



# GATESTONE JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

Hello all,

Happy New Year everyone, we wish you all the very best in 2018. A couple of welcome messages to begin the year. First to Mrs. S. Jackson-Bosher, our new temporary V.P. Mrs. Jackson-Bosher will be with us for the next few months covering for Mrs. Turner who is off on maternity leave. Thank you to Mr. Cook who finished at the end of December and re-entered the realm of retirement. Welcome also to Ms. Mullin who will be finishing the year in Mrs. Nighswander's class as she began her maternity leave in December. I know both ladies are excited to be working at Gatestone.

First term Report Cards are just around the corner. Now is a good time to check in with a little more thoroughness how your child is doing. Contact your child's teacher and ask for an update especially if they were progressing with difficulty on the Progress Report. As we look to see how our students are progressing please remember that a level 3 or "B" is what we expect our students to be achieving.

Tremendous thanks to the whole community for the fundraising efforts in December. Our student action committee led by Mrs. Lamarre, Ms. Flis and Mrs. Penner organized over 20 hampers of gifts to support not one but two other school communities in providing a holiday season for families in need. Parent Council led by co-fundraising chairs Mrs Graham and Mrs Popovic continue to raise funds to support school life extras. Bath Bombs, pasta days and a movie night in December were just a few activities parent council engages in. Funds that get raised through pizza sales, council activities, milk sales etc., are used in numerous ways. Pizza and milk sale money for example goes towards paying for the busses when we go on trips, or for teams and clubs to travel to extra events, such as the fees paid for the volleyball teams to enter the tournament at Dofasco. Busses cost anywhere from \$180 to \$250 a bus for local travel, more out of city. The team fees for tournaments normally run from \$80 to \$150 a team. We also use that money to buy new uniforms for our teams. The money that is raised through parent council is also used to the benefit of the students. We are exploring extras such as hydration stations, mounting projectors in the classrooms, and adding sound fields in the rooms so that every child can hear with clarity.

On a final note we just endured some of the coldest weather on record. This coming week promises to be much milder. With huge changes in temperature, ice could become a major problem. Take care going back and forth to school.

M.Castellani

# JANUARY CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	8 Back to School	9	10	11 	12	13
14	15	16 Pita Pit Lunch	17	18 	19	20
21	22	23 Subway Lunch	24 Grade 8 Grad Photos	25 	26 PD Day  No School	27
28	29 Parent Council Meeting 6:30 pm	30 Quesada Lunch	31			

Upcoming Dates:  
Feb .14 White, Pink and Red Spirit Day  
Feb .19 Family Day—No School  
Feb .26 Parent Council Meeting