



# Baltimore School

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## OCTOBER 30, 2014

**\*THIS SCHOOL IS A  
PEANUT AND FISH  
FREE SCHOOL**

**\*\*A Reminder that the Flu season is upon us again. We ask all parents to promote handwashing at home and to please keep your child at home if they are sick or have a Fever. \*\***

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- \*Oct. 30: Halloween Dance
- \*Oct. 31: Halloween activities
- \*Nov. 6: Christmas Shoeboxes are due
- \*Nov. 7: Remembrance Day Assembly
- \*Nov. 10: Holiday (No school for students)
- \*Nov. 11: Remembrance Day Holiday
- \*Nov. 20: Undergraduate Awards Day
- \*Nov. 20: Graduation Awards Night
- \*Nov. 27: Jr./Sr. High P/T Interviews
- \*Nov. 27: Kinderstart Parent Meeting
- \*Dec. 4: K - 6 Parent-Teacher Interviews
- \*Dec. 5: Kinderstart session
- \*Dec. 5/6: Paddy Kane Basketball Tourney
- \*Dec. 15: Christmas Concert
- \*Dec. 17: Turkey Dinner and Santa Visit.
- \*Dec. 19: Last Day prior to Christmas Break
- \*Jan. 5: School opens after Christmas Break

### CRT AND PUBLIC EXAM RESULTS

The results of the 2013-2014 CRT and Public Exams have been received by the school. We are very pleased to announce that Baltimore School students did extremely well in comparison to District and Provincial results. In the grade 3 and grade 6 CRT Mathematics our school finished above both District and Provincial averages. In the Grade 12 Public exam results, our students were at or above provincial average in all but two subjects. These overall results are extremely positive and as a school community we should feel very proud of the effort put forth. Congratulations are in order for all our students, teachers and parents.

### HEALTHY COMMOTION DAY

Baltimore School celebrated Healthy Commotion Day on October 8th. At 8:20 all students were dropped off at a designated area and walked to school as a group. When they arrived at the school they were treated to a healthy breakfast that was provided by parent volunteers.

### CAP AND GOWN

The annual Cap and Gown Graduation ceremony will take place on Thursday, Nov. 20 beginning at 6:30pm. All last year graduates are encouraged to attend. Please pick up your gown at the office before 3pm on Wednesday or Thursday Nov. 19/20. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate our 2013-2014 graduates.

### MATH HELP

Ms. Paul will be offering a Math Help Center for the high school students on Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch time in Room 222. *Make your mistakes work for you by learning from them.*

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

There are a tremendous amount of activities and events that take place at this school each year and many of them would not happen without the hard work and dedication of our teaching staff and parents. Each month we want to acknowledge their commitment and to also let all students and parents know that if not for their hard work and dedication, Baltimore School would not be the place that it is today. A Tremendous Thanks to:

- \* Ms. Budgell, Ms. Darlene Ryan and Ms. Lesa Dalton for volunteering to organize the Breakfast Program and to all the parents and community members who have volunteered to help in the mornings.
- \* Ms. Paul and Mr. Foley for all their work with the Recycling Program.
- \* Ms. Terrilynn Kavanagh, Ms. Theresa Chidley, Mr. David Chidley, Ms. Leanna Dalton, Ms. Jacinta McGrath and all the softball parents who did an absolutely great job in hosting the two Provincial Softball tournaments.

\*Ms. Mayo for looking after the Christmas Shoeboxes.

\*Ms. McGrath, Ms. Budgell, Ms. Leanna Dalton, and Mr. Walsh for coaching and looking after our x-country running teams and spending the past several weekends at running meets in St. Johns and Carbonnear.

\* Mr. Templeman for starting a Robotics Club at the school

\*Ms. Paul for getting our Sr. High students out to compete in a Math Competition in St. John's.

\* Ms. Sandra Kavanagh for looking after the Girls softball team during the Regional and Provincial tournaments.

\* Mr. Loyola Kavanagh for looking after the Sr. Boys Softball team who won the Regional tournament and lost in the Championship game at the Provincial tournament.

\* Ms. Gosse for helping chaperone the girls softball team.

\* Ms. Lushman for organizing and overseeing the School Milk Foundation.

\* Mr. Matchem for chaperoning the Boys softball team.

\* Ms. Gosse for organizing the Tutoring for Tuition.

\* Mr. Randy White for all his help with the scorekeeping at the softball tournament.

\* The student leadership for organizing an outstanding Living Healthy Commotion Day.

\* Ms. McGrath and Ms. Moore along with a number of parents for taking the Grade 5 students on an overnight camping trip.

\*To all parents and staff that have volunteered to coach our sports teams in the upcoming months.

### **AWARDS DAY**

The annual academic awards for the 2013-2014 school year for grade 4- 11 are going to take place on Thursday, November 20. All parents are welcome to attend. The start time for this event will be passed along at a later date.

### **ONLINE TUTORING**

(Grade 9 Math Tutoring)

Introducing a PILOT program in online tutoring for Grade 9 Math. Available to any grade 9 math student in Newfoundland and Labrador. Please visit the CDLI - Center for Distance Learning and Innovation website. [www.cdli.ca/tutoring/](http://www.cdli.ca/tutoring/) . Click Launch Free Online Tutoring to access this program.

(Senior High School Tutoring)

High school students can also visit the CDLI website for assistance with Physics, Chemistry, Science 1206, Biology, Math, English, and French.

### **ATTENDANCE CONCERNS**

Among a certain group of our student population, attendance is becoming a great concern. The School's Act states specifically that students are expected to be at school and in class on time each and every day that school is in session. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that their son/daughter attends school regularly and that the school is notified when absence is required. To ensure academic success, regular attendance is essential. Regular attendance shows commitment and a sense of purpose, and like punctuality, will serve a student well in the workplace and/or post-secondary study.

To ensure attendance issues are given the utmost attention, parents will be notified by phone by the administration when your child is absent for 5 or more unexcused absences. A parent meeting with administration will be requested when your child reaches 10 unexcused absences. The education of our children can only happen when they are attending regularly.

### **POWERSCHOOL**

At the end of September, all Jr./Sr. High parents were sent home a username and password for PowerSchool. This username and password allows parents to go to a website and access all their child's marks and evaluations for each course. It provides parents the opportunity to check attendance and to find out if any work assignments are missing. A fair percentage of parents have been accessing this information on a regular basis, however, there are still a number of parents who have not accessed this information. If you have not gotten around to checking out this website, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible. In the report card going out next week, the username and password for each student will once again be sent home.

### **SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

Our Catalogue school fundraiser was a tremendous success. In total, the school raised almost \$4000 for books and its technology needs. A big thank you goes out to all who supported this fundraiser. The orders will be delivered to the school by Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and you will be notified when they arrive. The next fundraiser will be a Christmas 50/50 Draw. This draw has been very popular in past years as the winning prize has been in excess of \$2500.00. We thank you for your continued support.

## **DUKE OF EDINBURGH**

Students involved with The Duke of Edinburgh program at Baltimore School completed qualifying hikes in the bronze and gold level this past summer with their leader Dennis Mayo. The Duke of Edinburgh is a non-competitive programme in which participants set and achieve personal goals for community service, skills, fitness, and adventure. It is a great way for participants to explore new interests and try new challenges that they might not have done otherwise. The qualifying hikes fulfill the adventure aspect of the award. During the hikes the participants must carry everything that they will need for the entire journey. This often results in them carrying a backpack weighing 40 lbs, which contains clothes, food, water, tent, cooking utensils, stove, first aid kit, etc. On August 2, the Bronze group hiked from Brigus South to Lamanche Park where they set up camp for the night and then hiked to Burnt Cove the next day. The total distance hiked was approximately 20km. The students who completed this hike were Jaxon Mayo, Nasomi Sirimal-Durage and Joshua Power. The Gold group began their hike on August 25 at the beginning of Cape Broyle track. They hiked from Cape Broyle to Ferryland on the first day. The next day was a shorter hike from Ferryland to Spout Pond and on the third day the group hiked from Spout Pond to Hawk's Nest. The final leg of the journey was completed when the group left Hawk's Nest and hiked to Fermeuse. The total distance for the 4 days was 57 km. The group consisted of Sarah Croft, Hailey Walsh, Jordan Mayo and Victoria Battcock. Congratulations to both groups on completing their qualifying journeys.

## **TRAUMATIC EVENTS**

In light of recent events that occurred in Ottawa, and events and information that the media broadcasts, please find below a website that may assist you in talking with your child/children. This is a Media Smart tips page that helps parents/guardians to discuss traumatic events they may see in the media or hear discussion about.

<http://mediasmarts.ca/tipsheet/helping-kids-cope-media-coverage-war-and-traumatic-events-tip-sheet>

## **HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES**

There will be a K-6 Halloween dance on Thursday, October 30. Grades K-3 from 3:00-4:00 and Grades 4-6 from 6:00-8:00 and Grades 7 – Level III from 8-10pm.. Costumes are optional. If costumes are worn,

please no props i.e. swords and such.

The Halloween costume parade will take place at the school on Friday afternoon at 1:45pm. All parents are welcome to attend. A reminder that there are peanut allergies in the school and no treats containing peanuts are to be brought to school.

## **CROSS-COUNTRY HARVEST RUN**

The Harvest Run took place in Carbonnear on Wednesday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Baltimore School had 32 runners participating and overall they represented the school exceptionally. All students tried their hardest with many students running their best time.

Congratulations to everyone for putting in such a great effort. We did have 4 students return with medals; Colton Dunne won a gold medal, Deanna Hayden, Brooklyn Kenny and Jeremiah Ryan won bronze medals.

## **SOFTBALL**

This Fall our Baltimore girls and boys softball teams won the championship game at the Regional 2A Tournaments held in St. Mary's qualifying them to play in the provincial tournament hosted here at the school. At the Provincials the boys won 3 of their divisional games, won their semi-finals, however, lost in the finals. It was a great experience and many thanks to Loyola Kavanagh for coaching the boys and also to Mr. Matchem for being teacher sponsor. Two weeks later our girls followed the same path by winning their first 3 games, then the semi-final and losing in the finals. A big thank you goes out to Sandra Kavanagh and Loyola Kavanagh for coaching the girls and to Ms. Gosse for being the teacher sponsor.

## **DONATIONS**

Great thanks go out to our many parents and businesses that so generously supported our Academic Awards Day with their financial support. In total, over \$4000.00 of scholarships, awards, plaques and certificates are awarded to our very deserving students. Your donations help offset the cost to the school for this very worthwhile endeavour.

## **NUTRITION CORNER**

Fall is here! As it gets closer to winter the temperatures drop, we see less of the sun. On a cold day warm yourself up with a bowl of warm homemade soup full of fresh veggies. Days are getting shorter and in turn we are exposed to less sunlight. For that reason, it's important to eat lots of food rich in Vitamin D such as dairy products, whole grains, eggs, squash, pumpkin, fish, and mushrooms.

### SR. HIGH MATH COMPETITION

On Saturday, Oct. 17 Baltimore School was represented at the Sr. High Math Competition, competing against all the Sr. High schools in the metro area. Out of 14 schools our students placed 4<sup>th</sup>. Thursday November 14<sup>th</sup> the students will once again be competing. The members of the team are Nasomi Surimal-Durage, Devon Graham, Josh Power and Jordan Mayo.

#### **Grade 5 Poems - Fall Haiku**

Halloween candy  
Licorice, chips, chocolate  
They are so yummy  
By: Mollie Walsh

Halloween is great  
Trick or treating in costumes  
Candy is so good  
By: Alex Challinor

I like Halloween  
Scare crows sitting on the fence  
Scaring me to death  
By: Kolby Duggan

For Thanksgiving Day  
Meat and potatoes are best  
Happy Thanksgiving  
By: Owen Coady

Pumpkins are orange  
They are full of seeds and pulp  
Baked into a pie  
By: Georgia Hayes

Red, orange and brown  
Leaves are falling on the ground  
Fall can be so fun  
By: Brooklyn Kane

I want some candy  
Lollipops and chocolate  
Candy is so good  
By: Ashton Carew

Pumpkin seeds are yum  
They are so good in my mouth  
I love pumpkin seeds  
By: Katherine Kavanagh

Leaves fall off the trees  
They always rustle quite loud  
They sway in the wind  
By: Rachel Maloney

Candy is so good  
Candy is sweet and sour  
I love it so much  
By: Jada Francis

Pumpkins are awesome  
I like to eat pumpkin seeds  
With salt on the top  
By: Amber Carew

Fall is amazing  
It is the time when leaves fall  
Orange, brown and red  
By: Hannah Nieuwhof

Pumpkin pie tastes good  
Pumpkin pie makes mouths water  
They are fun to cook  
By: Edmund Hookey

Dead trees, rotting leaves  
Orange, red and yellow leaves  
You smell the fresh air  
By: Laila Ibrahim

Pumpkins are so cool  
I just love to carve pumpkins  
Pumpkins are scary  
By: Rochelle Hayden

Halloween is soon  
Cool pumpkins are everywhere  
I love Halloween  
By: Lucas Jordan

The smell of pumpkins  
Tasting the yummy candies  
Happy Halloween  
By: Robyn Kenny

Pumpkins are so cool  
I love to eat pumpkin pie  
I love pumpkin seeds  
By: Michael O'Brien

Crows are large black birds  
They like to fly in the sky  
Crows like to eat seeds  
By: Jordan Pomeroy

I like the colors  
The rustling leaves are loud  
I love, love, love fall  
By: Gracie Dalton

Halloween is fun  
Walk around and get candy  
Candy is awesome  
By: Dawson O'Leary

I hear the leaves blow  
Carved pumpkins on the front step  
Candies all around  
By: Kylie Carey