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BHS Home and School Newsletter | July 2020 | Pandemic Edition

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## WITH GRATITUDE

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### Teachers

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As a parent community, we wish to thank BHS administration, teachers and staff for their unwavering commitment to our kids education during a tumultuous 3rd term. They all worked tenaciously to adapt to the rapid pace of change. We know they are feeling optimistic and prepared for the school year ahead. Our **teachers are exceptional** and our kids are so lucky! Their dedication was exemplified at the drive-thru Grad held at Centennial Park as the entire BHS team joyfully 'distanced' to celebrate the class of 2020!

### Parent Community

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For all the parents who joined H&S, who donated their time, who supported fundraising efforts and who gave generously, **THANK YOU!**

You may be an active participant or a quiet supporter, either way, we're thrilled to have you. **We're stronger together!**

## Our Kids. Our School. Our Community.

BHS Home and School is a member of the Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations and works to enhance the education and well-being of our children by promoting parent and community involvement. Our email address is [homeandschoolbhs@gmail.com](mailto:homeandschoolbhs@gmail.com).

### *Presidents Message*

It has been my pleasure to be involved in Home and School and serving as the President in my final year at BHS. Thank you to the Executive team for serving and to all the members and volunteers that helped with our events. We are so grateful for the support from the team of teachers and staff at BHS as well as the Alumni Association.

This has been an unprecedented year, in which some of our planned initiatives were postponed but not forgotten. We coordinated successful Fall fundraisers and the annual Teacher Staff Appreciation Week (TSAW) festivities in February, which is always a lot of fun.

As we work to support our kids, we're always looking for new members and volunteers to continue our initiatives and inspire new ones. The more hands the merrier, as we work together to share the load. The situation we find ourselves in is new and Home and School will adapt in creative ways to continue serving the BHS Community.

We look forward to welcoming new Grade 7 parents and hope they will join us in becoming members of our association. High school is different from elementary and in many ways it's easier! Home and School is a wonderful way to make new connections.

Have a great summer.

Corrinne Tendo, President BHS Home and School

## A special thanks to H&S Parent-Graduates

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**Sharon Louie** has been a dedicated member of H&S while her 4 kids attended BHS over the past 10 years! Including elementary school, that's 17 years of volunteering! She has taken on many roles, most recently as Treasurer. She is always available to help and share her wisdom from her many years of experience. We will miss her!

**Corrinne Tendo** was our President this year. We appreciate all her efforts! She championed new fundraising initiatives and kept us on track during our meetings. It was a particularly challenging year and she made sure we all stayed in touch, even when we couldn't meet in person.

They have both made everlasting contributions to H&S and we are immensely grateful! **Thank you!**

## Facebook Page

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The Beaconsfield High School Parents Facebook page is a **positive forum** where over 300 families share information, host discussions and generate ideas on how parents can contribute to and support our fantastic school community. **Join us!**

On Facebook, search for "Beaconsfield High School Parents" and submit your request to join. If you are not on FB, and would like to receive posts by email, send your request to [bhsparents.info@gmail.com](mailto:bhsparents.info@gmail.com)

## Vision 2020/2021

We will be looking for **innovative ways to engage** with families and continue our efforts to support and encourage the students, staff and families of BHS.

**H&S fundraises for** parent-student workshops, student awards, emergency student funding, classroom libraries and Teacher-Staff Appreciation Week. **We offer support to** a variety of programs relating to academics, visual and performing arts, culture, fitness, technology, extracurricular and community service.

For many years, the BHS parent community has proudly hosted a pot-luck style **Welcome Back Breakfast** for teachers and staff at the end of August. We are steadfast in our commitment to this cherished tradition. Though we may do things differently in the year ahead, we will find a way to safely celebrate the devoted team at BHS.

We're looking forward to continuing our **Parent Lecture Series**. Spring workshops with the Pointe Claire Police Department and AMCAL Family Services were postponed. With the framework already in place, we are committed to bringing you engaging and enriching learning opportunities, in person or on online platforms. We would love to hear from you if you have **ideas for future topics!** Please share your ideas with the BHS Parents FB page or send us an email to [bhsparentworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:bhsparentworkshop@gmail.com). No subject is off limits!

## We will meet on September 15, 2020

Typically, our monthly meetings are held in the BHS Library but we will adapt to an online platform if necessary.

**President, Vice-President and Newsletter positions are available.** Please consider what talents you have to share!

**We look forward to meeting you!** Membership forms are at <http://beaconsfield.lbpsb.qc.ca/Parents/Home-and-School>.