

Townsvie School
February – March, 2022 Family Newsletter

Important Dates

- February 21 Provincial Family Day – No School for Staff & Students
- February 23 Swim Program – 3B @ 9:00am
- February 23 Pink Shirt Day
- February 25 5D – Meduxnekeag Snowshoe Trip @ 8:45am
- February 25 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (5C @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- February 28 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm)
- February 28 Student / Staff Dress Up Day Theme – Career Day
- March 1 4C – Meduxnekeag Snowshoe Trip @ 10:30am
- March 1 Student / Staff Dress Up Day Theme – Backward Day
- March 2 Swim Program – 3B @ 9:00am
- March 2 Student / Staff Dress Up Day Theme – Twin Day and/or Class Color Day
- March 3 Grade 8 Classes – Crabbe Mountain Ski Day
- March 3 5C – Meduxnekeag Snowshoe Trip @ 9:15am
- March 3 Student / Staff Dress Up Day Theme – 80's Day
- March 4 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (5C @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- March 4 Student / Staff Dress Up Day Theme – Hat Day & Gum Day
→ it is even “PJ Day” 😊
- March 7-11 March Break – No School for Staff & Students
- March 14 Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm)
- March 16 Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am)
- March 18 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (5C @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- March 21 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (5C @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- March 23 Swim Program (2B @ 9:00am)
- March 24 Grade 6 & 7 Classes – Crabbe Mountain Ski Day
- March 25 No School for Students (Staff Preparation for Report Cards & Staff Professional Learning Time)
- March 28 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (5C @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)
- April 1 Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (5C @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm)

Chalmers Foundation Bikes n Trikes Initiative – Friday, March 4

- On Friday, March 4th students will be able to wear a hat or chew gum on that day. We are asking all that participate in this activity to pay a \$1.00 (loonie) with proceeds collected in support of the Chalmers Foundation Bikes n Trikes initiative.
- The project is in support of children with mobility issues.
 - ✓ An adapted bicycle or tricycle for a child with a neuromotor disability costs between \$1000-\$5000, depending on the type of individual modifications and style of bike required to safely support them.
 - ✓ This fundraiser would promote inclusion, engage citizenship and collaboration allowing students to help their fellow students with mobility issues.
 - ✓ Living with a disability is very expensive and can be isolating in that children aren't able to participate in typical childhood recreational activities.
 - ✓ Families who care for a child with a disability are more likely to have significant non-reimbursed expenses for disability-related supports, and SCCR's Bikes & Trikes program allows families access to these safe, specialized bikes that foster inclusion and physical activity.
- We are asking students and staff to support and contribute by paying a loonie – if you want to contribute more, that would be a family decision and we would be grateful for you generosity.
- In addition for paying a loonie to wear a hat and/or chew gum this day – students can purchase a piece of gum at the office for \$0.25 or the student can bring in their own choice of gum if they like. Once again proceeds collected on this day will be donated to the Chalmers Foundation Bikes n Trikes fundraising initiative. Thanks so much for your support and generosity.

Pink Shirt Day – Wednesday, February 23rd

- Over 75% of people say they've been bullied. Over 90% of bullying incidents have peer witnesses. But when those peers intervene, most incidents are over within 10 seconds. Bullying could be happening to someone you know and care about – join us in taking a stand against bullying, and letting your peers know that it is not okay. Show kindness, empathy, and compassion, and speak out!
- Help us to continue to spread awareness of Pink Shirt Day, and join our school in creating a sea of pink

COVID 19 Reporting of Positive Cases

- We are asking families to continue to report to Pat Thorne if you have a positive case of COVID 19 in your family household. If you do have a positive case within your family household, we ask that you follow the directives provided by Public Health

COVID 19 – Level I Restrictions taken from the Province of NB Winter Plan

- Masks are required for all students & staff within the classroom and only removed for eating & drinking
- Masks are required for all students & staff in all common areas and may only removed for eating & drinking
- Masks are required when students and staff are outside with other classes. If physical distancing can be maintained between classes – masks may be removed
- PE classes – if taught indoors, students and school personnel are required to wear a mask while participating in their class
- Music Class – same as PE except for the following
 - ✓ Wind instruments are not permitted in K-6 classes
 - ✓ If physical distancing cannot be maintained - wind instruments are not permitted
 - ✓ Singing is limited to 30 minutes per class
- If a student or staff member has a constant & recurring symptom (seasonal allergies) they may continue to attend school after they have a negative POCT test (but do not have to show proof of negative test)
- Learning groups outside the classroom – masks must be worn
- Parent meetings will occur virtually wherever possible – in person meetings for essential purposes only
- Visitors must provide proof of vaccination before entering the school building. Visitors will maintain a physical distancing of two meters from students at all times
- Assemblies are permitted, provided 2 meters physical distancing can be maintained. If not able to be maintained – then assemblies will be virtual
- Concerts & Festivals are highly recommended that they are virtual
- Field trips (indoor & outdoor) are permitted by class. Indoor – masks are required
- School committees & clubs are permitted – masks are required
- Unvaccinated students under the age of 12 can participate in outdoor & indoor extracurricular and intramural sports, choir, band, drama, etc.
- All students 12 and older must be fully vaccinated to participate or be involved in any form of indoor or outdoor extracurricular and intramural sports (choir, band, drama)

COVID 19 Isolation Guidelines

- Individuals who have a positive rapid POCT or a positive PCR lab-based test MUST isolate as directed:
 - ✓ 10 days after your test date if you are not fully vaccinated or immunocompromised
 - ✓ 5 days after your test date if you are fully vaccinated. Once you have completed your 5-day isolation, you must mask continuously, avoid vulnerable settings and gatherings for the next 5 days.
- If you have a positive result on more than one test, your isolation period starts from the date of the first test.
- All household contacts, of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 must isolate for:
 - ✓ 10 days if not fully vaccinated, and
 - ✓ 5 days if they are fully vaccinated
 - ✓ The isolation period starts the day your household member tested positive
- If a household contact tests positive for COVID-19 they will be required to isolate for an additional 5 days if vaccinated or 10 days if not vaccinated after their COVID-19 test date.
 - ✓ The isolation period of other household contacts is not extended unless they also test positive for COVID-19

Student Arrival

- Students are not permitted to enter the school until the 8:00am arrival bell. If students arrive earlier than 8:00am, they will need to wait outside. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately when they are needing to stand outside.

Student Drop Off & Pick Up

- Please do not use our Bus Lane during the day (from 7:30am-3:30pm) it is for ASD-W designated buses only
- Please do not use our main parking lot as a stop & drop lane – for those who are doing this you are creating a major safety concern for the students and staff who are walking into our school
- Anyone who transports their child to school (car or taxi) must use the stop drop lane. It is important to pull your vehicle into the inside land by the sidewalk to have your child exit the car in a safe manner. Stopping your car on the outside lane and have your child “jump out” presents a major safety concern. Thank you.

Woodstock Baptist Church (our good neighbors) – cars travelling though their parking lot (taking short cuts)

- We ask that all vehicles not try to take a short cut through the Woodstock Baptist Church parking lot to escape the traffic and trying to take a left onto Main Street. This is creating a safety concern for our student walkers and folks who work in the church as well. Appreciate your support.

Crabbe Mountain Ski Day for Middle School Students

- The students of Townsview School will be provided the opportunity to take part in a one day “Ski in School” program at Crabbe Mountain. The following dates have been selected for each grade level –
 - ✓ Grade 8 Classes (8A, 8B, 8C, 7/8E) students – Thursday, March 3, 2022
 - ✓ Grade 6 & 7 Classes (6A, 6B, 6C, 6/7D, 7A, 7B, 7C) students – Thursday, March 24, 2022
- The Crabbe Mountain Ski in School Package includes two hours of ski/snowboard instruction from experienced and nationally certified instructors. Ski/snowboard equipment rentals including helmets (if needed) will also be provided along with a lift ticket valid for the entire day.
- The costs for this day is
 - ✓ Ski & Snowboard - \$31.50 per Student (if you do not have your own equipment)
 - This include 2 hours of lessons, lift tickets, ski or snowboard rental and free practicing time. The fee of \$31.50 is to be paid to their homeroom teacher prior to going.
 - ✓ Ski & Snowboard - \$16.00 per Student (if you do have your own equipment – helmet, skis, boots, etc.)
 - If a student has their own equipment and/or has a Crabbe Mountain membership – then the cost will be \$16.00 per student. The \$16.00 fee is to pay for the Ski-In-School Program Pass. Students must have transportation for their own equipment.

Please Note – you do not have to pay both fees, you either pay \$31.50 or \$16.00

- Transportation
 - ✓ Townsview Policy requires that all students travel down to Crabbe Mountain (in the morning) on the school bus that is being provided. If students want to stay on the slopes longer at the end of the day, they may do so as long as they are with a parent/guardian and the parent/guardian has notified administration of this as well (notified either in writing or by email).
- A green Parent Permission Form – was sent home in a paper form and sent home electronically. The parent permission forms must be signed and sent back to school and given to your child’s homeroom teacher. We ask that when the form is returned – we ask for the payment at the same time. Thank you.
 - ✓ If we do not have the parent permission form (signed) then your child will not be able to go
- COVID 19 Restrictions
 - ✓ Proof of Vaccination
 - All students 12 & Over must be fully vaccinated in order to participate
 - ✓ Mask Wearing
 - Students & Staff will be required to wear a mask at all times. The only exception is that the mask can be removed when they are eating or drinking.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

- Our school goal is to strengthen and support the social and emotional well-being of our entire school community. We want your child to be successful in school, and that means supporting and encouraging their whole development. While excelling in academic classes is important, students also need skills for learning challenges, making good decisions, handling strong emotions, and getting along with others.
- Our March Theme will be Honesty

Townsview Lost & Found Facebook Page

- In an effort to help parents find their child’s lost items in our COVID world. We have set up a Townsview Lost & Found Facebook Page.
- If your child has lost something – check out the link down below and maybe we can help you find it 😊

[Townsview School Lost and Found | Facebook](#)

Find Out Information & Staying Connected to Townsview (What is Happening At Our School)

- Check out our School Twitter Feed ([@TownsviewSchool](#))
- Check out our Townsview School Website [Pages - Home \(nbed.nb.ca\)](#)
- Check out our daily morning announcements on Thunder Express
 - ✓ Go to our Townsview School Website [Pages - Home \(nbed.nb.ca\)](#)
 - ✓ Scroll down on the left hand side and look for the link Thunder Express, select the link and enjoy
 - ✓ You can find previous Thunder Express videos archived under Multimedia at the top of the page
 - ✓ Check out our Townsview Home & School Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/townsviewhomeandschool>

Pre-K Registration (2022-2023) School Year

- Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 school is continuing. Registrants are children born in 2016. 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.
- For more information, we ask that please contact the school at 325-4435. Thank you.