

# Lorne Park Secondary School Parents' Council

A warm welcome to all returning parents/guardians and to our new parents/guardians of Grade 9 students as well as to those who may be joining us for the first time in a higher grade. It needs no saying that this year will not be like other school years, and will have many challenges, some foreseeable, some maybe not yet. Our hope is that School Council can assist and help parent-school communication so that we can overcome these together.

## What is the role of School Council?

- To act in partnership with the school to enhance parent-school communication
- To facilitate events which promote the engagement of parents in the life of our school and community, in order to increase student success. This includes fund-raising activities, speaker events, and assisting at various 'landmark' events such as prom and graduation.
- To act as an advisory body providing ideas to assist the Principal in making decisions on educational issues.
- This year, council will need to adapt its activities to the Covid environment, but enhancing communication between the school and the parent community remains our priority.

## What do I need to do so that I receive School Council emails?

- **Send an email to [lpsscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lpsscouncil@gmail.com)** and ask to be added to the distribution list. If you can also let us know which grade your teen(s) are in, this is useful but not required.
- We need your permission to send these emails, so please take a moment to do this. If you are already on our regular email list, please can you also email to confirm that you are still a Lorne Park parent/guardian.
- School Council emails will provide information on upcoming council meetings, meeting minutes, event flyers and occasional other updates.

## How can I get involved?

- All parents are welcome to attend School Council Meetings.
- This year, due to Covid-19, meetings will be held by Zoom.  
**Our first Zoom meeting will be Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7-9pm.**
- **Please RSVP to [lpsscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lpsscouncil@gmail.com)** so that we can send you the meeting link.
- You do not need to be a member of Council to attend meetings. We welcome and encourage as many parents as possible to attend.
- If you would like to put your name forward to serve as a member of Council this year, please fill in the self-nomination form which is attached to this email and is also available on the school website. Completed forms should be returned to Mr Caslick at [craig.caslick@peelsb.com](mailto:craig.caslick@peelsb.com) by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

## Where can I find more information about School Council?

- The minutes of previous council meetings, Council Leadership and Members are posted on the school website. Annual reports and financial statements are available in the school office.

To-do list!

Email [lpsscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lpsscouncil@gmail.com) to be added to the School Council email distribution list

Follow us on Instagram: [lp.parent\\_school\\_council](https://www.instagram.com/lp.parent_school_council)

Save the Date: Zoom Council Meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. RSVP to [lpsscouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lpsscouncil@gmail.com)

Thank you! *Leanne Hickeman, Council Chair and Karen Thomas, Secretary*