

## Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the **2026–2027 school year** opens on **February 2**. Registration is completed **online**.

👉 Please see the link below for full details and instructions:

[Kindergarten Registration Information](#)

## Dressing for Winter Weather

Students continue to go outside for recess and need to be **adequately dressed for winter conditions** (warm coats, hats, mitts, boots, etc.).

- If the temperature is **-15°C** (or **-20°C with wind chill**), students will remain indoors.

Thank you for helping us keep students warm, safe, and comfortable!

## Annie Jr. – Coming This Spring!

We are excited to share that our school will be presenting **Annie Jr.** in **May**. More details will be shared as we get closer to the performance date, stay tuned!

## Mad Science in the Classroom

Some of our classes enjoyed **Mad Science workshops** on **January 19 and 20**.

A huge **thank you to our Home and School Association** for generously providing this exciting learning opportunity for our students!

## Family Literacy Evening

**Family Literacy Day** takes place on **Tuesday, January 27, 2026** and celebrates the important role families play in learning together.

**This year's theme:**

 **“Make mealtime family learning time.”**

### **How we're celebrating at Balaclava:**

- Students will bring home a **Literacy Bingo card** this week.
- Families are invited to complete the card together.
- Clear instructions will be included on each Bingo card.

To connect with our theme:

- All students will receive **nut-free cookies** (with a **gluten-free option**) and a **chocolate chip cookie recipe**.
- Students will also receive **blank recipe templates** to record and share their own family recipes.

Reading and following a recipe creates rich opportunities for:

-  Literacy (reading and writing)
-  Math learning
-  Meaningful family conversations

Let's make mealtime family learning time!  

### **Important Dates & Upcoming Events**

- **January 26** – Rescheduled **Graduation Photos**  
(*A message has already been sent home to families.*)
- **January 29** – **Grade 8 “Experience a Day”** at Waterdown District High School
- **January 30** – **Crawford Lake Trip**  
(*Ms. Cassidy and Ms. Button’s classes*)

### **Winter Musical Concert**

Our **Winter Musical Concert**, led by **Mr. McKintosh and Mr. Tudor**, will take place on:

 **February 24**

 **Period 5 – 1:55 p.m.**

More details will be shared soon.

 **Bus Safety Reminder**

We kindly remind families to ensure that **all bus lanes remain clear**, including the lane near our **front doors used by our smaller bus**.

Your cooperation helps keep everyone safe, thank you!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.  
We look forward to a busy and exciting remainder of January!

Warm regards,

Balaclava School