

# The Beacon

BHS Home and School Newsletter

June 2019

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a year! Congratulations to the grads of 2019 and to their parents who cheered them on and helped them achieve their goals. We wish you all the best in the adventures to come. The BHS Home & School would like to express our gratitude to the administration this year, Ms. Harper, Ms. Hunter, Ms. Mentore and Ms. Denton as well as the teachers and staff of BHS for making our school such a welcome and caring place for our children. Thank you to the staff representatives Ms. Thomas and Ms. Lanzetta for their support and guidance this year. A big thank you also goes out to the Home & School executive and parent volunteers who step up whenever needed to help make this the "Best Home & School Ever"! WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!!! Three of our wonderful parent volunteers, Kim Denver, Franca De Santis and Eveline Hauri will be graduating from the BHS Home & School this year. We thank them for the years of service, giving countless hours of their time, energy and enthusiasm to our school. They will be dearly missed and we wish them all the best! We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Sharon Louie and Steve Pomerleau for their many years of service. Next year, there will be some new faces on the executive and we look forward to Corrinne Tendo taking the helm as President. Thank you to all the BHS families who supported our fundraisers and activities this year. Our goal is to enrich your families' experience at BHS. We hope we succeeded!

Wishing you a great summer and see you in the fall.



*Sue & Corrinne*



*Kim, Franca & Eveline*

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

1. Welcome to BHS phone calls - Natasha Mentore, the cycle 1 vice-principal is organizing an evening (during the week of August 19th) where current BHS parents welcome the new families coming to BHS with a phone call informing them of the upcoming events (ex. orientation night, meet-the-teacher night, etc.). A nice personal touch as they begin their BHS journey! She needs 10-12 parents to help out that evening so if you are available, please email [homeandschoolbhs@gmail.com](mailto:homeandschoolbhs@gmail.com).
2. Welcome Back Breakfast for BHS Staff - For many years now BHS H&S has had the pleasure of welcoming staff back-to-school with a morning of breakfast refreshments. It's a wonderful way of showing them how much they are appreciated. Thanks to the generosity of our H&S community who give donations of items like fresh baked goods and fruit, this is a tradition that BHS staff look forward to. This year our welcome back breakfast will be on Thursday, August 29th. Are you interested in contributing? Please email [lisa\\_del\\_greco@hotmail.com](mailto:lisa_del_greco@hotmail.com).

Thank you for your participation and enthusiasm!

THANK YOU

# CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

*(in memory of John Killingbeck)*



This award is presented to an outstanding student who has demonstrated incredible leadership and volunteerism in the school community, and who best mirrors Mr. Killingbeck's thoughtfulness, enthusiasm and respect.

*Congratulations to the winners!*

Recipients for 2018-2019:

- Grade 7 : Abigail Marsh
- Grade 8 : Lauren El-Awadi
- Grade 9 : Christina Danaher-Lewis  
Kathleen Danaher-Lewis
- Grade 10 : Skyler St. Louis



*Lauren El-Awadi*

Thank you to the staff members who choose the winners of these awards.

# CONGRATS HOME & SCHOOL

Home & School was given an award from the QFHSA for their newsletter. Also, a Certificate of Collective Philanthropy was awarded to Home & School for the meal donations generated by the sales of Recipes in a Jar.



*Franca & Kim*

*Wendy Gariepy from West Island Mission (where meals were donated), along with Home & School reps Sharon and Franca*

# CHAPTERS FUNDRAISER

H&S held our annual Chapters fundraiser in Pointe-Claire on February 20th. Thank you to all the BHS families that came out to support our fundraiser. We were able to raise \$575.00. These funds were given to BHS to restock our class libraries. A big thank you to Maxime Dutrisac, the manager at Chapters, for his continued support of this wonderful fundraiser.



# HOW DO WE SPEND THE MONEY...

During the past year we had many fundraisers including: Cookie Dough/Recipes in a Jar (\$3200 raised), and monthly popcorn sales.

Popcorn sales supported the following:

- Student Life
- Community Office
- Musical
- BHS Crescendo/Glee
- Drama Department
- Ryan Marchand Scholarship Fund (frame for jersey).



The other funds we raised were used for the following teacher wishlist items:

- Wireless remote - Cycle 1 Science
- Guitar amp - Music Department
- Chromebook - Cycle 1 Science
- Remote camera - Robotics
- Social Science magazine subscription - Cycle 1
- Jewelry therapy - Embarkations
- French classroom set of books - Cycle 1
- Blackout curtains - Cycle 2 Science
- Bison mascot - Student Life.



**GO BISONS GO!!!**



We also supported a parent workshop (“Worried Sick: What Parent & Teens Need to Know About Anxiety”), Teacher Staff Appreciation Week, John Killingbeck awards and welcome back treats for the staff.



*“Please extend my sincere gratitude to the Home and School committee for sponsoring the Embarkations bracelet making fundraising initiative.*

*It was a huge success! Not only did the students enjoy the therapy and relaxation that comes from art, but they also created unique pieces for others to enjoy. Each one was carefully and beautifully hand crafted. I am so proud of the students’ initiative and success!*

*They raised 380\$ for the BHS music program, 200\$ for West Island Youth Mental Health, and another 300\$ to reinvest in art therapy and charity for next year.*

*Thanks again for believing in our students and supporting their ideas!*

*With a grateful heart,  
Jesse Hayes”*



# HOW DO WE SPEND THE MONEY...

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*"Here is the photo for the next newsletter of the amplifier Home & School purchased for the music department. Thank you again for purchasing this amplifier. It's been great for Junior Jazz Band rehearsals."*



*Alissa Sklar - Anxiety Workshop*



*<Thank-you to Home & School for the blackout drapes purchased for the Physics classroom. I am attaching a few photographs of the curtains in action and below are a few quotes from students written in the style of movie reviews:*

*"The visual artistry of the curtains is masterful, giving the classroom a new age aesthetic. It creates for a greater learning experience, allowing students to harvest the light of their thoughts."*

*"I love the curtains! They really tie the room together and make the classroom for comfortable to be in. Thank you very much."*

*"The curtains open a window of opportunity for BHS Physics students."*

*Many thanks - Nancy Walker and Grade 11 Physics Students>*



## FACEBOOK GROUP

Are you a member of the Beaconsfield High School Parents Facebook Group yet? It is a great resource for parents who want to ask questions, exchange ideas and become informed about all things BHS. You do not need to be a Home & School member to join. To join, go to the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1052776688089761/> or search "Beaconsfield High School Parents" and submit your request. If you are not on Facebook, send an email to the following address [bhsparents.info@gmail.com](mailto:bhsparents.info@gmail.com) and you will receive the posts by email.

