



Message from the Head of School

I cannot believe that it is December 15th already. I'm not saying that I'm not pleased as the date accounts for my lack of energy and general tiredness! But it only seems like yesterday that I was welcoming everyone to the Back to School BBQ. So much has happened in such a short period of time, which is a good thing! Last week's Winter Feast lived up to my expectations and still remains one of my favorite nights on the school calendar. The room was alive with the wonderful Brockton community spirit and buzzing with excitement and anticipation of the talent show. Rémi (aka dancer with a box on his head) stole the show with his performance. My congratulations go to all the performers, back stage crew and emcees who all did an amazing job. Perhaps next year we can make it a real community event and have some parent talent on the stage too?

The Winter Concert last night was amazing. The PYP students wowed the audience with their singing and dancing. I would like to make particular mention to grade 5 and their cup rhythm piece; their focus and coordination was spellbinding. The MYP World Music Program took the roof off the gym. I was amazed, as were many others, at how they were able to move the mallets so fast in the dark and I am not surprised that they have been invited by the ISME to perform in Greece next summer.

I would like to share and echo the comments from one parent about last night: *"All the kids were incredible (and I'm not just referring to my own.) They were enthusiastic and were having fun. The marimba set was spectacular... You can tell that it involved a lot of hard work but they worked hard because they all wanted to."* Thank you to all the parents who emailed in this morning; those are the emails that I like to open! Thank you to everyone who made last night possible and to Moez and Jabeen Janmohamed for the yummy cupcakes afterwards, always a welcome treat!

I would like to end the year by thanking all of you for your commitment to the school. Next year will bring its own fun and challenges and I am certain that we will continue to work together to continue to give our students the best opportunities possible.

Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Wall



Congratulations to our new Canadian Citizens!

This Friday morning, the McNair Family (Ronan in grade 3 & Conor in grade 5) will be taking their citizen oath at Citizenship & Immigration Canada!



CHEER FOR CANADA!!!!

What an amazing opportunity for Brockton to be a part of Olympic Soccer.

The Women's National Soccer Team is coming to Vancouver to compete against top countries including the United States for an Olympic spot at the CONCACAF Championships January 19-29, 2012.

Let's build an Olympic team spirit enthusiasm for this event in our school.

A National Team representative will be coming to Brockton on January 5th at 1pm to give a presentation to promote girls soccer and this Olympic opportunity.

- Cheer for our National Team
- Dress World Cup Style with face paint and Canadian colours
- Decorate the gym with posters to promote girls soccer and to support our women

Parents are welcome to attend this and to show their support for this event. This is something that our kids deserve and that is a once in a lifetime opportunity for most. Let's be the school that shows the most enthusiasm for this event.

Any ideas for showing the National Women's Soccer team what we're made of, contact me anytime.
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Staff vs. MYP Students Basketball Game

This event will be held at lunch on the 11th of January. This is a big event and we need the support of all involved with the school. We are strongly encouraging parents to come and watch. We will have all staff involved in one way or another and the students should be encouraged to participate by parents and staff. We've got great support from parents and staff for all events, so now we need to get our athletics off the ground and we can't do that without the support of the parents. Be involved and be supportive. Support our school and have pride in what we do. Make each event the best it can be.

We will be handing out prizes for students and will have parents play an active role in this. More details will follow, but block this time off if you can.

Thanks for your support.

Mr. Walton

HELP SUPPORT OUR MYP MUSIC TRIP TO GREECE!

Dear Brockton Community,

Jellico Station would like to offer 20% off to all Brockton Students that sign up for our Winter Camps. You can choose either a daily or weekly camps. The camps include all their snacks and lunches!

In addition to this Jellico Station will donate 20% of all NET PROCEEDS of all their WINTER, PROFESSIONAL DAYS, SPRING AND SUMMER CAMPS, that we can sell prior to JUNE 1, 2012 to support the MYP Greece Trip. If you can please pass this on to all your contacts on the North Shore and surrounding areas to help raise money for our Children! We will send out the SPRING, PROFESSIONAL DAYS, AND SUMMER CAMPS in January.

Thank you for your support!

Design Technology

DT 6, 7, 8 and 9

If you go to Mr. Walton's blog, you will find that my classes each have their own page at the top. If you go into those pages, you can see the layout, due dates, and tips for completing the new DT projects. I would strongly suggest that you get some work done on this over the break. You don't have to be working on this all break, but just a little work on it will go a long way.

<http://mrwaltonsworld.blogspot.com/>





Adult ESL

The school would like to offer Brockton parents Adult ESL classes; the classes would run on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1:30 pm to 3 pm. The program will begin mid-January, depending on parent interest. Cost will be based on parent enrollment. If you are interested in registering for Adult ESL classes at Brockton, please contact Mme. Leone via e-mail (hleone@brocktonschool.com) by Friday, December 16th.

Sex Talk. No Sweat.

A Workshop for Parents

Not all parents are comfortable talking to their children about sex, but all parents can *learn to be comfortable*. During this open and informational session, parents will come to terms with sexual health, and understand how it fits into the lives of their children at this stage of life. Attendees will discover how to easily overcome embarrassment when talking about sexual health, learn words and concepts that are easy to use, and leave well equipped to clearly answer the questions children ask. The workshop is light hearted, but delivers straight and current facts on how parents and children can work together to promote good sexual decisions for a lifetime.

Saleema Noon will be holding parent and student workshops at Brockton School in January. Watch for the dates in early January.



From the office

Chess Club



Chess club will start up again on Wednesday, January 11th. Please contact James Chan directly for more information. Chan_james17@hotmail.com

Buildbots Robotics Club



A new session of the Lego Robotics Club will begin on Friday, January 20th. Please see the attached flyer for more information and register at <http://www.regonline.com/brocktonschool>



Co-curricular Activities

All other Co-curricular activities will begin the week of January 9th. Please sign up in the front hallway during the first week of January.



Upcoming events:

- December 17th – First day of winter holiday
- January 4th – Back to school (note: this is a Wednesday)
- January 5th – Women's National Soccer Team 1pm
- January 6th – Last opportunity for photo retakes
- January 17th – Board Meeting 6:30pm
- February 2nd – Open House 10am-noon, 6pm-8pm

Ongoing:

All co-curricular activities will resume the week of January 9th.