



Shannen Koostachin News *December, 2023 Edition*



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Dear Shannen Koostachin Community,



It's hard to believe that we are almost to the end of 2023! So many wonderful things have been happening in our building, from PJ Spirit days, athletic tournaments and lots of amazing work. We look forward to a busy December with many things happening. Please check the important dates in this Newsletter for information on events.

WINTER IS COMING

As we are now at the start of the winter stretch, please be mindful of these few things. Firstly please send your child dressed for the weather. Students do have two NB where they do go outside for recess. Students some come with the correct clothing to enable them to get that important outside exercise time. Secondly the roads will eventually get

full with snow, a reminder to ensure that when you are driving and parking around our school that you are cautiously looking out for students and adults walking.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

As per previous messaging that has been sent home, we also ask that you support our school bell times by getting your child to school on time (9:30am) and picked up at the end of the day at the bell (3:50pm). We understand that at times there may be an appointment that would require the student to be late or picked up early, but also note that these interruption in your child's learning does mean that they are missing out on important curriculum matter being taught.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

We have really appreciated all our students and parents support around no Personal Electronic Devices use during the school day. We have seen a huge increase in students engagement and hope for your continued support with talking to your child(ren) about appropriate use.

ATHLETICS

We have had many sporting events happening and most recently our Senior Boys Volleyball team won their tournament! Go Kodiaks Go!! We thank all our staff for going beyond their work day to provide these extra activities.

Thank you all for your continued support with our school, we would like to wish those that have celebrations this month and wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, January 8th 2024!

Kind regards,

Principal



DELICIOUS DATES TO REMEMBER



Dec. 3– International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Dec. 4-15– Food Drive

Dec. 4– 2nd School Council Meeting

Dec. 5– Public Boundary Meeting

Dec. 8– Jersey/Spirit Wear Day

Dec. 15– Beach Day

Dec. 18-21– Candy Grams

Dec. 19– Holiday Concert

Dec. 20– Holiday Concert

Dec. 21– Winter Wonderland Dance

Dec. 21– Party In A Bag Day

Dec. 22– Celebration Assembly



DECEMBER POPCORN DAYS

Dec. 5

Dec. 12

Dec. 19

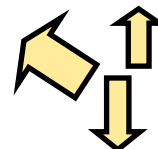


DECEMBER PIZZA DAYS

Dec. 6

Dec. 13

Dec. 20



FOR THOSE WHO ORDERED

Panzeroli



PANZEROLI LUNCH DAY

December 8th!

CHOIR & BAND PRACTICE



CHOIR (Rehearsals in Library)

Primary Choir– Rotary Days 4 (2nd NB)

Jr./Intermediate Choir– Rotary Days 3 (1st NB)

JR. BAND PRACTICE

Dec. 7

Dec. 14

Dec. 21

8:15-9:15 a.m.



Bell Times

ENTRY/Classes Begin 9:30 a.m.

Period 1 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Period 2 10:30-11:10 a.m.

First Nutrition Break 11:10-11:50 a.m.

Period 3 11:50- 12:40 p.m.

Period 4 12:40-1:30 p.m.

Second Nutrition Break 1:30-2:10 p.m.

Period 5 2:10-3:10 p.m.

Period 6 3:10-3:50 p.m.

DISMISSAL 3:50 p.m.

MS. SLATER'S MATH ACADEMY:

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 8:15-9:15 a.m.

MRS. MIELKO'S MATH ACADEMY:

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays from 3:50-5:00 p.m.

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(Don't Forget to hit **Subscribe** to our Webpage!)



ADDITIONAL ATHLETICS ..

December 2023



This past month we finished up our Grade 1 & 2 and Grade 3 & 4 soccer intramurals. Congratulations to Teams 3 and 6 on winning the championship!

Intramurals will continue into December with newcombe ball for the grade 5 & 6's and volleyball for the grade 7 & 8's.

Volleyball season has come to an end for our Junior Boys and Girls. Both teams played hard all season and showed a lot of growth both on and off the court.

The Senior Girls season has also come to an end. The girls had a great regular season but played a tough team in the first round of the playoffs to be knocked out. The girls came third in a tournament at MacNab and 2nd in a tournament at Dofasco.

The Senior Boys season is still going. They are about to play in the city quarter finals. They placed second in their tournament at MacNab and 1st in their tournament at Dofasco.

Basketball tryouts are about to begin and the league games for Senior Basketball begin the first week back to school in January.

****Girls practices will be Tuesdays after school and Fridays before school.***

****Boys practices will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings.***

****Both teams play games on Wednesdays after school.***

The Junior Boys Volleyball season came to an end this month and they also represented our school well in the Dofasco Volleyball Tournament! The students worked hard all season long, improving their skills greatly along the way! Congrats to them on all of their hard work and we look forward to another great season next year. Please return jerseys to Mrs. Lambie or Mrs. Lewington ASAP.

A Friendly Reminder...

During these messy winter months it is strongly encouraged that students bring clean, dry running shoes to school for gym class. This is especially important when it comes to the safety and care of our students, staff, and school. Thank you for your assistance!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

Monday, December 4th– 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 5th– 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 8th– 6:00 p.m.

(In our Learning Commons/Library)



*If parents have any questions or ideas
regarding the schools/students
educational and developmental needs
please email:*

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**FOOD DRIVE**

It's time to give back to the community! With the tough times, there has been a record number of people accessing local food banks. We are partnering with Food Share Hamilton during December 4-15. We are hoping to have every student bring in 1-2 items to help out! Imagine the amount of people we can help. Hamilton Food Share has provided us with our own link for families to donate if they wish!

[Donate Now - HAMILTON FOOD SHARE \(canadahelps.org\)](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/95536)

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There will be a prize for the class with the most items!

**CANDY-GRAMS (\$0.50 each)**

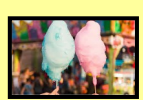
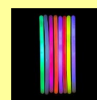
We will be conducting Candy-grams again this year! This will commence on December 18-20 and will be handed out to students on December 21. Order forms will be sent out closer to the date. **Kindergarten to Grade 3** will have order forms sent home. **Grade 4-8** will have the chance to buy their candy-grams during nutrition break.

**WINTER FORMAL DANCE- December 21**

Winter Wonderland Formal Dance will be for all students. Each grade will be given a time slot to party in the gym!

**PARTY IN A BAG (Available on Cash Online from Dec 1-6th, \$4.00 per bag)**

Students will have the option to purchase Cotton candy or Popcorn and two glow sticks. The bags will be distributed to students on **December 21**.

**WINTER WONDERLAND CONCERT**

We are excited to announce that we will be having a Winter Wonderland Concert at our school this year, where students will be performing some songs, dance, and music. Parents/ Guardians will be invited to watch.

There will be 2 performances for each division. Those dates and times will be:

Tuesday, December 19th at 10:00 am - Kindergarten

Tuesday, December 19th at 12:00 pm - Primary classes 1-3

Tuesday, December 19th at 2:30 pm - Junior/Intermediate classes Grades 3/4- 8

Wednesday, December 20th at 10:00 am - Kindergarten

Wednesday, December 20th at 12:00 pm - Primary classes 1-3

Wednesday, December 20th at 2:30 pm - Junior/Intermediate classes Grades 3/4- 8



Due to fire regulations and space capacity, this will be a ticketed event. **Each student will be allocated 2 tickets. A letter will be sent home at the beginning of next week (Monday, December 4th)** that will ask you to pick your preferred date and return the letter with your child to their teacher. This will be on a first come first serve basis and once all tickets have been exceeded then the alternate session will be offered. Tickets will be sent home and **will need to be** presented to enter the school for the event.

STUDENT ILLNESS REMINDER...

Cold and flu season is upon us. Please use the Ministry of Health's up-to-date Self Assessment Screener tool if you are unwell or have been unwell. Following the screening steps and answering the questions will determine whether or not your child should be attending school, and when they are able to return.

<https://www.ontario.ca/self-assessment>

COVID-19 self-assessment result

November 30, 2023 at 4:16 p.m.

Based on your answers, you **should stay home (self-isolate)**.

Stay home while you are sick to prevent transmission to others, except for testing or medical care if required.

You should stay home (self-isolate) until:

- your symptoms have been improving for at least 24 hours (or 48 hours if you had nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea) **and**
- you do not have a fever **and**
- you do not develop any additional symptoms

These are general guidelines.

Wear a mask in crowded indoor public settings

All individuals are advised to wear a mask in crowded indoor public spaces, especially those at higher risk.

No Nuts Please



PEANUT AND NUT SAFE SCHOOL

This year we have students with life-threatening allergies to peanuts or nuts. Please do not send your child with any nut products for lunch or snacks. Working together we can help ensure the safety of all our children.



A reminder that smoking and vaping is not permitted anywhere on school board property at anytime!

