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BATSHAW YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTRES



9th ANNUAL BBQ ON JUNE 18th

Darlene Job, Educator, Tobin House, and Camp Services

The 9th annual staff BBQ will be from 12 to 1:30 p.m., on June 18th in front of 6 Weredale Park. Come join us for a free lunch! The BBQ crew will once again be flipping burgers and hot dogs for everyone. Great prizes as usual, fun and entertainment! Let us hope for a hot sunny day!

See you all there in support of our clients attending summer camp this year!!!

Don't forget to check your junk drawers and pockets for those unused Canadian Tire \$\$\$ to donate to our cause.

12th ANNUAL POW WOW

Nathalie Dumontier, Pow wow Organizing Committee

Make it a date! Please take down this information in your agenda: **Sunday June 21st, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Prévost campus.**

Make sure that you don't miss the 12th Annual Batshaw Pow wow. Come enjoy the music, dance, performances and the traditional food of the First Nations people that will join us from Quebec, United States, Ontario and other parts of Canada. Overall, the day promises a perfect balance between culinary delights, enchanting entertainment and a peek into the traditions of our First Nation people. In hosting this event, Batshaw Youth and Family Centres creates a venue to sensitize non-natives, both within the agency and in the community, to the First Nations cultures. In the multicultural society we live in, tolerance and education of differences are important. The Pow wow is an experiential way to convey this message. Native crafts will be showcased, some of which will be for sale. Food and beverages will be for sale throughout the day.

We are expecting to see you there; rain or shine the event will take place. Employees are welcome to bring their family and a bus will be available (seats must be reserved with Merv at Prévost reception #6800). For more information, you can contact Andy Simon #2269, Scott Nicholls #2239 or Nathalie Dumontier #2232 at 514-932-7722 or 450-224-8234.

BATSHAW CAMPUS PLAYS HOME and AWAY vs LAURENTIAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (LRHS)

Ron Golfman, Program Manager for Campus Recreation and Lindsay Cottage, DRTSA

After eight years of hiatus from playing sports against outside teams, the campus has revived external competition. On the heels of a successful exhibition hockey game vs the Prévost Fire Department this past winter, the notion of a two-game basketball series was developed. Under the leadership of Leslie Huggins and Eric Moran, recreation staples, an 8-week clinic for those youth with a real investment in teamwork and skills was developed. With that success, the next logical step was to do something special, and different. LRHS, spearheaded by Sheldon Segal, a Batshaw and LRHS staff person, offered to take up the challenge.

The first game, played at our campus, saw the Batshaw club win a well played and cordial match. The score was close and both clubs truly enjoyed the experience. Batshaw's team was comprised of youth from L'Avenir, Springfield, Lorient, Lindsay, and Phoenix, spanning age

and program, with the common thread being teamwork. Bill Macarthur did a fine job refereeing the closely fought tilt. It was clear afterwards that both teams enjoyed the experience, and game two, at Laurentian Regional High School, was set for April 28th.

The High School welcomed us at 3:30 p.m. and what followed was yet another, well-played match, with the Batshaw campus teams narrowly edging LRHS for a two-game sweep. All parties remarked on the organization, sportsmanship and quality of play exhibited. While the names of our players are not in this article, they truly deserve our thanks for representing us so well, both on and off the court.

Much thanks to Sheldon Segal and the LRHS folks for the excellent collaboration. It is inspiring us for the future. As the Manager of Recreation at campus, I would like to thank Leslie Huggins, Eric Moran, Terry Nowostawski, Bill Macarthur, Dominic Chiricosta, Steven Blackette and Scott Lackas for their organization, motivation, time and energy towards this successful endeavour. There will be more to come. In fact, we're working on developing our third collaboration with the McGill Redmen Basketball Team, to take place this summer on campus. Cooperation, teamwork and positive interaction makes anything possible.

MDC PROFESSIONAL DAY

Virginia Kerr, Educator, Family Preservation, DCFS

The Organizing Committee would like to invite you to start thinking about the possibility of presenting at the next MDC Professional Day. We are asking staff with an interest or expertise in a particular area of work related to our field, either through their work at Batshaw or through their work in the community, to consider sharing their knowledge with their co-workers. While an exact date has not yet been set, the event will take place in November. Based on the feedback from last year's Professional Day, staff have suggested the following topics as areas of interest: addiction, witnessing conjugal violence, eating disorders. However, all topics will be considered. We hope that you will choose to share your knowledge and experience. It is an important part of our work that we continue to learn, share, be inspired and inspire whenever we have the opportunity. As planning progresses we will pass on more information. We look forward to hearing your presentation ideas.

GOING GREEN!

Human Resources Planning is going Green! In June you will be able to view and apply to job postings on-line. Stay tuned for more information!

THE BATSHAW CALENDAR

June 3rd: Foundation Special Fundraising Event
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Parisian Laundry
Information: Angie Bisson
514-989-1885, ext. 1013