**Townsview School**

**November – December Parent Information Newsletter**

**Important Dates**

* **November 6 Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (3A @ 10:30am) (3D @ 1:00pm)**
* **November 6 National Jersey Day or School Color Day**
* **November 9 Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:00pm)**
* **November 11 Remembrance Day – No School for Students & Staff**
* **November 12 Start of the School Clothing Campaign**
* **November 13 Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (3A @ 10:30am) (3D @ 1:00pm)**
* **November 16-20 Diversity & Respect Week**
* **November 16 Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:00pm)**
* **November 17 5D Curling @ 1:30pm**
* **November 18 Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am) (3C @ 1:00pm)**
* **November 18 5E Curling @ 9:00am**
* **November 18 Potato Sales Pick Up (4:00pm-7:00pm)**
* **November 19 Harvey Picture Re-Take Day**
* **November 19 Potato Sales Pick Up (3:30pm-6:30pm)**
* **November 20 Potato Sales Pick Up (3:30pm-6:30pm)**
* **November 20 Staff Professional Learning & Report Card Preparations (No School for Students)**
* **November 23 Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:00pm)**
* **November 24 4/5C Curling @ 11:00am**
* **November 24 5A Curling @ 11:00am**
* **November 25 Last Day for Potato Pick-Ups (up until 6:30pm)**
* **November 25 Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am) (3C @ 1:00pm)**
* **November 25 3D Meduxnekeag Tour @ 10:30am**
* **November 26 3C Meduxnekeag Tour @ 10:30am**
* **November 27 Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (3A @ 10:30am) (3D @ 1:00pm)**
* **November 27 End of the School Clothing Campaign**
* **November 30 Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:00pm)**
* **December 1 Report Cards go home at the end of the day**
* **December 1 5A Curling @ 1:30pm**
* **December 2 Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am) (3C @ 1:00pm)**
* **December 2 PSSC Meeting @ 6:30pm**
* **December 3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities**
* **December 3 DOTS NB – Mental Health Awareness Day**
* **December 3 Parent Teacher Interview (4:00pm-7:00pm)**
* **these may be virtual or by telephone (more information to come**
* **December 4 Morning Parent-Teacher Interview (virtually) – No School for Students**
* **December 4 Staff Professional Learning Day (afternoon) – No School for Students**
* **December 7 Swim Program (2A @ 9:00am) (4A @ 10:30am) (3/4B @ 1:00pm)**
* **December 7 Science East Visit for 5A, 3/4B & 3A**
* **December 8 4/5C Curling @ 11:00am**
* **December 8 5D Curling @ 1:30pm**
* **December 10 DEC Public Meeting @ 6:30pm. Being held at Best Western Hotel in Woodstock**
* **December 11 Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (3A @ 10:30am) (3D @ 1:00pm)**
* **December 11 5E Curling @ 9:00am**
* **December 18 Swim Program (2C @ 9:00am) (3A @ 10:30am) (3D @ 1:00pm)**
* **December 18 Last Day of School for the Christmas Break**
* **January 4 Students Return to School following the Christmas Break**

**Student Arrival in the Morning**

* **Just a gentle reminder to all parents – that students will not be permitted to enter the school until 7:50am. If they arrive earlier than 7:50am, they will wait outside.**

**Traffic Flow Reminders**

* **If you are just dropping off your child – you will need to use the Stop & Drop Lane. Please do not use the parking lot for dropping off. This is hazardous for our folks walking into the school.**
* **If you are needing to come into the school, then you would need to park your car in our main parking lot. Please do not part in the Stop & Drop Off Lane, this slows down our traffic flow**
* **At the bottom of Lewis P. Fisher Lane you are not permitted to take a left turn during the hours of 7:45am-8:30am and 3:00pm-3:30pm. This is not safe and it slows down our traffic flow.**

**School Clothing Program**

* **We are excited to be selling school clothing again in time for the Christmas shopping season!**
* **Ordering will take place from November 12–27. The order form is attached to the end of the newsletter.**
* **Order forms can be returned to the homeroom teacher or at the office. You can pay by SchoolCash Online,** [**https://anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com/**](https://anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com/) **, cash or by cheque. Cheques are to be made payable to Townsview School.**

**Townsview Scholastic Virtual Book Fair (November 2-13, 2020)**

* **This year Townsview is hosting a Virtual Book Fair – November 2nd – 13th, 2020**
* **The virtual book fair allows families to shop from the comfort of their own home.**
* **On November 4th it will be our Virtual Family Event whereby between the hours of 6:00pm-8:00pm you will be able to order and receive free shipping with no minimum order. All other orders will have a shipping fee of $6.00 on all orders under $35.00 and free shipping for any order over $35.00 on all other dates.**
* **When it is time to shop visit our school’s Virtual Book Fair site using the following link**

[**http://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5148700**](http://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5148700)

* **Before our Fair begins, click the link to:**
* **Save to your browser**
* **Watch videos of popular new titles**
* **Preview Featured Books**
* **If you have any questions – please contact our School Librarian Tammy Piper by email, her email address is:** **tammy.piper@nbed.nb.ca** **. Thank you.**

**Payment of Student Fees**

* **If you have not already done so, we are asking for your support in the payment of the following fees – if this presents a financial challenge for your family, please let us know.**
* **Middle School Student Fee - $30.00**
* **Gr. 2-5 Swimming Fee (2A, 4A, 3/4B, 2B, 3C, 2C, 3A & 3D) - $45.00**
* **You can pay by School Cash Online – the link is on the ASD-W website our school website and I am also sending to you <https://anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com/> . You can also pay by cash or cheque (all cheques will need to be made payable to Townsivew School. Thank you.**

**Potato Fundraiser**

* **This was a major success, thanks to our parent community for your support of our school, we could not have done this without you. Thank you.**
* **Potato Pick-up will start on Wednesday, November 18th from 4:00pm-7:00pm**
* **Due to limited storage within our school the last Day for Potato Pick up will be on Wednesday 25th from 3:30pm-6:30pm. If potatoes are not picked up, there will be no refunds. Thank you.**

**Harvey Studio Picture Re-Takes**

* **Harvey Studios will be here on Thursday, November 19th for picture retakes. On this day, this will only be for students who were absent on the initial picture day, or new to our school and/or you returned the picture order form and you indicated on the form that you wanted your child to have a picture retake.**
* **We will not be taking names of students on that day – Harvey studios needs the list of names in advance of this day. Just getting our ducks lined up.**

**Townsview Home & School Committee Update**

* **Who are we? We are a group of active volunteers who continue to work closely with the staff at our school to build an all inclusive environment and provide support when needed!**
* **How do we do this? We play an active role in supporting our staff, students and parent community by sharing information, promoting resources and fundraising!**
* **How can you help? Follow us on Facebook! Please “Like” the Townsview Home and School Association Facebook page and follow us for weekly updates, school announcements and  updates on our fundraisers throughout the school year!!**
* **COVID has presented its challenges but we are hoping to bring our Wreath Raffle back this year just in time for some Holiday shopping! Stay tuned and follow us on Facebook!**

**Colder Weather**

* **The colder weather is now upon us, so please be mindful that the children go outside every day for recesses, Phys. Ed classes, etc.**
* **It is extremely important to have your child wear outside shoes and when they come in, they can change into their indoor shoes. Children should come dressed appropriately for the weather.**

**Pre-K Registration (2021-2022 School Year**

* **Kindergarten Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now taking place at the school.  Registrants are children born in 2016.**
* **Parents will need their child’s birth certificate, immunization record and medicare card. It is extremely important that you have your child registered so that you can take advantage of the programs that help prepare your child for the upcoming school year.**
* **Immunizations must be in order prior to beginning school in September, 2021**
* **Please feel free to share this information with anyone that you know has children starting school next year.**
* **Please contact the school at 325-4435 if you have any questions. Thank you.**

**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 any type of personal headwear.**

**ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT - SCHOOL CLOSURES**

**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**](http://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.**