

# BAYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## Bayside Bulletin- December 2017

The calendar has flipped to December and Term 2. Although the upcoming holidays are less than three weeks away, the main focus will remain on academics and learning outcomes. Students will be expected to work to their fullest potential until vacation time on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please be aware that Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, is a half day, with dismissal at 11:30 am. The first day back for students after the holidays is Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Term 2 officially begins on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Students will move to their next specialty. Marks for Music, Art, and Tech from Term 1 will be on the Term 2 report being issued in March.

Students will be dismissed at 11:30 on Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, as staff are involved with Professional Learning.

Inclement Weather- the following message is from Zoe Watson, Superintendent, Anglophone South School District:

### School Closures Due to Inclement Weather

Anglophone South School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students and recognizes that it may be necessary to cancel a bus run(s), close school(s), or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather or road conditions. The following options are considered when deciding what to do during inclement weather situations:

1. Schools are open as usual in which case no announcement will be made.
2. All schools are closed for the day with an appropriate announcement being relayed to:
  - The local radio stations prior to 6:30 am
  - The District website ([www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-s.nbed.nb.ca))
  - Follow us on Twitter ([http://twitter.com/ASD\\_South](http://twitter.com/ASD_South))
  - The District Information Phone Line (toll free: 1-855-535-7669).Parents are encouraged to access the above noted methods early in the morning, particularly on days when the weather is inclement.
3. Schools are closed by Education Centre:
  - Hampton Education Centre (formerly District 6)
  - Saint John Education Centre (formerly District 8)
  - St Stephen Education Centre (formerly District 10)Schools within an Education Centre may be closed depending on conditions.

4. School bus routes are delayed one hour. On these occasions, all schools will open at their regular time to receive students. Students arriving late will not be penalized.

5. Schools may be closed early on days when the weather conditions are anticipated to deteriorate significantly during the day. Every effort will be made to notify parents via the radio or by telephone to students in Kindergarten to grade 5. Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring alternate arrangements are in place for their children in cases when they or another adult will not be available to be home.

During the winter months, there may be occasions when the condition of a particular road along a bus driver's route is hazardous. Individual school bus drivers have a responsibility to recommend to their supervisor either the cancellation or delay of their individual bus runs should they have a safety concern. Whenever possible, notice of a late bus or a cancelled bus run will be announced on the radio and posted on the Website.

While the loss of valuable instruction time is always a concern, the safety of students is paramount. The decision to close schools is always made with this in mind. If schools remain open, and as a parent/guardian you feel that conditions in your area are not conducive to your child going to school, then ultimately, you have the final decision whether or not to send your child to school. Absences on these days will not be a factor in a student's attendance record.

Christmas Dinner- Our annual Christmas Turkey Dinner for students, parents, and staff will be held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. This is a delicious, mouth-watering dinner which includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, veggies, milk, and a dessert. The price is \$6.00 per person. Meals must be purchased in advance as the cafeteria will be ordering supplies prior. Tickets are available in the main office starting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. It would be great to see the cafeteria packed on this day. Please note that there will be a very limited selection of food items for those not eating turkey on this day.

Robo-Science- We are pleased to offer this program in January. Application forms are available in the office. The duration of this program is from January 16<sup>th</sup> until April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Registration cost is \$207.00. Contact Mr. Laskey for more details.

Heritage Fair: Bayside will be taking part in this year's Heritage Fair. We are still waiting on the details from the Department of Tourism, Heritage, and Culture, but the theme is "Heritage Now!" Projects will focus on the impact and repercussions of historical events. It's going to be an exciting fair. There will be a meeting during the week of December 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>, so students need to listen to the announcements. Projects will be completed at home, with additional time to work and get guidance at school. If students or parents have any questions, they can contact Mrs. Sabin in room 224 or at [tiffany.sabin@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:tiffany.sabin@nbed.nb.ca) .

Snack Bins- Each classroom at Bayside has snack bins which provide food to children who did not have a chance to grab something for breakfast or lunch. The boxes may contain items such as crackers, granola bars, pudding, breakfast bars, etc. These items are in great demand. Please consider helping us out by donating food items to this worthy endeavor.

STOMP: Bayside Gives Back – From December 4<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Sabin and Mrs. Welch's classes will be collecting non-perishable food items for Romero House. This is our Teamwork project! Please consider donating an item to our food drive, in support of Romero House. We will be collecting items from December 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>. Teachers have Wish Lists, or you can contact Mrs. Sabin at [tiffany.sabin@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:tiffany.sabin@nbed.nb.ca) or Mrs. Welch at [karen.welch@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:karen.welch@nbed.nb.ca) for more information.

Beyond the Hurt- In December, selected students will be trained as Youth Facilitators for the Canadian Red Cross program **Beyond the Hurt**. This program trains youth to present a workshop for other youth on the issues of bullying and harassment. The dates for our Beyond the Hurt training will be Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

PBIS Update- We have been very busy with our PBIS initiatives:

- Students will be invited to a holiday movie on the afternoon of December 8<sup>th</sup> for showing STOMP (Success, Teamwork, Ownership, Motivation, and Prepared)
- Thanks to the many parents who wrote their sons/daughters notes of pride at Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- Deserving students and staff have received weekly prizes for displaying STOMP principles...examples are free dance tickets, Subway coupons, etc. Thanks to the folks at Action Auto Glass for donating our staff prizes for the month of December.
- Close to 100 selected students will visit the Imperial Theatre on December 18<sup>th</sup> to watch *A Christmas Carol*.

Talent Show- Ms. Lucy will be auditioning acts for a student talent show to be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>. Cost to watch the show is \$5.00 payable at the door. Only students who display STOMP principles are eligible to attend.

Bayside Celebrates:

Thanks to Mr. Manuel, Mr. Shephard, and Mr. Bacon for coaching our badminton teams. The teams will soon complete in regional tournaments and then to the City and District Championships.

Congratulations to Kerri Scott for winning the ticket draw sponsored by the PSSC. Thanks to all parents who made a contribution to support Staff Appreciation Week.

Congrats to everyone in the Bayside Community who helped out with Hoops for Dreams. This fundraiser is in support of the Children's Wish Foundation. Over \$5000.00 was raised.

Shout out to Emma Coakley, Kate MacNeil, and Wilma Tarr and their soccer team mates. They received the Spirit of Sport Award from Sport NB. This award celebrates the core positive values of sport: respect, honesty, fair play, discipline, commitment, and effort. This award is more about effort than achievement. Well done to these girls and their coach Mark Coakley!

Closing Comments- On behalf of the Bayside Middle School Community, we would like to wish all of our students' families a safe and happy holiday season. It is our hope that you share time with your family and friends and have a relaxing two weeks.