

TOWNSVIEW SCHOOL

November - December Newsletter

Important Dates

- ❖ Nov 20-22 Scholastic Book Fair
- ❖ Nov 21 Swimming (3/4B Ginson @ 9am, 3A Tompkins @ 1:30pm)
- ❖ Nov 21 Report Cards go home
- ❖ Nov 21-23 Potato pick-up, see details below
- ❖ Nov 21 School clothing sales begin
- ❖ Nov 22 Parent -Teacher interviews, 4-8pm
- ❖ Nov 22 Home & School bake sale during Parent-Teacher Interviews
- ❖ Nov 23 No school – Parent -Teacher interviews, 8:30-11:30am
- ❖ Nov 23 Home & School bake sale during Parent-Teacher Interviews
- ❖ Nov 26 Swimming (2A Oulton @ 10:30am)
- ❖ Nov 26 8A goes curling, periods 1 & 2
- ❖ Nov 26 BYOD meeting for middle school families regarding WIFI use, Q & A @ 6:30pm (see details below)
- ❖ Nov 27 8B goes curling, periods 1 & 2
- ❖ Nov 28 5B visits Riverside Court, 5C visits Carleton Manor, 9am
- ❖ Nov 28 Swimming (3/4B Ginson @ 9am, 3A Tompkins @ 1:30pm)
- ❖ Nov 28 Grades 4 & 5 Drama auditions, 3-4:15pm, see details below
- ❖ Nov 28 7/8C goes curling, periods 1 & 2
- ❖ Nov 29 Middle school dance, 7-9pm
- ❖ Nov 29 Club day, period 5 (1:15pm)
- ❖ Nov 29 Grade 8 Quebec Trip payment #2 due
- ❖ Nov 30 Swimming (4A Graham @ 9am, 2B Doherty @ 10:30am, 4C Antworth @ 1:30pm)
- ❖ Dec 3 Swimming (2A Oulton @ 10:30am)
- ❖ Dec 3 Turkey dinner tickets deadline day, see below
- ❖ Dec 4 Last day to order school clothing for pre-Christmas delivery
- ❖ Dec 4 Home and School Meeting, 7pm
- ❖ Dec 5 PSSC Meeting, 6:30pm
- ❖ Dec 5 Swimming (3/4B Ginson @ 9am, 3A Tompkins @ 1:30pm)
- ❖ Dec 7 Swimming (4A Graham @ 9am, 2B Doherty @ 10:30am, 4C Antworth @ 1:30pm)
- ❖ Dec 7 DOTS Ring a Bell Day for Mental Health
- ❖ Dec 7 Middle School Badminton Zone Championship at Townsview
- ❖ Dec 10 Swimming (2A Oulton @ 10:30am)
- ❖ Dec 11 Chartwells Turkey Dinner Day
- ❖ Dec 12 Christmas Concerts - Grades 2 & 3 @ 9:15am, Grades 4 & 5 @ 10:45am
- ❖ Dec 13 Christmas Concerts – Curious Kids @ 9:00am, Grades K & 1 @ 10:30am
- ❖ Dec 13 Club day, period 5 (1:15pm)
- ❖ Dec 14 Swimming (4A Graham @ 9am, 2B Doherty @ 10:30am, 4C Antworth @ 1:30pm)
- ❖ Dec 14 Storm day for Christmas Concerts
- ❖ Dec 17 Swimming (2A Oulton @ 10:30am)
- ❖ Dec 20 Pajama Day – Pay \$1 for local charities, see below
- ❖ Dec 21 Christmas sweater day
- ❖ Dec 21 Last day before Christmas Break
- ❖ January 7 No School – Professional Learning Day
- ❖ January 8 Welcome back! Cycle Day 1
- ❖ January 8 Home and School Meeting @ 7pm
- ❖ January 9 Swimming (3/4B Ginson @ 9am)
- ❖ January 11 Swimming (4A Graham @ 9am, 2B Doherty @ 10:30am, 4C Antworth @ 1:30pm)

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS – November 22nd & 23rd

- ❖ There is no school for students on Friday, November 23rd. This is parent-teacher interview day. Interviews will be scheduled that morning from 8:30am-11:30am.
- ❖ Interviews will also be scheduled on Thursday evening, November 22nd from 4:00 - 8:00pm.
- ❖ Report cards come home November 21st. Teachers will be sending home communiqués to set up interviews leading up to the parent-teacher interviews. If you don't see a communiqué, please reach out to your child's homeroom teacher.

POTATO SALES PICK-UP

- ❖ Pick up will be 3:30pm - 7:30pm on Wednesday, Nov 21st and continue on Thursday the 22nd during parent teacher interviews, 4:00 - 8:00pm. Pick up is also possible on Friday the 23rd, until 5:30pm. Please pick up during these times when there are people available to help load. Please note that the last day to pick up your potatoes will be Wednesday, November 28th by 5:30pm as we are not able to store this product for a long period of time.
- ❖ Pick-up is easiest by using the first driveway loop, the “stop and drop” lane.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

- ❖ Book Fair is taking place Nov 20-22.
- ❖ Book Fair will be open until 7:30pm on Thursday in conjunction with Parent – Teacher interviews.
- ❖ Students will be scheduled to visit the book fair with their classes on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. For younger children, it is helpful to send instructions about what they are supposed to purchase with their money 😊.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) PROGRAM

- ❖ The BYOD refers to a program in which students can use their own personal wireless devices to support their learning in school. This means connecting to the internet via the school wireless network (WiFi). All students will be provided a password and have the opportunity to access WiFi. WiFi will be available to middle school students starting November 26, 2018.
- ❖ There will be a Q & A style meeting for any interested families on November 26th, at 6:30pm.
- ❖ Look for a letter to come home that will have more details about the rules regarding WIFI use at school, please sign and return the bottom portion of that form.

PJ DAY

- ❖ The Townsview School Leadership group will be collecting new pajamas for women and children until Dec. 16th.
- ❖ Students will also be able to show their support for this campaign by paying \$1.00 to wear their pajamas at school on Dec 20th.
- ❖ Collected funds and pajamas will go to Sanctuary House and the Valley Food bank.

ELEMENTARY DRAMA

- ❖ Students in grades 4 and 5 are invited to join afterschool Elementary Drama. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, November 28th from 3:00 – 4:15. Permission slips and audition sheets can be picked up from Mme Davidson. Break a leg!

CHARTWELLS TURKEY DINNER DAY – Tuesday, December 11th

- ❖ A form offering the students to purchase a holiday dinner ticket is coming home this week. The forms are due back Monday, December 3rd. The turkey dinner is the only meal offered in the cafeteria that day.
- ❖ The price for the K-2 meal is \$4.75 with 0.25 being donated by Chartwells to WE Act.
- ❖ The price for the 3-8 meal is \$6.25 with 0.25 being donated by Chartwells to WE Act.
- ❖ If your child will not eat the turkey dinner, please return the form with the ‘no’ box checked. Thanks for your help with this! They will need to bring a bag lunch.

TOWNSVIEW SCHOOL CLOTHING SALES

- ❖ We are excited to be selling school clothing again in time for the Christmas shopping season!
- ❖ Final order date is Tuesday, Dec 4th. Order forms will be coming home in your child’s report card envelope.
- ❖ Order forms can be returned to the homeroom teacher or the office. Cheques are to be made payable to Townsview School. School Cash Online is also available for purchases as well.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS & PARKING

- ❖ Grade 2 and 3 concert is Wednesday, December 12 @ 9:15am
- ❖ Grade 4 and 5 concert is Wednesday, December 12 @ 10:45am
- ❖ Curious Kids concert is Thursday, December 13 @ 9:00am
- ❖ Grades K & 1 concert is Thursday, December 13 @ 10:30am
- ❖ Parking is always a challenge for these events. Please walk or car-pool when possible. Once the lots are full, please take direction from staff. We recommend parking and walking from Helen Street, the Curling Club or even as far away as the Ayr Motor Centre lot.
- ❖ Please note that Lewis P Fisher Lane must remain accessible for emergency vehicles at all times and that there are residential properties on the street which must also remain accessible for our neighbors at all times.

TOWNSVIEW HOME AND SCHOOL UPDATE

- ❖ Home and School will be hosting a bake sale during Parent-Teacher interviews on Nov 22-23.
 - If you would like to donate baked goods, please contact homeschooltownsview@gmail.com.
- ❖ If you are new to the school or to the community and would like to connect with other parents or have questions regarding the school/ community please contact townsviewfamilysg@gmail.com
 - A Facebook group has been set up <https://www.facebook.com/townsviewfamilysupportgroup>

HEAD LICE

- ❖ There have been several cases of head lice reported in November. It is important to continue regular checks for lice and nits at home.
- ❖ When a case of head lice is suspected in the classroom, Student Services teachers remove the student from the classroom to do a head check. If live lice are found, parents are contacted and the student awaits pick-up at the offices.
- ❖ Random checks are not performed without evident symptoms, or without a parent's request to have a check performed.
- ❖ Please remind children to keep long hair tied back and to not share hats!

OUTDOOR RECESS

- ❖ Most days K-5 go outside everyday. As it gets colder students need to come prepared with boots, snow pants, hats and mittens. Middle school students have the option to go outside at lunch time and sometimes for Phys Ed.

BADMINTON

- ❖ Badminton season for middle school is well underway. For those that have made the team, a \$10 fee is due and can be paid at the office or online.
- ❖ Finals are here at Townsview on Friday, December 7th.

SEEKING CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR STUDENTS

- ❖ There are often times during the school day when students need a change of clothes.
- ❖ Resource is looking for gently used clothing sizes 10 - 16. Items like jogging pants, leggings, track pants, and t-shirts would be appreciated. If you have anything to donate, please see one of our R&M teachers, or you can leave the items at the office.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA

- ❖ Drama practices will continue on Tuesdays from 6-8pm and Thursdays from 3-5pm.
- ❖ The production, *Annie*, will be performed on Saturday, January 12th with two shows, 2:00pm and 7:00pm.

TOWNSVIEW CARE TREE

- ❖ Once again we are collecting donations for Sanctuary House, Valley Food Bank and the Carleton Animal Shelter. There will be boxes in the lobby in which to place your items.
- ❖ We are hoping to decorate our care tree in the school lobby with lots of hats, mittens and scarves. Thank You!!

TOWNSVIEW SCHOOL CASH ONLINE

- ❖ Please visit: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/TownsView/Pages/default.aspx>
- ❖ We encourage parents to take advantage of our website. There is a lot of current information there, including the link to register for school cash online.
- ❖ Parents are encouraged to take advantage of School Cash Online, our preferred method of payment for school fees and activities.

TRAFFIC FLOW REMINDERS

- ❖ If you need to leave your vehicle, do not use the stop and drop-off lane before and after school. You must park in the parking lot.
- ❖ Please note that the parking lot is not to be used as another stop and drop-off lane. Constant traffic flow presents a danger to pedestrians.

CAFETERIA SERVICES

- ❖ If you have any questions in reference to the cafeteria you can contact Stacey Cronkhite at the school, her phone number is 325-4315.
- ❖ The menu can be found on our website. <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/TownsView/Pages/default.aspx>



Anglophone West School District

An Important Message to Parents — School Closures Because of Weather Conditions

Anglophone West School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students. The District recognizes it may be necessary to cancel bus runs, close schools, or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather and road conditions. When a decision is made to close school, delay school opening, cancel bus runs, or delay bus runs, safety is the number one consideration.

Options Considered:

- **Schools open as usual:** no communication required.
- **All schools closed for the day:** see “Communication” section below.
- **A school or schools in a particular zone of the district closed:** see “Communication” section below.
- **All school bus routes delayed by one hour:** On these occasions, all schools in the district will open at their regular time to receive walking students and drop-off students. Students arriving late will not be disadvantaged.
- **Schools may be closed early** on days when it is anticipated that weather conditions may deteriorate significantly. It is important that parents have alternate arrangements for their children if they or another adult will not be at home to receive the students. Please ensure that the school has up-to-date contact numbers for parents {work numbers, cell numbers, etc.) and at least one emergency contact. It will be announced that buses will run their afternoon runs one, two, or three hours earlier than usual, whatever time is determined.
- **Power Outage:** In the event that a particular school is without power, the school will be opened at the regular time, unless otherwise communicated by the Superintendent. In some power outage cases, the decision regarding school closure for the day may be deferred from 6:00am to 7:00am.

Important Notes: There may be occasions when a particular bus route is hazardous because of varying weather conditions throughout the district. In cases where the bus driver has a safety concern, he or she has the responsibility to recommend either the cancellation or delay of his/her particular bus run.

Parents may exercise their right to keep children at home if they believe that the weather and/or road conditions are not suitable. Students will not be penalized for such absences; however, parents must provide a written excuse to the student’s teacher when the child returns to school.

There are times when school buses run late for reasons unrelated to weather. Individual school buses expected to be more than 20 minutes late will be announced whenever possible. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children at the stop until the bus comes.

Decision Process: The Superintendent of Schools makes the decision to close schools after district transportation personnel provide current information about weather and road conditions. The school district transportation department has access to current weather and road conditions throughout the district through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure road supervisors, a contracted weather information service provider, as well as other internet sites. Inclement weather predictions are monitored closely throughout the prior evening and again from 5:00 a.m. onward.

Communication: TOWNSVIEW IS IN SCHOOL ZONE 3: It is a school-based decision to use voice-messaging, if available. Parents should not rely on this means of notification for information about school closures. Announcements will be made on local radio stations, through a recorded message that can be heard by dialing the district public information line at 1-888-388-4455 (toll free) or 453-5454 (local calls) any time after 6:00 a.m., and by checking the district website at www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca. Please tune in to the **local radio station CJ 104.1FM** – Woodstock for announcement of a school closure or delay.