

Christmas 2018

Gagetown School

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The school year is flying! Christmas time is here and things are ramping up in the school. We have a busy month ahead, filled with lots of activity! Throughout the month there are plenty of additional learning activities planned to engage students outside the typical routine. There are dress up days throughout the month to coincide with themes being taught in our classes. Our Home and School is off and running with fundraising initiatives; school clothes and the coffee campaign have concluded but the Christmas in a Basket tickets are still available. I look forward to pulling the lucky name at the Annual Christmas Concert. Thank you for your continued support, please contact the school with any questions or concerns.

Jeff Taylor
Principal

Safe Arrival and Drop off/Pick up: Please call the school (488-3561) if your child will be late or unable to attend school on a particular day. Students are expected to be in the school by no later than 8:00. We understand situations may arise that are beyond your control but they should not occur on a regular basis. Automated phone calls will go out commencing at 8:30 if no prior notification.

We appreciate your support in signing students in/out through the office. It is very important that you visit the office first so we have a record of your entry into the building. This is necessary in case of emergency. I would also ask that when dropping off or picking up your child that you do so out of the bus lanes. The front of the school is prioritized for bus transfers. Also a reminder that if the bus is in the drop off lane to check for flashing lights. If the red lights are flashing it is illegal to pass the bus.

Cluster Group Leaders: Our first rotation of cluster learning centers is wrapping up with only one more session before Christmas break. If you are available for one morning a month in the New Year and have an activity you would like to lead please contact me at the school. .

Theatre New Brunswick: On Friday, December 14 we will be taking the entire school to Theatre New Brunswick to watch *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. We will be leaving first thing so make sure to be on time! Students will be later returning home as the show is scheduled to finish at 11:30. There is a movie at the school in the afternoon for those interested, *The Santa Clause*. Thank you to Home and School for sponsoring this event reducing the cost per child to only \$5.



Upcoming Events

December 5

PSSC Meeting

December 12

Hacker Gal- Coding Event

Grinch visit

December 13

Middle School travel to Bliss Carmen for French presentation

Gaia Project Grade 3

December 14

Whole school to TNB for *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*.

Home and School Movie after dismissal

December 18

Christmas Concert 10:30 am and 6 pm

December 19

Christmas Dinner at the Legion!!

December 20

Rocks and Rings

December 21

Last Day before Christmas!!
Regular dismissal time

More Important News

Breakfast Program

The breakfast program is pumping out food at near record levels! As a school, we are able to provide a light breakfast to students on a daily basis. This is a very important program that runs through donations and community volunteers. Many thanks to our loyal volunteers! We are in need of a volunteer for Wednesday mornings, if you are able to help please contact the school.

Christmas Concert

The annual concert will take place on Tuesday December 18th (snow date of December 19th). There will be a dress rehearsal at 10:30 am and the finished project will be in the evening at 6pm. The morning run through is open to the public, I ask that you sign in at the office if you are in attendance for the morning show. Front row seating ballets have gone home but more are available from the office for a chance to win front row seats for 5.

Information is shared daily with the students through our morning announcements and we expect all students to listen daily to these important announcements. Please check homework bags and agendas for school announcements as well as personalized messages in students homework. Please join and become familiar with your child's teachers preferred method of communication.

It's that time of year! From Dec 10th - Dec 20th our **"Me to We" Christmas store** will be open! This is an opportunity for students to purchase gifts for their friends and family in secret. This year will be different than previous years with our focus not being on the retail but on homemade ornaments and gifts with student's creative final touches. There will be some retail but our focus will be on making gifts for family and friends. Items will be priced from 25 cents to \$4. The store will be open each lunch hour for purchases.

We are also looking for small new or lightly used Christmas wrapping bags for our students to use for wrapping their gifts. If you have any, they can be sent to the office or Mrs. Fairweather's room. Thank you for your continued support!

Sports

The soccer team had an extremely successful season earning a Silver medal. Great job everyone!!

Badminton is back on the court. Players are practicing hard to be ready for their district tournaments: Boys Wednesday December 5 in Minto and Girls Thursday December 6 at OHS. Hard work pays off!

A meeting will be held prior to the break to garner interest in Middle Level basketball. Should interest warrant practices will start immediately following Christmas break. Let's get involved!

Looking Ahead

January 7- Professional Learning Day, **NO SCHOOL** for students

January 8- First Day back for student's

January 28- Professional Learning Day, **NO SCHOOL** for students



Reminders

Intramurals take place at lunch time for students:

Tuesday	3-5
Wednesday	6-8
Thursday	k-2

Student Drop Off begins at 7:30

Colder weather requires proper jackets, hats and mittens. Students are outside a minimum of twice a day for extended periods of time. Only at -20 C do students remain inside. K – 5 students are not permitted off pavement without snow pants. Separate Indoor/Outdoor footwear is required.

Please have appropriate dress for Physical Education.

Weather Closure

Please listen to/watch the radio/twitter/district website (ASDW) or call 453 - 5454 or 1 888 388 - 4455. Any cancellations will be announced by 6 am. Please note we are zone 9.

Please submit your child's **school supply fee** if you have not already done so or pay online. Thanks!