

**Townsville School - Parent Newsletter**  
**November 24<sup>th</sup> – December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Some Important Dates to Remember**

- + November 22 First day to purchase Christmas Dinner Tickets (see note on page 2 for more information)
- + November 23 Potato Sales Pick Up – from 3:30pm-7:00pm
- + November 23 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- + November 23 Potato Sales Pick Up until 5:30pm
- + November 24 Last Day to order School Clothing
- + November 24 Club Day @ 1:10pm
- + November 24 Potato Sales Pick Up – up until 5:30pm
- + November 25 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 9:00am)
- + November 25 Bubble Gum Day - \$1.00 to chew gum and selling gum for \$.25 a piece
- + November 25 Potato Sales Pick Up – up until 5:30pm
- + November 28 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:45am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- + November 28 Potato Sales Pick Up – up until 5:30pm. This will be the last day for potato sales pick up.
- + November 30 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- + December 1 Term 1 Report Cards Go Home at the End of the Day
- + December 1 Mental Health Ring A Bell Awareness
- + December 1 Home & School Movie Night for Townsville Families (6:00pm-7:30pm)
- + December 1 End of the H&S Christmas Wreath Raffle Draw Fundraiser
- + December 2 No School for Students – it is a Staff Professional Learning Day
- + December 5 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:45am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- + December 5 Home & School will be drawing the winners from the Christmas Wreath Raffle Fundraiser
- + December 6 Scholastic Book Fair – Class Visits as scheduled by the classroom teacher (9:00am-2:30pm)
- + December 7 PSSC Meeting @ 6:30pm
- + December 7 Swim Program (4A @ 9:00am)
- + December 7 Scholastic Book Fair – Class Visits as scheduled by the classroom teacher (9:00am-2:30pm)
- + December 8 Parent Teacher Interviews – scheduled by your classroom teacher – up until 7:30pm
- + December 8 Club Day @ 1:10pm
- + December 8 Scholastic Book Fair – Class Visits as scheduled by the classroom teacher (9:00am-2:30pm)
- + December 8 Scholastic Book Fair – Open to the General Public from 3:00pm-7:00pm
- + December 9 No School for Students. It is Parent-Teacher Interviews from 8:30am-11:30am as scheduled by classroom teacher  
→ it will be Staff Professional Learning from 1:00pm-3:00pm
- + December 9 Last Day to Purchase the Christmas Dinner Tickets
- + December 12 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (5A @ 10:45am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- + December 14 Middle School Dance (7:00pm-9:00pm) Doors Open at 7:00pm. Cost is \$5.00 per person
- + December 15 Chartwell Christmas Dinner (Potatoes, Turkey and all the trimmings)
- + December 16 Chartwell Christmas Dinner – Storm Day if needed
- + December 16 Bubble Gum Day - \$1.00 to chew gum and selling gum for \$.25 a piece
- + December 16 Swim Program (5C @ 9:00am) (5B @ 10:45am) (3C @ 1:30pm)
- + December 19 School Clothing Order – ready to be picked up at the office – during the day up until 4:00pm
- + December 19 Holiday Concert – Stage Rehearsal Day
- + December 19 Holiday Dress Up Day – “Channel Your Flannel” wear your flannel shirt and/or pants
- + December 20 School Clothing Order – ready to be picked up at the office – during the day up until 4:00pm
- + December 20 Holiday Concert – Stage Rehearsal Day
- + December 20 Holiday Dress Up Day – “Shiny & Bright”. Wear lights, sparkles, sequins or bright colors
- + December 21 K-5 Holiday Concert Day  
→ K Classes (9:15am-9:30am)  
→ Grades 3, 4, 5 (10:45am-11:45am)  
→ Grades 1 & 2 (1:10pm-1:45pm)
- + December 21 Holiday Dress Up Day – “Tree Topper Day”. Wear your favorite holiday hat, headband, antlers elf ears, etc.
- + December 22 Holiday Dress Day – “Grinch vs. Rudolph”. Wear red or green or both
- + December 23 Last Day of School before the Christmas Break – it is a ½ day for students. Students will be dismissed 3 hours earlier  
→ K-2 walkers 11:15am  
→ Grades 3-8 dismissed at 11:55am (both walkers and bus students)
- + December 23 Holiday Dress Up Day – “Merry Morning PJ & Holiday Sock Day” wear your festive PJ’s and Festive Socks
- + January 9 Students Return to School following the Christmas Break

**Our Holiday Christmas Concert is Back (In person concert) Save the Date!**

- + The concert will take place on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> – it will be a jam packed day, here is the schedule  
→ Kindergarten Classes (9:15am-9:30am)  
→ Grades 3, 4 & 5 Classes (10:45am-11:45am)  
→ Grades 1 & 2 Classes (1:10pm-1:45pm)
- + Please remember that parking will be extremely tight. The Woodstock Baptist Church has been generous and is allowing our families to use their parking lot. You can also park at the Ayr Motor Center and/or Golf Club. Thank you.
- + We ask that once your child’s concert is over – that you leave the school so that others may come in for their child’s concert.
- + We ask that parents please do not go to your child’s classroom.
- + We are celebrating Generosity for the Month of December – if you would like to make a small cash donation at the door as you come to the Holiday Concert, all donations will go to our selected charities – Carleton Animal Shelter, Harvest House, Food Bank & Sanctuary House

### **Townsvie Christmas Care Tree**

- ✚ Each year Townsvie School puts up our Christmas Care Tree. We collect items in support of the Carleton Animal Shelter, Harvest House, Sanctuary House and our local Food Bank. If you would like to contribute and send something into the school for any of the above local charities, it would be greatly appreciated. We ask that the items you send in be in a clear plastic bag with the name of the charity that you are wanting your donation to go to. Thank you.
- ✚ All donations will have to be at the school by Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ To name a few, we are collecting the following items:

Harvest House	Carleton Animal Shelter	Sanctuary House	Food Bank
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hygiene Products</li><li>• Hats &amp; Mittens</li><li>• Canned Goods</li><li>• Cleaning Supplies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cat Food</li><li>• Cat Litter</li><li>• Treats &amp; Toys</li><li>• Cleaning Supplies</li><li>• Scoopers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hygiene Products</li><li>• PJ's</li><li>• Hats &amp; Mittens</li><li>• Cleaning Supplies</li><li>• Canned Goods</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pie Fillings &amp; Pie Crusts</li><li>• Squash &amp; Potatoes</li><li>• Cranberry Sauce</li><li>• Canned Goods</li><li>• Canned Fruit</li><li>• Toilet Paper</li><li>• Juice</li><li>• Shampoo</li><li>• Hygiene Products</li></ul>

### **Chartwells' Christmas Turkey Dinner**

- ✚ This year Chartwells will be serving up a turkey dinner on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ If you are wanting to order the turkey dinner please send payment to your child's teacher, this can be done from Nov. 22 - Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ The cost of the turkey dinner will be for Grades K-2 students \$6.50 and our Grades 3-8 students \$7.00. Purchase of this dinner will be by cash only. No online ordering.

### **Chartwells' Cafeteria Menu**

- ✚ Cafeteria menus went home with your child – it contained a list of meals being served each week along with a price list for the food items
- ✚ If you have any questions, please contact Marlena Ivey ([Brittany.allen@compass-canada.com](mailto:Brittany.allen@compass-canada.com) or 325-4315
- ✚ If you are wanting to order online – here is the website [Townsvie-nb-aswd.nutrislice.com](http://Townsvie-nb-aswd.nutrislice.com)

### **Potato Fundraiser Wrap-Up**

- ✚ Potato Sales end on October 25<sup>th</sup>
- ✚ Starting on Wednesday, November 16 from 3:30pm-7:00pm, you will be able to come to Townsvie School to pick up your potatoes
  - You will come to the Stop & Drop entrance (not before 3:30pm) as we have to dismiss our school busses at end of day
  - You can wait in your car and someone will come to you to get your order(s) and bring the potatoes to you 😊
- ✚ From November 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> – you can still come and pick up your potatoes up until 5:30pm each day

### **Ordering School Clothing**

- ✚ Once again we are excited to be selling school clothing again in time for the Christmas shopping season!
- ✚ Ordering will take place from October 21-November 24, 2022.
- ✚ Order forms can be returned to the homeroom teacher or at the office. You can pay by SchoolCash Online, <https://anglophonewest.schoolcashionline.com/>, cash or by cheque. Please make cheques payable to Townsvie School.
- ✚ When paying online, please complete the payment process, if not complete, the school will not consider the order incomplete
- ✚ When paying online, the school only sees the amount paid, not what you want to order. Please send the order form back to the school – so that we know what you are wanting to order. Hoping this makes sense.
- ✚ The school clothing orders will be able to be picked up on December 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> or they can be sent home with your child.

### **Want to Know What Is Happening at Townsvie School – Check Us Out**

- ✚ Follow us on Twitter - [@TownsvieSchool](https://twitter.com/TownsvieSchool)
- ✚ Check out our School Website <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/Townsvie/Pages/default.aspx>
- ✚ Follow our Townsvie Lost & Found Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/townsvieschoollostandfound>
- ✚ Follow Us on Our Townsvie Home & School Facebook Page [Townsvie School Lost and Found | Facebook](#)

### **Parent Email Distribution List**

- ✚ If you would like your name added to a parent e-mail distribution list, please contact Patricia Thorne (Principal), and she will add you to her list. You may contact her at the following e-mail: [Patricia.Thorne@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:Patricia.Thorne@nbed.nb.ca).

### **SEL (Social Emotional Learning)**

- ✚ This is a part of our School Plan – it is a school wide approach all children need social-emotional skills to thrive both in the classroom and in life. Developing these skills allows our students to gain confidence, set attainable goals and make better decisions.
- ✚ The SEL Theme for the month of November is Responsibility and the Month of December is Generosity

### **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 Fees - \$31.50
  - Gr. 2-5 Swimming Fee (3A, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 5C) - \$63.00
- ✚ 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.schoolcashionline.com/>. You can also pay by cash or cheque (all cheques will need to be made payable to Townsvie School. Thank you.

## **Townsvie Home & School - Who are we & What Have We Been Up To**

- + We are a group of active parent volunteers who work closely with the staff at our school to build an All Inclusive environment and provide support where and when needed.
  - Movie Night is Back – Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Time of Movie is 6:00pm-7:30pm
  - This is an event planned for our Kindergarten – Grade 5 classes – it will be shown at the school. This will be a Christmas themed movie and we encourage everyone to come and enjoy in the coziest Christmas Pajamas!!
  - All children must be accompanied by and supervised by an adult – and you are encouraged to bring a blanket/pillow or a low raised chair to sit in during the viewing. Children must stay with their parent the entire time of the movie and not be running around. We appreciate your support.
  - Cost of the movie will be by donation at the door. All proceeds go to the Townsvie Home & School Association. Thank you.
  - There will be treats on sale (popcorn & water) for \$1.00 each
- + Our Annual Christmas Wreath Raffle Fundraiser –
  - The drawing of the winner will take place on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be contacted by telephone.
  - Tickets will be sent home with each child and are \$2 each or 3 for \$5!!!
  - With the purchase of each ticket you are entering to have a chance to win our beautiful Christmas wreath and gift cards totaling \$500 from local businesses!!!
  - NEW THIS YEAR: Pizza Parties in K-2, 3-5 and 6-8 levels!! How can this be achieved??
    - ✓ Each class with top ticket sales for their grade level will be rewarded with a PIZZA PARTY!! The draw will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>...we thank you for your support!! GOOD LUCK!!!
- + Our committee also will be providing each class with Candy Canes before their holiday break! A little something to wish each student a Happy Holidays from the Home & School Committee!!
- + How can you help? Please “Like” and “Follow”our Home & School Facebook page!!
  - Our page provides important updates and school announcements and friendly reminders!!

## **Head Lice**

- + Head lice is an ongoing issue here at school, and we have had cases of head lice. 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 (discretely) to do a head check. If live lice are found, parents are notified and the student awaits pick-up at the office. Random checks are not performed without evident symptoms, or without a parent’s request to have a check performed.
- + We the school recognize the hard work and diligence to clean up the lice and lice kits can be costly. If you are in need of a lice kit, please let us know so that we can help to support you.
- + Please remind children to keep long hair tied back (pony tail) and to not share any type of personal headwear.

## **Townsvie Scholastic – In Person Book Fair (December 6-8, 2022)**

- + This year Townsvie is hosting an in person Book Fair – December 6-8, 2022
- + Families & Students will be permitted to visit the book fair in our library during the dates above. It will be held in conjunction with the parent teacher interviews on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **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 park 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 7:30am-8:30am and 2:30pm-3:30pmpm. This is not safe and it slows down our traffic flow.

## **School Reminders**

- + Student Arrival for bus students takes place between 8:00am-8:30am.
- + Student Arrival for parent drop offs starts at 8:00am.
- + Student Arrival for walkers starts at 8:10am
  - if students arrive before 8:00am they will need to remain outside as we have no staff on duty until 8am (this will include waiting outside in the good & and not so good weather
- + If you have a child in K-2 and they are walkers or out-of-catchment, you will need to make arrangements to have your child picked up at 2:00pm.
  - we the school cannot accommodate family requests to keep your child until 3:00pm
- + Parents are not permitted to walk their child into the school. We have staff on duty to assist any student who is in need.
- + It is important to put your child’s name on their water bottle, lunch box, clothing, etc. – so when it is lost and then found we can return it
- + If you are wanting to meet with your child’s teacher – you will need to call the school and make an appointment. Meetings can be arranged to be Virtual, by telephone or in-person. Please contact your child’s teacher in advance of scheduling a meeting, thank you.
- + If you are bringing an item to the school for your child – please drop them off on the red table under the canopy
- + Townsvie School Cash Online - Parents are encouraged to take advantage of School Cash Online, our preferred method of payment for school fees and activities. Please visit: <http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-W/Townsvie/Pages/default.aspx>
- + When you are in need of picking up your child during the instructional day
  - when you arrive at the school, you will call the school to let us know you are here to pick up your child – the admin assistants will then send your child out to you. Your child will be responsible for signing out of the school in our sign out book.
  - For younger children we ask that the person picking them up come to the main doors of the school – the admin assistants will assist the younger children to sign out

### **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 need to come dressed appropriately for the weather.

### **Families Wanting to Send Snacks & Treats to their Child's Classroom on Special Occasions**

- ✚ With ongoing concerns of COVID 19 – teachers can accept food products being brought to your child's classroom. We ask that all food items to be store purchased (not home baked) and individually wrapped. This would hold importance for class parties & special events.

### **Refillable Water Bottle**

- ✚ All students must have a refillable water bottle, we do not have drinking fountains only water fillable stations. Important to put your child's name on the water bottle, so is lost, we can ensure we get the water bottle back to the student. Unfortunately, the school cannot provide water bottles to our students. Thank you.

### **Term 1 Report Cards & Parent Teacher Interviews**

- ✚ Report cards will be going home on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>
- ✚ Parent-Teacher Interviews will be taking place between the dates of December 8 (5pm-7:30pm) and December 9 (8:30am-11:30am). These meetings can be done face-to-face, by telephone or virtually.
- ✚ As the time grows closer, your child's teacher will be contacting you to set up an appointment time. If you have not heard from your child's teacher, then I would ask that you reach out and make contact with them.
- ✚ If you have any questions, please call the school at 325-4435. Thank you.

## **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.

#### 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 to notify families - 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.

### **GRATITUDE For Our Townsview Families & Our Greater Community**

- ✚ We the school are very fortunate to have such a strong community support for our students and staff. A special thanks and Merry Christmas to all those who have supported and continue to support our many programs here at the school, we cannot do what we do without your continued support. Thank you.

### **Our Wish for Our Families**

- ✚ On behalf of the students and staff we would like to wish all of our families a safe, peaceful and restful holiday break.

**Merry Christmas**