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Entertainment & Community Notebook: Dom Cooks, Journalism Club, Lyft gives back, Operation Red Nose & Royalmount programming

JOURNALISM CLUB: As part of an effort to empower young writers and encourage student expression, the Lester B. Pearson School Board is introducing a pilot project for a Journalism Club (J-Club) designed to introduce students to the world of reporting, writing, and publishing. The J-Club will be led by two distinguished LBPSB alumni who are currently working in Montreal as journalists, **Felicia Parrillo** of Global News Montreal and **Sean Henry** of CBC News Montreal, Pearson News reports. Felicia is a graduate of John Rennie High School while Sean graduated from LaSalle Community Comprehensive High School. Their real-world experience will guide students through different steps of the journalistic process—from researching and interviewing to crafting articles and editorials. “I hope the J-club becomes a place where students feel inspired to explore, ask questions and tell stories that reflect their world. Journalism helps you connect with people and see things from new perspectives – and I can’t wait to see students discover that,” said Felicia.

As part of a pilot project, the J-club will be open to students with an interest in writing, communications, or media. Workshops will take place during lunch-hour with additional ones planned throughout the year at LBPSB-schools that demonstrate an interest in participating in the J-Club. The first workshop is scheduled to take place at JRHS. A second workshop open to all LBPSB high school



Felicia Parrillo

students via Zoom is scheduled to take place in January 2026. To help launch the J-Club project and generate some buzz, on November 20th Felicia and Sean will be at JRHS meeting and talking with students. "Journalism is a great opportunity to meet people, listen and learn. I'm looking forward to seeing how it plays out in the J-Club experience. I'll be bringing my curiosity and know the students will bring theirs!," said Sean

The J- Club also aims to publish its members' work in Pearson News, the school board's monthly e-newsletter. By featuring student-written articles, Pearson News hopes to give young writers a platform for real-world exposure.

LBPSB students seeking more information or those who wish to sign up should send an email to jclub@lbpearson.ca

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