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December 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 After School Program Grade 4 3:00-4:15	3 After School Program Grades 5 - 8 3:00-4:15	4 After School Program Grade 1 3:00-4:15	5 After School Program Grades 2 & 3 3:00-4:15	6 SCC CRAFT & BAKE SALE SAT. DEC. 7th 
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Scholastic Book Fair Friday, Dec. 6 - 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM Saturday, Dec. 7 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 </div>				
9 After School Program Grade 4 3:00-4:15	10 After School Program Grades 5 - 8 3:00-4:15	11 After School Program Grade 1 3:00-4:15	12 WJB CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2 SHOWS 1:00 – 2:00 6:30 – 7:30 (no After School Prog.)	13 Kindergarten Hotdog Hot Lunch 
16 Pre-K & Kind. Only (Mon. & Wed. Groups) CHRISTMAS DINNER  After School Program Grade 4 3:00-4:15	17 Pre-K Only (Tues. & Thurs. Group) CHRISTMAS DINNER  After School Program Grades 5 - 8 3:00-4:15	18 After School Program Grade 1 3:00-4:15 	19 After School Program Grades 2 & 3 3:00-4:15 	20 STUDENT CHRISTMAS DINNER (incl. Kind. Tues. Thurs. Group)  Last Day of Classes Dec. 20th Christmas Break Dec. 23rd – Jan. 5th Back to school Jan. 6th
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PRINCIPAL & VICE-PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This has been a very busy month and the school has been buzzing. Thank you to the many families that attended Parent-Teacher interviews. It is so important for our children's achievement, to have a connection between a child's parent and their teacher. Children very quickly pick up the idea that school is not isolated from their home and that we are partners in their education.

I would also like to take the time to ask parents to make attendance at school a priority with your families. A child's attendance at school can break the students' ability to succeed in his/her grade. I cannot stress enough the importance of coming to school every day. When a child misses a lot of school, gaps occur in their learning. The worst part is that the student is always in the position of "catching up". When students are in Kindergarten or grades 1, 2, and 3, the gaps are even greater, as so much learning is oral, demonstration, and activity based. i.e.alphabet sounds, spelling, math skills, language. In the higher grades oral instructions, labs, and math activities are missed, therefore, homework piles up very quickly. Please ensure that your kids come to school every day. As a community we want our kids to succeed! As parents and educators we must support each other and give our children a very clear message - "You must go to school every day." It would be wonderful to see our overall attendance percentage at 100%.

From now and until the Christmas Break, there are a number of important events and dates:

- "Bugsy Malone Jr." EA Rawlinson Centre Production - Nov. 29th
- SCC Craft & Bake Sale on December 7th
- Christmas Concert on December 12th
- Student Christmas Dinner on December 20th
- Last Day of Classes are December 20th

First Day Back to Class After Break is January 6th

The staff and student are working very hard on their Christmas concert. They have been memorizing songs that will be performed at the concert. Due to the larger enrollment of students this year, WJB will be hosting two Christmas concerts in order to accommodate parents/guardians/grandparents, etc. Christmas concert will be December 12th at 1:00pm and 6:30pm. We would like to extend an invitation to all community members that would like to take part in our Christmas concert.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas holiday with their families.... May you have a safe and blessed holiday season.

Mr. D. Tournier, Principal

Mrs. M. White Vice - Principal



PRE-K

We have started to practice for the Christmas concert which is Thursday, December 12th. Pre-Ks will be taking part so be sure to mark it on your calendar! The student Christmas dinner is on a Friday this year and our Pre-K students will not be in attendance but we will be served a special Christmas dinner on Mon. Dec 16th and Tues, Dec 17th for each Pre-K class. Also, we have a special afternoon planned for parents to visit our Pre-K classroom on Mon. Dec. 9th and Tues. Dec 10th. More details will be shared this week. Mark your calendars!

Mrs. Keller



KINDERGARTEN

It's the most wonderful time in Kindergarten as we are starting to embrace the holiday spirit. We have been working hard on our letter sounds & recognition and number practice. We are very excited for the Christmas themed weeks ahead. Just a note that the Monday/Wednesday group will be having their Student Christmas lunch provided on December 16th and the Tuesday/Thursday group will have theirs on December 20th. Reminders will be sent out closer to the event. Have a great December and Happy Holidays!

Ms. Lavoie



GRADE 1 (A.M.)

The Winsor Owls have been counting forwards, backwards, skip counting, and soon will be counting down until Christmas holidays. We are continuing sounding out new words, writing in our journals, and reading new books. The classroom has the special friends of Olive and Owen Owl who spend time reading with grade ones.

Mrs. Winsor



GRADE 1

This year is really flying by. November's mild weather brought us through more word blending practice and much needed outside time. It was a pleasure to meet with families during parent/teacher interviews. A reminder to sign student agendas and practice reading with your child at home. Have a great December and a lovely holiday season.

Ms. Wintringham



GRADE 2

As we head into December we will be finishing up some of our units taught by Mrs. Ross. The students have been so excited this past week to make a talking stick as well as create more artwork using pointillism based on story books written and illustrated by Leah Dorian. Mrs. Ross will be completing her internship at the end of December and we will miss her dearly. She has done such an amazing job and we wish her the best in her teaching career!

Mrs. Martens

GRADE 3

The grade three students have been working very hard exploring many different outcomes! I appreciate all of their hard work! I am looking forward to all the fun things we have planned in December! Please continue to help your child arrive to school on time!

Mrs. Bradbury

GRADE 4

Thank you to all families who attended interviews! It was wonderful being able to discuss your child's learning with you! The first week of December we will be participating in swimming at Frank Dunn Pool. Please ensure your child has all the necessary items needed that were outlined in the note sent home! I look forward to seeing everyone again at the Christmas Concert!

Mrs. Willie

GRADE 5

Wow, I can't believe it is already December. If you have not signed up for Classdojo yet, please email me at bcournoyer@srsd119.ca and I will send another code sheet with your child. It is very important, as I send reminders, add photos, and it is a great way to communicate. The grade 5's have been learning about the Human Body and how to keep all aspects of our bodies healthy. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break, stay active and make time for reading!

Ms. Cournoyer

GRADE 6

Oh the weather outside is frightful, but being in grade 6 is so delightful! We had a fun November learning how to participate in debates, growing our minds by understanding growth mindset and the power of yet, and viewing the play 'Bugsy Malone Jr' at the Rawlinson Centre. A huge thank you to the SCC for allowing us to attend the play; we really appreciated it! The excitement continues on in December as we will be performing in the Christmas concert, participating in many school-wide reading events, and celebrating the season at the Christmas dinner. Have a wonderful December!

Mrs. Penner-Henry



GRADE 7

As students in the grade 7 class are been reaching their reading goals, our focus for the month of December is writing goals. Students have been loving the love it and loath it writing activity, which we will continue to do. It is a short month for us, but the students work hard at their goals, it is great to see!!

Ms. Deschambeault

GRADE 8

It was nice to talk to those parents and guardians at parent/teacher interviews. In term two the class will be completing their fractions unit in math and learning about the Holocaust in language arts class. I hope everyone stays warm and has a wonderful Christmas holiday with family and friends. Take care everyone! Wishing you much joy and happiness.

Mr. Gobeil

SCC

The SCC will be holding its 4th Annual W.J. Berezowsky Public School Christmas Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, December 7th from 10 am until 4 pm. There is no fee to get in. We will have a canteen with chili, hot dogs, taco in a bag, and more. Hope to see you all there!

HOT LUNCH SALE

The Kindergarten class will be sponsoring a hot dog lunch on Friday, Dec. 13th.

MORNING DROP OFFS & END OF THE DAY PICK UPS

Just a reminder to parents dropping off & picking up their children in the morning and at the end of the day:

- please do not park in the bus area in front of the school
- please do not park in the staff parking lot
- please do not park in handicap parking area
- please do not drop off your child/children in the staff parking lot
- please be mindful of the cross walk area and children crossing the road

This can be very dangerous because vehicles cannot see little people walking between the cars. As a community, we can all work together to keep our children safe when leaving the school and walking home. Thank you so much.



Scholastic Book Fair

“Pop-Up Shop”

at WJ Berezowsky Library



Friday, Dec. 6 - 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Saturday, Dec. 7 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
(in the library during the WJB Craft Fair)

Win \$25 in books for you &
\$25 in books for your classroom*

Books make great Christmas gifts!

All purchases benefit WJB Library

Cash/Debit/Credit

**Draw to take place on Friday, Dec. 6 at 5:00 PM*



East Flat Band News

❖ December 2019 ❖



Practice Club

Practice Club is open to all band students grade 5-8, and takes place in the music room on **Wednesdays from 3:00-4:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity for your child to bring questions or struggles, share their successes, or get extra help with their instrument. Our last Practice Club of the month is December 4th, and we will start up again in January to prepare for our band concert. Expect to see permission notes for January soon!

Winter Band Concert

A public performance in the comfort of friends and classmates is an exciting opportunity for your child to develop confidence and find success. **This concert represents a full half year of hard work and learning for your child and is the musical equivalent of a competition in dance or tournament in sports.**

Please make every effort for your child to attend their concert on **January 30th at 7:00 pm** in W. J. Berezowsky School gym.

Music Stand Order

Students wishing to purchase a stand for at-home practice can bring **\$13 along with an order form to school**. These are a great tool for encouraging good playing posture and focus while practicing.

Instruments and the Cold

As the weather begins to cool down, it is important to make sure our band instruments are kept in good shape. Corks, pads, etc. on the instruments can shrink and warp with cold/hot environment changes leaving instruments leaky and frustrating to play. **Please ensure that your child's instrument is kept in room temperature and NEVER leave an instrument in a vehicle or outside overnight.** Following this simple rule will avoid costly repair bills which hurt our band programs. Please help keep our instruments in good shape for years down the road!

Fundraising and School Band Trips

Each band student in grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to participate in a **year-end band trip**. There will be fundraisers held throughout the year to cover costs of the trip, as **each child needs to earn their own way** through these initiatives. Stay tuned for upcoming fundraising initiatives.

As always, please contact me at atimm@srsd119.ca with any questions or concerns!

-- ♪ Ms. Timm ♪





MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!