



December 2024

Ross Road School

Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Conferences

Report cards for Term 1 will be going home by the end of the day Thursday, December 3 via the online Edu-Post System. Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to meet teachers in person for Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday December 5 1-3:00 pm and 6-8:00 pm. If you're unable to attend Dec. 5, you can email your child's teachers individually to arrange a time to speak.

Elementary families can book a time to meet with their child's teacher in their classroom. Your child's teacher will or has emailed information regarding booking a time in the afternoon or evening to meet.

Junior high teachers will be holding parent conferences in the gym. No appointment will be required. When you enter the school through the main entrance a handout will be available you that lists the junior high teachers and the subjects they teach. Teachers will be seated around the gymnasium with their name clearly displayed on the wall. You can choose to meet with a teacher as they become available.

All Conferences will be 10 minutes in length to ensure all parents have an opportunity to meet with teachers.

Home and School

Fundraiser Pickup – Our cheese and candles fundraisers are expected to be ready for pickup on December 5th. Thank you to all those who ordered! We anticipate that the pickup time will be from 5-8pm so that it coincides with parent/teacher meetings. If that changes we will be sure to advise as early as we can, but it will be dependent upon the refrigerated delivery. Congratulations to Ms. Wright's Primary/One class that won the hot chocolate party for the highest sales!

Santa Shop – We are still accepting donations of lightly used items, gift bags, and wrapping for our annual Santa Shop up until December 6th. The shop will be held on December 9th and students will be called to the library to shop for those in their immediate family. Notices will be sent home with all Elementary students as well as a baggie for their cash, and all Elementary students will be called to shop. Junior High students will be able to shop if they have cash with them on the day of the event. All items will be between \$1-3 and proceeds of the Santa Shop will go towards school needs.

Front Row Raffle – Once again we will be selling raffle tickets to win front row seats to the Holiday Concert on December 12th at 6:30pm. Ticket packets will be sent home with all Elementary students. If you require more tickets please let us know and we are happy to provide more! They will be \$2 each or 3/\$5.

Holiday Concert – This year’s Holiday Concert will be on December 12th! There will be an afternoon show at 12:30pm, and the evening show will begin at 6:30pm. The doors will open 30 minutes in advance of the showtime. There will once again be no ticket cost for the concert, but we will be accepting both non-perishable food donations and “Toonie for Tunes” to help support our school music program. A separate email with full details will follow.

Thank you to the extraordinary members of the Home and School who continue to organize fun family events for our students and in support of our school!

Holiday Spirit Week 2024

Monday, Dec. 16th	Feeling Warm & Festive Wear your favourite flannel shirt or cozy winter gear
Tuesday, Dec. 17th	Merry “Grinchmas” Get grinchy by wearing anything grinch or green
Wednesday, Dec. 18th	Christmas Spirit Day Wear anything and everything Christmas
Thursday, Dec. 19th	Candy Cane Day Wear anything striped, red, white, or green
Friday, Dec. 20th	Twas’ The Night Before Xmas Get cozy in your Christmas Pjs

Jr. High Leadership Fundraising / Candy Grams

Jr. High Leaders are busy planning another school Fundraiser to support The Gr. 9 End of Year event. (more information to come) The Holidays are just around the corner and is the season of giving. Jr. High students will have the chance to purchase a Candy Gram to give to a friend on Dec. 17. For \$1.00 Jr. High students will choose a prepared message or write their own. All messages will be reviewed by Mr. Ryan before attached to the candy cane. Jr. High Leaders will then attach the message to a candy cane. Candy Grams will be distributed on Thursday, Dec. 19 at Jr. High lunch.

Happy Holidays!

To all who celebrate, we wish you a joyful holiday season! Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Blessed Kwanzaa!

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December Important Dates

Dec. 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities Report Cards go home via Eduport
Dec. 5	PD day / Parent Teacher Conferences, no classes
Dec. 6	106th Anniversary of the Halifax Explosion National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women Hot Dog Day, Jr. High Leadership fundraiser
Dec. 9	Santa Shop
Dec. 10	International Human Rights Day
Dec. 12	Holiday Concert Dress rehearsal 12:30 pm and Evening 6:00 PM
Dec. 18	School-wide Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 20	Last Day before Holiday Break
Dec. 25	Christmas Day First day of Hanukkah
Dec. 26	Kwanzaa
Jan. 2	School re-opens, PD Day, no classes
Jan. 3	First Day back for students

