



September Newsletter

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Welcome Back!!

Our Theme This Year....

Every year Harmony has a theme that we try to focus our programming in and around. This year the theme is **“Reduce Teen Suicide”**. We are spending this year dedicated to educating students, parents, teachers and the community on this silent epidemic..

Another New Centre-Chicago and Pembroke

We would like to welcome the volunteers, teachers, students, parents and communities of Chicago, (Waukegan) and Pembroke to the Harmony family. We look forward to getting to know you and providing quality programs in your towns!

New Programs

Harmony is pleased to announce that there are some new programs added to the curriculum this year. It is so exciting. Each centre offers different programs, so please check out what is available at your centre.

Wish List

Gently used books
Non-perishable food
Art Supplies
DONATIONS
Volunteers
Silent Auction Items
Baking for Monthly Bake Sales
Cleaning Supplies

Program Cancellation Reminder

As Always

All Harmony functions that must be cancelled on short notice are announced on the radio. Please listen in if the weather looks like our plans may have to change. We do not want anyone to take unnecessary risks due to the weather.

Important Schedule Information

The Centre is Closed Labour Day Weekend

Special Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Volunteer and Teacher Training

Thursday Sept. 3rd from 5-7 All teachers, volunteers and individuals that wish to work with the youth are required to attend our training workshops.

Meat Bingo's

Beginning Friday September 4th and running every Friday of September we will be hosting a meat bingo at Two Amigo's from 5-8 p.m. We encourage all to support this event. We are still requiring a few volunteers to help us out. If you could spare a few hours please contact Joanne or Laura at the office.

Labour Day

Closed

Concerts

Mark your calendar for these concert dates this month; Sept. 20, and 23

Sponsors

We would like to thank our sponsors for all of their support over this past year. Please consider asking your employer to join our team and become a Harmony sponsor. Harmony would like to welcome all our new sponsors and thank them for helping us help our precious youth.

Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers. There are many events, and fund-raisers going on at all centers. Without your help we are not able to offer these programs, keep up the centers, and continue to provide programs with no waiting lists. We need your help. Please consider volunteering one hour a week at your local harmony centre.

Chitty

This year we will be performing Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. This play will take place at the Industry Theatre in October. We really need some backstage crew. Set design and construction, costumes, props, stage manager, lighting, sound, etc. Please contact Jamie Casey or Joanne if interested. Tickets as always are at **no cost** but are required. Tickets will be available at the end of the month for this amazing production.

Harmony - Needs you NOW

Harmony is constantly seeking funding to keep the doors open and programs running. So, please help us to keep the center running in tip top shape by committing to help fundraise with as many activities as possible, come up with your own ideas on fundraising and maybe open your pocketbook to help us keep Harmony in the black. If each member gave just \$10 a month we would be able to provide worry free programming at your local center.. In addition, if everyone gave \$20 a month we could offer more programs and do more out-reach to the special youth of our community.

This is a particularly lean time of year for Harmony and we would really appreciate your help.

Charity begins at home, your Harmony home

Pay it Forward

Harmony is comprised of two separate and equally important facets. One is the programming and the other is the pay it forward's. The reason the "pay it forward" program was introduced was to give the youth the opportunity to gain a sense of importance. They would see how important they are, as individuals to our community.

They gain a strong sense of importance, and self-esteem through giving to others. The other part of this element is to provide the youth with accountability. They then own their programs. Pay it forward's cannot be done by parents.

Every youth, from the smallest to the tallest can help our fellow man. This element is not an option. This year, your child will receive a monthly statement of accounts. Either ahead or behind in payments. If the hours owing exceeds ten, the youth will have programs on suspension, until the hours are met.

I encourage everyone to seriously consider how important this element is to the success of the Harmony programs. Please post your local pay it forward schedule on your fridge, and make every attempt to fulfill your required hours. Last year students avoided fulfilling their commitment, and thus, this year we will be monitoring their "pay it forward hours" carefully. If your child has outstanding hours from last year, he/she will not be allowed to resume programs until the hours have been made up.

Each one agrees to the terms and conditions to which these programs are offered. **They are NOT free.** There is a cost, and we take this very seriously. Please ensure that your child fully understands the commitment they have agreed to.

Parents, without our support and co-operation your child will not truly understand the importance of the pay it forward hours. Please review the terms and agreements of participating in Harmony programs.



Sarnia Timetable

Date	Time	Location	Event
2	4	Harmony Sarnia	Board Meeting
3	5-7	Harmony	Volunteer Training
3	5:30-7:30	Harmony Sarnia	Chitty Rehearsal
4	5-8	Two Amigos	Meat Bingo
6	3-6	Joanne's	Volunteer BBQ
7			HARMONY CLOSED FOR LABOUR DAY
8			Programs Resume
10	5:30-7:30	Harmony	Chitty Rehearsal
11	5-8	Two Amigos	Meat Bingo
13	1-4	Industry Theatre	Awards Banquet
14	5:30-7:30	Harmony	Chitty Rehearsal
15	5-7	Harmony	Family Fun Night
17	5:30-7:30	Harmony	Chitty Rehearsal
18	5-8	Two Amigos	Meat Bingo
20	2:00	T.B.A.	Memorial Concert
21	5:30-7:30	Harmony	Chitty Rehearsal
22	5-7	Harmony	Family Fun Night
23	11:15	Salvation Army	Groovin' Grannies Concert
24	5:30-7:30	Harmony	Chitty Rehearsal
25			P.D. Day
27	1-4	Harmony	Chitty Rehearsal
28	5:30-7:30	Harmony	Chitty Rehearsal

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As you can see we are always we are looking for volunteers. We ask all parents to participate as well as children and adult members in the Pay it Forward concept. We can accommodate whenever you are available for volunteering your time. Please contact Laura Lamarche. There is a real need for volunteers.

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Community Bulletin Board

This is a new section added to our monthly newsletter. If you have a message that you would like to post, item for sale, or information about something exciting happening, please submit your message to executivedirector@harmonyforyouth.org and we will place it in our community bulletin board.