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ANNUAL BALANCING LD CONFERENCE

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE REGISTERED – IF YOU ARE STILL PLANNING TO ATTEND PLEASE REGISTER NOW!

This will be an informative conference about raising children, the academic process and life after school. There will also be a panel of four 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 or www.ldapeel.com

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

HIGH SCHOOL INFO NIGHT

On Thursday October 11th we will be hosting our annual High School Information night at 6:30 p.m. This evening will inform you on high school options, preparations and contacts you should be making and clarify any other questions you may have.

This evening is open to all parents; however, we particularly encourage parents of our grade 7 and 8 students to attend.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Your child brought home their school picture order form last week. If you would like to order pictures, please complete the form and return it to the school no later than Thursday October 11th. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

WOW! What a response to our food drive! And the competition factor didn't hurt the efforts!

Officially the Junior Room won the challenge, but in reality we all won as we made a generous donation to Foodpath. Star Academy brought in nearly 600 items of food!

Thank you Student Council for organizing it, we look forward to the next one at Christmas time.

PATTY AND SANDY'S CORNER

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped serve the Thanksgiving Lunch. Great turn out!

Mark it on your calendar! Two important dates:

1. November 7th is Parent Night at Star. An international potluck dinner is planned. Pull out your cookbooks and sign up at the school. A great night to get together and taste international cuisine!
2. Saturday November 17th, Star Academy Charitable Corporation is having a fundraiser at Star Academy! A Monte Carlo night is planned. Dust off your dinner jackets and ladies find your evening dresses and join us for champagne and hor d'oeuvres with gambling, dancing and lots of fun! Bring your friends. All proceeds to Star Academy Charitable Corporation, sponsored by CISCO SYSTEM CANADA CO.

*Laughter is an
instant vacation.*

Milton Berle

PARENT TO PARENT

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 well into 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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| 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

*Success is a journey, not
a destination. The doing
is often more important
than the outcome.*

Arthur Ashe

COMMUNITY CARE ACCESS

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.

THE BAY GIFT CARDS

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

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 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
- Friday November 9 – Remembrance service beginning at 10:30 a.m.
- Monday Nov. 12 – Thursday Nov. 15 – Scholastic Book Fair
- Saturday November 17 – Casino Night

DANCE- A- THON

Students have brought home fundraising envelopes for our Dance-a-thon on Friday October 26th in the afternoon. They will have a regular academic morning; they will then be permitted to change into a white shirt (so they can glow) for the afternoon.

All funds raised will go toward the purchase of a mobile SmartBoard for the school.

Thank you for your support.

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