



Nashwaaksis  
Memorial School  
Fredericton, NB

January, 2020

This Month...

## NMS Newsletter

### Student New Year's Resolutions for 2020!

Parents/Guardians/Students,  
As we move into the New Year, we encourage you to have discussions with your child about **school goals for the remaining months**. These goals can range anywhere from academic to athletic to behavioral. The following questions can help spark some meaningful dialogue and reinforce the value of strong work ethic...

- #1 - What is 1 thing you hope will happen at school this year?
- #2 - What is 1 new thing you want to try at school this year?
- #3 - What is 1 old thing you want to get better at school this year?
- #4 - What can you do to make these things happen? (examples: work hard, don't quit, be kind, etc.)

Parents/Guardians are not only encouraged to write their child's answers down and re-visit these over the remaining months of the 2020 school year, but to answer the questions themselves (home or work instead of school).

Parents are also welcomed to share these answers with their child's teacher!

### C-c-c-old Temperatures!

The temperature continues to drop as we move into January. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a jacket, snow pants, something to cover their ears, proper winter boots, and gloves or mittens.

If you require any articles of clothing for your child, be sure to let our office know. Students will move into the school if the temperature is below -20 degrees Celsius (windchill included).

### Donations

Anyone interested in contributing to our Star Student of the month prize packages may reach out to [alex.yaychuk@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:alex.yaychuk@nbed.nb.ca) or [tayne.moore@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:tayne.moore@nbed.nb.ca)

Thank you to those who have donated to our program so far!



### Reminders to Parents/Guardians

Have a look at our Parent Handbook under the 'documents' section on the front page.

Hot lunch forms go home on January 9<sup>th</sup> and are due back on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our next PSSC meeting is set for January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Student drop-off and pick-up: Recently, we have seen a number of adults in the school hallways. For many of our students, seeing a stranger in the building can create undue stress and/or anxiety. In addition to safety, this can also counteract efforts that our staff makes with building independence in your child.

We would like to remind any adult who plans to enter the building to immediately go to the front office (middle floor). Our wonderful admin assistants will take care of the rest (checking your child in, calling their class teacher to notify of early dismissal, dropping off a snack or article of clothing, etc).

If you have any specific concerns about this process, feel free to contact our office to discuss this with a member of our administrative team.



### Nashmore Roars go out to...

**Mrs. Hoyt, Mr. Dobbelsteyn, and Mr. Workman** for coordinating our Winter Concerts. The work put into preparing our performers was outstanding!

**Mme. Thibodeau** for being granted the use of 30 iPads (on loan) for a series of project-based learning experiences related to Science and Literacy outcomes!

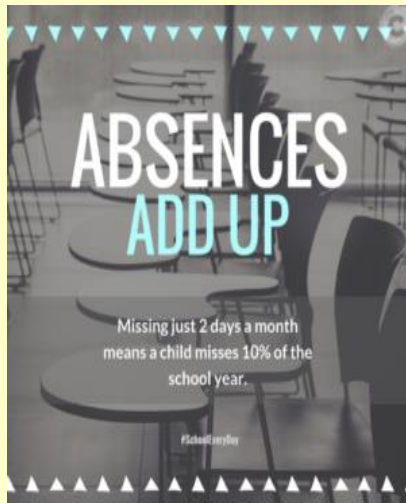
**Mrs. MacArthur** for rehearsing and performing with her American Sign Language group during the Winter Concerts!

### Student Attendance/Punctuality

The learning opportunities provided for your child at NMS have the greatest academic impact when they are consistent and frequent. Recurrent absenteeism and/or tardiness have negative effects on your child's learning during their developmental years.

In order for your child to 'Be Their Best', we need them at our wonderful school.

The NMS staff are looking forward to continuing the school year with your children. We urge all parents/guardians to do their very best to ensure that their kids come to school on time each and every day.



### Last Month's Highlights

Our Winter Concerts took place on the 17<sup>th</sup> and our student-performers were fantastic! What a great way to spread Holiday cheer. Thank you to all for attending.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Star Student Celebration took place on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Our newest stars walked proudly throughout the school and received loads of high-fives and fist-bumps!

On the 6<sup>th</sup>, all staff and students were treated to a 'Calithumpians' Presentation on Bilingualism, Women's Rights, and Reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Our annual 'Holiday Shopping Spree' was a big hit with students from all K-5 grade levels getting a chance to purchase affordable gifts for their loved ones (see picture).

On the 20<sup>th</sup>, we finished our last day of 2019 by getting together in the gymnasium and singing and dancing to Holiday-themed songs!

### Important Upcoming Events

#### Students' 1<sup>st</sup> day back

Tuesday, January 7th

#### No School for Students

Monday, January 27th (Prof. Learning day for teachers)

#### Hot Breakfast (Prepared by YCC and Northside Rotary) for Gr. 5 students

Tuesday, January 14th

#### Grades K, 1, & 2 Sock Hop

Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> - Lunch time - \$1 per student

#### Popcorn Day

Friday, January 17th

#### Crazy Hat Day & Student Stars of the Month

Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> - Students selected by teachers at all grade levels will be celebrated for hard work and being good citizens.