

# TOPS VARIETY SPECIAL



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### TOPS Variety Special Will 'WOW' Everyone!

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**Dorval, QC., April 21, 2010** - April 23rd and 24th will mark the seventh year that the Lester B. Pearson School Board presents the 'TOPS' variety show; an extravagant stage production that showcases their most talented students who excel in the performing arts. TOPS is so much more than a two hour show that stages the best singers, musicians, dancers and emcees from all of the LBPSB's high schools; it is an additional learning experience that takes place outside of the classroom. The students – whether they are performers, part of the technical crew or the production team – are exposed to a professional working environment where they are taught valuable leadership, organizational and management skills. A fabulous and entertaining show may be the end result, but the most important aspect according to the show's director is the lessons that are taught throughout the entire production process. "It's more than a talent show", explains Rob Lynch, "it's a group of dedicated and ambitious students from Verdun to the Ontario boarder collaborating with one another to produce a truly one-of-a-kind event. There's nothing else like it!"

This year's production, titled 'The TOPS Variety Special' is an invigorating throwback to the 1970's. Viewers can expect to hear all the hits from the decade performed through a visual extravaganza of song and dance. Over 120 student performers from 11 high schools will take the stage each evening for the Friday and Saturday performances.

**Tickets can be obtained through all of the Lester B. Pearson School Board's high schools and are also available at the door. The show will take place at Lakeside Academy, 5050 Sherbrooke in Lachine. Doors open at 7 PM and the show starts at 8 PM. For more information, visit [www.topsshow.com](http://www.topsshow.com).**

The Lester B. Pearson School Board is an English school board serving more than 32,000 students and staff in 60 schools, adult and vocational centres, an International Language Centre, and an Administrative Centre on a territory from Verdun westward to the Ontario border. The Lester B. Pearson School Board is recognized locally, nationally and internationally as a progressive and innovative public education institution pioneering a model of inclusive education and an acclaimed International Studies Program. It is also the first school board in Quebec to pilot a universally-available half-day Kindergarten program for 4 year olds and a tri-lingual International full-day Pre-Kindergarten program.

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