



# ST. BRIGID CSPC UPDATE

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### A NOTE FROM OUR CSPC CO-CHAIRS...

Hello! At our January CSPC meeting, we welcomed representatives from the BSA. After describing their work for last year's Black History Month, they presented their plans to celebrate Black Excellence this February. The CSPC agreed to support their efforts by helping to spread the word about the event and by sharing their call for Volunteers.

Please consider whether you, or someone you know, would be willing and available to participate at the Black Excellence Fair. Please email [stbrigidcsac@gmail.com](mailto:stbrigidcsac@gmail.com), and we will connect you with the teacher representative.

**SAVE THE DATE: The Black Excellence Fair will be held on Tuesday, February 27.**

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### BLACK STUDENT ALLIANCE (BSA) CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

*Hello St. Brigid community. As you may be aware, the Black Student Alliance is holding a Black Excellence Fair once again. We are following the events of last year's fair and we need your help to expand our thoughts. What we would appreciate is your outreach to any black identifying speakers successful in their fields. If you yourself or anyone you know, would be able to help with this event please contact the CSPC at [stbrigidcsac@gmail.com](mailto:stbrigidcsac@gmail.com).*

Sincerely, Gabriella G. and Isabel P-B.

### PANCAKE TUESDAY: HELP NEEDED

We are looking ahead to Shrove Tuesday. In the past, parent volunteers have flipped pancakes, cut fruit, and helped with set-up and clean-up, to create a special morning snack for the whole school.

If you are able to **lend a hand on Tuesday February 13th**, for this fun event, please send an email to [stbrigidcsac@gmail.com](mailto:stbrigidcsac@gmail.com).



### KEY DATES

Here are our upcoming key dates:

**Shrove Tuesday - Feb 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Fun Fair Meeting- Feb 21<sup>st</sup>**

**The Black Excellence Fair - Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**

### PIZZA DAY CHANGE

**REMINDER PIZZA WILL BE on MONDAY February 12 to accommodate Pancake Tuesday.**

### Family Literacy Week

Family Literacy Day is held every January 27th to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family.

There are lots of options out there, but if you are looking for ideas for your kids/family, we have updated our list of a few free resources, upcoming contests, and some free learning events on our website [here](#) and [here](#).



### CSPC HIGHLIGHTS

**Math Night Wrap Up:** On January 15th, the CSPC hosted a free evening session with math educator and textbook author Dr. Marian Small.

Dr. Small shared her approach to math, and shared tips on what families can do to help to support student math success. About 100 families registered and 32 attended; the session was booked using funds from a parent involvement grant we received from the Ontario government. For those who have asked, there is no recording or slide deck from the St Brigid's session; however, [here](#) is a slightly dated recording of a different session that has some parallels to ours.

#### Treasurers' Update

In addition to pizza costs, CSPC-raised funds have been used to cover the following since our December 22nd newsletter:

- Scientist visits for some classes
- A/V equipment for school presentations, concerts, etc
- Parent math info session with Marian Small (separate funding - parent-specific grant from the Ontario Government)
- Agendas for grade 1-8 students
- Partial subsidy for babysitting course (grade 6-8 students)

Funds raised and spent are reviewed at CSPC meetings and summaries can be found in minutes available [here](#).

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### CALL FOR SKATES & HELMET DONATIONS



#### SKATES AND HELMETS WANTED

Classes have begun skating, and our Annual Mr. Moulds' Skate day is quickly approaching. Please consider donating your unused skates, as we continue to build the St Brigid skate and helmet lending library.

There is a special need for adult sized skates to share with our older kids.

Also, if you have a spare helmet \*with cage\* that you can donate - especially a medium or large one - please do. Donations can be brought to the school office, or at interview night in February.

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### FUN FAIR

Thank you to everyone who attended our Fun Fair Planning meeting this week.

We are happy to report that the **2024 St Brigid Fun Fair will be held on: SATURDAY 1 JUNE 12 PM - 3 PM**

We continue our appeal for volunteers. Please consider what your contribution to the Fun Fair could be. There are many ways to help: before, during and after the event. If you are interested in volunteering, would like to make a donation, or have questions about Fun Fair, or aren't sure if you can help, but want to hear more, please contact [stbrigidcsac@gmail.com](mailto:stbrigidcsac@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 21 at 7:30 PM. Zoom link to follow.