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### *ANNUAL BALANCING LD CONFERENCE*

All of you should have received an email with the registration form for the Balancing LD Conference. This will be an informative conference about raising children, the academic process and life after school. There will also be a panel of five parents and professionals that will answer questions from the audience as well as over 20 exhibitors sharing a variety of academic resources, all tied together by the humorous and entertaining Evan Carter as the MC for the day <http://www.evancarter.com/>

Dr. Maggie Mamen, the keynote speaker, is an excellent presenter and always captivates her audience <http://www.pamperedchildsyndrome.ca/>. Whether you have a child with a diagnosed learning disability or not, you are sure to gain from this conference.

The conference will be hosted at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga on Thursday October 25, 2007. Registration forms can be downloaded at [www.starcharity.ca](http://www.starcharity.ca) or [www.ldapeel.com](http://www.ldapeel.com)

**PARENTS OF STAR ACADEMY RECCEIVE A DISCOUNT PRICE,  
THOSE INTERESTED NEED TO REGISTER NOW!**

### *CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE*

Thanks to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts and runners for the annual CIBC Run for the Cure!

We had a great day and raised over \$700 for breast cancer research. Those who did not run lined the streets and supported their peers as they completed their run. Everyone then enjoyed a great picnic lunch outside.

Congratulations everyone!

## *THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE*

Our student council has decided to organize a food drive for Thanksgiving. The students will be receiving non-perishable food in the foyer before and after school. They will then take time on Friday to deliver it to a local food bank. Thank you in advance for your support.

Our Thanksgiving lunch will be on Friday October 5 and the aroma's will begin in the halls on Thursday as each class makes a portion of the meal. Patty has contacted parents to help serve and clean up. If you are available and have not been contacted please call the office.

Please remember that Monday October 8<sup>th</sup> is a holiday and school will be closed.

## *FUNDSCRIP*

Fundscrip orders are due October 1! Simply go to the website <http://www.fundscrip.com> click on Supporter, select "Star Academy" and follow the simple instructions to register. Many everyday stores are included so why not do your regular shopping and support Star Academy at the same time!

## *COMMUNITY CARE ACCESS*

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*We make a living  
by what we get,  
but we make a life  
by what we give.*

*Sir Winston  
Churchill*

The Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) has not as yet approved support payment for any schools for Occupational, Speech or Physio Therapy and we have not been advised as to when our students will be approved. If your child has previously received/has recently applied for any of these services we will advise you as soon as we receive approval. Thank you for your patience.

## *PARENT TO PARENT*

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Carpooling seems to be settling in – if anyone missed out on this opportunity please speak to Ms. Crumpton.

If anyone has "quiet" building toys that students can use when they are done their homework, please drop them off at the office. Thank you.

Lost and Found items are collecting – please check the back shelf above the boot rack for any missing items. Please remember to label all uniform and gym shirts!

Remember the login password on our website is "parent07".

## *STAR LEARNING CENTRE*

The Star Learning Centre is ready to begin its' third year! Mr. Simon Busse will be coordinating all sessions and assessments.

The after-school programme focuses on teaching students the skills needed in specific learning areas so they may become confident independent learners. These programmes are available to students outside of our school population and we would appreciate it if you would pass this information on to friends with children from Grade 1 to Grade 9.

Sessions are six weeks in length and provide two –1-hour sessions per week.

Session dates are:

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 - week beginning September 10 | – week beginning October 15 |
| 2 - week beginning Nov 5        | – week beginning Dec. 10    |
| 3 – week beginning Jan 14       | - week beginning Feb. 18    |
| 4 - week beginning March 17     | – week beginning April 21   |
| 5 – week beginning May 5        | – week beginning June 9     |

Further information can be received through [slc@staracademy.ca](mailto:slc@staracademy.ca)

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*Reading well is one of  
the great pleasures that  
solitude can afford you.*

*Harold Bloom*

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## *PATTY AND SANDY'S CORNER*

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped at our first Hot Dog lunch!

The school's annual Thanksgiving lunch is Friday October 5<sup>th</sup>. Mark it on your calendars! We will be contacting parents to confirm your participation in serving lunch to the teachers, staff and students. Come join in this wonderful tradition!

November 7<sup>th</sup> Parent Night is also coming up. This year we will be having a potluck dinner with an international flare! Start looking in those cookbooks and stay tuned for more details!

## *THE BAY GIFT CARDS*

The Bay is hosting a special day on Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Purchase "The Giving Day" gift card for \$5 and receive an automatic 15% off most of your purchases at The Bay on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Bay will also be hosting in store special events on this day, including entertainers, food and much more. Proceeds raised by the sale of the gift cards will go towards Star Academy Charity and the Balance LD Conference.

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## *MARK YOUR CALENDAR*

- Friday September 28 – CIBC Run for the Cure, Star Academy
- Friday October 5 – Thanksgiving Lunch
- Monday October 8 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Thursday October 25 – Balancing LD Conference
- Friday October 26 – Dance-a-thon
- October 29 – November 2 – Fall Break
- Wednesday November 7 – Parent Night Dinner

## *DANCE- A- THON*

On Monday we will be having a pep rally at lunchtime to get ready for our Dance-a-thon. Students will be bringing home a permission form that **MUST** be signed along with a pledge form. The pledge form and money must be into the school by Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, our Dance-a-thon is the afternoon of Friday October 26<sup>th</sup>.

## *IMMUNIZATION*

Parents please note, the immunization clinic for Hepatitis B and HPV will be held at the school on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for grade 7 and 8 students. Consent forms were sent home with your child on Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>. Participation in this immunization programme is voluntary therefore, if you wish your child to participate please complete the form/s and return to the school by Monday October 1st.

Should you have any questions please contact the office.

*There is always a lot happening in the Star Academy community! Make sure you stay in touch through this weekly newsletter! If you would like this newsletter to reach you at another email address please let us know at [info@staracademy.ca](mailto:info@staracademy.ca)*