, Girls Field Hockey and Jr. Girls Basketball. We wish all our athletes good luck and keep our fingers crossed that we bring home gold. Go Bears go!

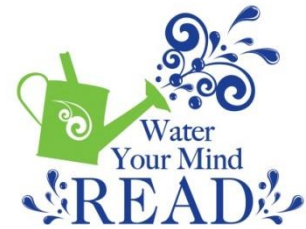
### FRISBEE INTRAMURALS

It's been a breath of fresh air for our four intramural teams as they compete at lunch in a battle of the disc. Stay-tuned for who are champs are - will it be our Fantastic Staff Team? Toopy and Binoo? Mac Dolphins? Or Team Anders? Check back here in our next newsletter as they will be the ones in the photos sporting the flashy t-shirts!



## BEAR - Be Excited About Reading

Every Friday during period one, students will take part in the Bethune school-wide reading program. Everyone – staff and students – will read in silence for the last twenty minutes of period one. Students are to bring their own choice of reading material: a novel, a comic book, Manga or even a magazine. Students are encouraged to visit the Library to see the wide range of reading materials available.



## New! Child and Youth Worker

My name is Mr. Devin Munro, and I have been a Child and Youth Worker in the Toronto District School Board for 12 years, working previously in both elementary and middle schools. As a Child and Youth Worker, I am here to help students have an easier time while they are here living the life of a high school student. While working with students, I will focus on behavioural, social and

emotional development with attention to communication, personal management and social skill development. Another aspect of my role is to respond to a variety of needs as they arise, such as relationship difficulties and meeting classroom expectations. I am very happy to be part of the Bethune family and I look forward to getting to know many students.

*"Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation."*

*C. Everett Koop*

## Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills

At the beginning of each school year, our students and staff prepare for the year ahead by establishing the foundations for a successful year. Creating a safe environment for learning is one of the ways we can help students be success. Though no one ever wants to see an emergency happen at a school, it's important for school staff to be equipped to deal with those situations, should these occur.

All schools are required to conduct a minimum of two lockdown drills and six fire drills each school year. The drills ensure plans are effective and can also

systematically identify any future safety concerns.

Communication is also very important in any emergency situation. The emergency contact information kept on file is important in helping this happen. It lists the people who can pick up a student from the school. If you have not yet provided this information to the office or have updates to the information on file, please make sure our main office has that information, and also make sure that your information changes, that the school is updated immediately.



## Concussion Policy

The Toronto District School Board developed a Concussion Policy in March 2015. A concussion affects the way a person thinks and remembers, and can cause a variety of symptoms and signs. It is a brain injury that cannot be seen on routine x-rays, CT scans, or MRIs. You do **NOT** need to lose consciousness to have a concussion.

It is important for parents and educators

to familiarize themselves with the steps to follow if you suspect a student has a concussion.

If you suspect a concussion, it is important for the student to be examined immediately by a medical professional and you must also inform the school. The school will ensure that the student follows the doctor's advice for recovery, at school.



## Terry Fox Run 2018!

On Thursday September 27th, Bethune participated in its 5th Annual Terry Fox Run. It was a glorious day as all staff and students took to the course in support of Terry Fox. Collectively to date we have raised a whopping total of \$1467.80 - beating last year's goal and inching close to this year's goal of \$2000. Congratulations Bethune; we are so proud of your community support!



## Bethune Arts

The teachers in the Arts Department have been busy planning an amazing year for Bethune students. There are many opportunities for students to get involved in the areas of Visual Arts, Dramatic Arts and Music, including Art Club, and multiple musical ensembles. Our student leadership groups, the Bethune Music Council and the Bethune Creative Arts Council, have accepted applications for new members. Our teachers have been working together to create enriching and educational experiences for our student community.

### Geneva Park Arts Retreat

We are excited about our annual Arts Retreat which takes place at the end of November. This year we are travelling to a conference centre in Orillia. Permission forms are available from all of our Arts teachers. Deposits are due by October 19, via School Cash Online.

### Visual Arts News

Ms. Rappos has been supplying art kits to students in grade 9 and asking senior students to enhance their art kits. In October, Grade 10 Visual Arts/Photography/Digital Arts students will be heading to Toogood Pond in Unionville to create outdoor environmental installations. Sr. Visual Arts/Photography/Digital Arts students will also be attending the Rogue Wave 2018 Outdoor Exhibition of Sculpture and Installation Art in downtown Toronto. In November, senior Visual Arts/Photography/Digital Arts students will head to the Art Career Expo.

## Bethune Music Council News

This year, the **Bethune Music Council** will be led by another team of talented individuals: President Sherman Lin, Vice President Lydia Lai, Secretary Michelle Hua, Fundraising Director Matthew Liu, Liaison Director Julia Kuo and Public Relations Officer Stanley Huynh.

On Sept. 12, the Bethune Music Council successfully hosted a 'meet and greet' with the grade 9s taking music this year. This gave the students a warm welcome and the opportunity to ask any questions related to taking music, being a part of the music council and extra-curricular involvement offered at Bethune. We had

### Drama News

Ms Rzezniczek has some very exciting events planned for the students enrolled in drama this year including performances at TDSB Creates, NTS Drama Festival and our school. On September 28th, all Bethune Drama students travelled to the Native Earth Performing Arts & Aki Studio, where they attended a staging of *I Call Myself Princess*, an award-winning Canadian production.

### Music News

September has been a busy month around the music wing. By this time, students have all been assigned instruments, grade 9 vocal students are getting used to their morning class schedule and the rehearsals are in full swing. Our students have a few ways to keep informed with their class assignments and schedule of rehearsals. They can check their course outlines for details.

### Important Music Dates for October and November:

- October 3: Awards Ceremony (Wind Ensemble)
- October 19: Deposits and forms due for Geneva Park
- October 26: Hallowe'en Haunt
- November 9: Remembrance Day Assembly (Symphonic Band)
- November 14: Feeder School Area Music Day at Bethune
- November 26-28: Grades 10-12 Sr. Music Retreat
- November 28-30: Grade 9 Music and Grade 9-12 ARTS Retreat



Art washes away the dust of  
every day life.

-Pablo Picasso



Bethune Music Council Executive

a great turn out and we are looking forward to further connecting with the grade 9s at our annual Arts Retreat at Geneva Park in Orillia!

The BMC executives are grateful to everyone who applied to join the music council. We had an overwhelming number of applicants this year and it is evident that there is great interest among music students at Bethune. We would also like to encourage any music student who would like to be a part of our council to apply in the next application cycle!