

Townsville School

November – December Parent Information Newsletter

Important Dates

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| ✚ | October 29 | Hunter Orange & Camouflage Day (no Halloween Costumes – thank you) |
| ✚ | October 29 | Student Virtual Assembly |
| ✚ | November 1 | Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm) |
| ✚ | November 1 | 4A & 4B – Meduxnekeag Tour @ 10:30am |
| ✚ | November 3 | Start of School Clothing Order Campaign |
| ✚ | November 3 | Harvey Picture Re-Takes Day |
| ✚ | November 3 | Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am) |
| ✚ | November 5 | Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (5C @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm) |
| ✚ | November 8 | Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm) |
| ✚ | November 10 | Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am) |
| ✚ | November 10 | School Remembrance Day Virtual Ceremony |
| ✚ | November 11 | No School for Students & Staff – Remembrance Day |
| ✚ | November 12 | Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (5C @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm) |
| ✚ | November 15 | Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm) |
| ✚ | November 15 | Start of our Scholastic Virtual Book Fair |
| ✚ | November 16 | Scholastic Virtual Book Fair |
| ✚ | November 17 | Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am) |
| ✚ | November 17 | Potato Fundraiser Pick Up (4:00pm-7:00pm) |
| ✚ | November 17 | Scholastic Virtual Book Fair |
| ✚ | November 18 | Potato Fundraiser Pick Up – up until 5:30pm |
| ✚ | November 18 | Scholastic Virtual Book Fair |
| ✚ | November 19 | No School for Students (Report Card Day Preparation & Staff Professional Learning Day) |
| ✚ | November 19 | Potato Fundraiser Pick Up – up until 5:30pm |
| ✚ | November 19 | Scholastic Virtual Book Fair |
| ✚ | November 22 | Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm) |
| ✚ | November 22 | Potato Fundraiser Pick Up – up until 5:30pm |
| ✚ | November 22 | Scholastic Virtual Book Fair |
| ✚ | November 23 | Potato Fundraiser Pick Up – up until 5:30pm |
| ✚ | November 23 | Scholastic Virtual Book Fair |
| ✚ | November 23 | Last Day for School Clothing Orders |
| ✚ | November 24 | Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am) |
| ✚ | November 24 | 2/3D – Meduxnekeag Tour @ 9:00am |
| ✚ | November 24 | Last Day for Potato Fundraiser Pick Up – up until 5:30pm |
| ✚ | November 24 | Scholastic Virtual Book Fair |
| ✚ | November 25 | Scholastic Virtual Book Fair |
| ✚ | November 26 | Last day for the Scholastic Virtual Book Fair |
| ✚ | November 26 | Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (5C @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm) |
| ✚ | November 29 | National Jersey Day or School Color Day or Wear School Color Day |
| ✚ | November 29 | Townsville Home & School Christmas Wreath Raffle Sales begin |
| ✚ | November 29 | Report Cards (Term 1) Go Home at end of day |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Week of November 29 to December 3 Parent Teacher Interviews (virtual / telephone)• Teachers will be arranging parent teacher interview with their families |
| ✚ | December 1 | PSSC Virtual Meeting @ 6:30pm |
| ✚ | December 1 | Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am) |
| ✚ | December 3 | No School for Students (Parent Teacher Interviews & Staff Professional Learning Day) |
| ✚ | December 6 | Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm) |
| ✚ | December 8 | Swim Program (3B @ 9:00am) |
| ✚ | December 10 | Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (5C @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm) |
| ✚ | December 13 | Swim Program (3A @ 9:00am) (3C @ 10:30am) (4C @ 1:30pm) |
| ✚ | December 17 | Swim Program (2/3D @ 9:00am) (5C @ 10:30am) (4B @ 1:30pm) |
| ✚ | December 20 | Home & School Christmas Wreath Raffle Draw |
| ✚ | December 20 | School Clothing Orders – Ready for Pick up |
| ✚ | December 20 | School Spirit Day – wear the school colors of black & yellow |
| ✚ | December 21 | One Color Day |
| ✚ | December 22 | Holiday Shirt & Pants Day |
| ✚ | December 23 | Last Day of School for the Christmas Break (it is a full day) |
| ✚ | December 23 | PJ Day 😊 |
| ✚ | December 23 | Student Virtual Assembly |

Halloween – October 29th

- Friday, October 29th is camouflage and hunter orange day – we ask that students to not wear Halloween costumes or masks on this day
- In reference to students bringing in class treats - here are the COVID recommendations
 - Students are permitted to bring in Prepackaged store-bought treats only (no prepackaged homemade goods, fruit trays, etc.)
 - Homemade treats are not permitted to come from students' homes, prepackaged treats are permitted
 - Doing up individual treat bags is a good option.

Student Arrival in the Morning

- ✚ Just a gentle reminder to all parents – that students will not be permitted to enter the school until 8:00am. If they arrive earlier than 8:00am, they will need to wait outside.

Townsville Lost & Found Facebook Page

- ✚ In an effort to help parents find their child's lost items in our COVID world. We have 2 teachers Katie Brennan and Holly Jones who have set up a Townsville Lost & Found Facebook Page.
- ✚ If your child has lost something – check out the link down below and maybe we can help you find it 😊

Townsville School Lost and Found | Facebook

Find Out Information & Staying Connected to Townsville (What is Happening At Our School)

- ✚ Check out our School Twitter Feed ([@TownsvilleSchool](#))
- ✚ Check out our daily morning announcements on Thunder Express
 - Go to our Townsville School Website [Pages - Home \(nbed.nb.ca\)](#)
 - Scroll down on the left hand side and look for the link Thunder Express, select the link and enjoy
 - You can find previous Thunder Express videos archived under Multimedia at the top of the page
- ✚ Check out our Townsville Home & School Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/townsvillehomeandschool>
- ✚ Check out our Townsville School Website [Pages - Home \(nbed.nb.ca\)](#)

Traffic Flow Reminders

- ✚ If you are just dropping off your child – you will need to use the Stop & Drop Lane. Please do not use the parking lot for dropping off. This is hazardous for our folks walking into the school.
- ✚ If you are needing to come into the school, then you would need to park your car in our main parking lot. Please do not part in the Stop & Drop Off Lane, this slows down our traffic flow
- ✚ At the bottom of Lewis P. Fisher Lane you are not permitted to take a left turn during the hours of 7:45am-8:30am and 3:00pm-3:30pm. This is not safe and it slows down our traffic flow.

School Clothing Ordering Program

- ✚ Once again we are excited to be selling school clothing again in time for the Christmas shopping season!
- ✚ Ordering will take place from November 3–23, 2021. The order form is attached to the end of the newsletter.
- ✚ Order forms can be returned to the homeroom teacher or at the office. You can pay by SchoolCash Online, <https://anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com/>, cash or by cheque. Please make cheques payable to Townsville School.
- ✚ The school clothing orders will be able to be picked up on December 20th & 21st or they can be sent home with your child.

Townsville Scholastic Virtual Book Fair (November 15-26, 2021)

- ✚ This year Townsville is hosting a Virtual Book Fair – November 15th – 26th, 2021
- ✚ The virtual book fair allows families to shop from the comfort of their own home.
- ✚ All orders placed will have no shipping fees – the orders will be shipped directly to the school. The school will then distribute the orders to the students upon arrival.
- ✚ When it is time to shop visit our school's Virtual Book Fair site using the following link
<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5166844>
- ✚ Before our Fair begins, click the link to:
 - Save to your browser
 - Watch videos of popular new titles
 - Preview Featured Books
- ✚ If you have any questions – please contact our School Librarian Jennifer Thompson by email, her email address is jennifer.thompson@nbed.nb.ca. Thank you.

Colder Weather

- ✚ The colder weather is now upon us, so please be mindful that the children go outside every day for recesses, Phys. Ed classes, etc.
- ✚ It is extremely important to have your child wear outside shoes and when they come in, they can change into their indoor shoes. Children should come dressed appropriately for the weather.

Payment of Student Fees

- ✚ If you have not already done so, we are asking for your support in the payment of the following fees – if this presents a financial challenge for your family, please let us know.
 - Middle School Student Fees - \$31.50
 - Gr. 2-5 Swimming Fee (2/3D, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4B, 4C & 5C) - \$55.00
- ✚ You can pay by School Cash Online – the link is on the ASD-W website our school website and I am also sending to you <https://anglophonewest.schoolcashonline.com/>. You can also pay by cash or cheque (all cheques will need to be made payable to Townsview School. Thank you.

Potato Fundraiser Wrap-Up

- ✚ Once again this was a major success, thanks to our parent community for your support of our school, we could not have done this without you. Thank you.
- ✚ Potato Pick-up will start on Wednesday, November 17th from 4:00pm-7:00pm
- ✚ Due to limited storage within our school the last Day for Potato Pick up will be on Wednesday 24th from 3:30pm-6:00pm. If potatoes are not picked up, there will be no refunds. Thank you.

Harvey Studio Picture Re-Takes – Wednesday, November 3rd

- ✚ Harvey Studios will be here on Wednesday, November 3rd for picture retakes. This day, this will only be for students who were absent on the initial picture day, or new to our school and/or you returned the picture order form and you indicated on the form that you wanted your child to have a picture retake.
- ✚ We will not be taking names of students on that day – Harvey studios needs the list of names in advance of this day. Just getting our ducks lined up.

Townsview Home & School Committee Update

- ✚ Who are we? We are a group of active volunteers who continue to work closely with the staff at our school to build an all inclusive environment and provide support when needed!
- ✚ How do we do this? We play an active role in supporting our staff, students and parent community by sharing information, promoting resources and fundraising!
- ✚ How can you help? Follow us on Facebook! Please “Like” the Townsview Home and School Association Facebook page and follow us for weekly updates, school announcements and updates on our fundraisers throughout the school year!! You can also contact us via e-mail at Homeschooltownsview@gmail.com with any questions, concerns or ideas. Stay tuned and follow us on Facebook!
- ✚ Upcoming Save the Date Events
 - We are excited to announce that the Home and School Committee is continuing to host our Bottle Drive with CEIVA! How can your help out? Fall clean up?? Just collect your bottles, drop them off at CEIVA (113 Moffatt Street, Woodstock) and we will take care of the rest!
 - We also are planning to participate in the Food Bank's Turkey Drive and organizing our Annual Gift Card Wreath Raffle Fundraiser, you won't want to miss the chance to WIN some great prizes...STAY TUNED for more information!
 - COVID has presented its challenges but we will once again be having our Annual Christmas Wreath Raffle back this year just in time for some Holiday shopping! Stay tuned and follow us on Facebook!
 - Again, we appreciate your support!

Parent-Teacher Interviews (November 29-December 3)

- ✚ Report cards will be going home on Monday, November 29, 2021
- ✚ Parent-Teacher Interviews will be taking place between the dates of November 29-December 3. These meetings will be done either virtually or by telephone.
- ✚ As the time grows closer, your child's teacher will be contacting you to set up an appointment time. If you have not heard from your child's teacher, then I would ask that you reach out and make contact with them.
- ✚ If you have any questions, please call the school at 325-4435. Thank you.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

- ✚ Our school goal is to strengthen and support the social and emotional well-being of our entire school community. We want your child to be successful in school, and that means supporting and encouraging their whole development. While excelling in academic classes is important, students also need skills for learning challenges, making good decisions, handling strong emotions, and getting along with others.
- ✚ For the next six weeks, Kindergarten to grade 5 students will be learning to identify and label emotions and use emotion-management strategies - including stress management for older students - to calm strong feelings.
- ✚ For the next 6 weeks, Middle School students will learn to recognize bullying and harassment, stand up safely to bullying, and respond appropriately to harassment. Teachers should be communicating what their weekly lessons are so that you can reinforce those social emotional skills that they are learning at school.

Pre-K Registration (2022-2023) School Year

- ✚ Kindergarten Registration for the 2022-2023 school year has already started. Registrants are children born in 2016. It is extremely important that you have your child registered so that you can take advantage of the programs that help prepare your child for the upcoming school year.
- ✚ For more information, we ask that please contact the school at 325-4435. Thank you.

Head Lice

- ✚ There have been several cases of head lice reported in November. It is important to continue regular checks for lice and nits at home.
- ✚ When a case of head lice is suspected in the classroom, Student Services teachers remove the student from the classroom to do a head check. If live lice are found, parents are contacted and the student awaits pick-up at the offices. Random checks are not performed without evident symptoms, or without a parent's request to have a check performed.
- ✚ Please remind children to keep long hair tied back and to not share any type of personal headwear.

ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT - SCHOOL CLOSURES

An Important Message to Parents – School Closures Because of Weather Conditions

Anglophone West School District is committed to the safe and efficient transportation of students. The District recognizes it may be necessary to cancel bus runs, close schools, or delay school opening to ensure students are not endangered by hazards brought on by poor weather and road conditions. When a decision is made to close school, delay school opening, cancel bus runs, or delay bus runs, safety is the number one consideration.

Important Notes:

- ✚ There may be occasions when a particular bus route is hazardous because of varying weather conditions throughout the district. In cases where the bus driver has a safety concern, he or she has the responsibility to recommend either the cancellation or delay of his/her particular bus run.
- ✚ Parents may exercise their right to keep children at home if they believe that the weather and/or road conditions are not suitable. Students will not be penalized for such absences; however, parents must provide a written excuse to the student's teacher when the child returns to school.
- ✚ There are times when school buses run late for reasons unrelated to weather. Individual school buses expected to be more than 20 minutes late will be announced whenever possible. Parents are responsible for the safety of their children at the stop until the bus comes.
- ✚ Decision Process: The Superintendent of Schools makes the decision to close schools after district transportation personnel provide current information about weather and road conditions. The school district transportation department has access to current weather and road conditions throughout the district through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure road supervisors, a contracted weather information service provider, as well as other internet sites. Inclement weather predictions are monitored closely throughout the prior evening and again from 5:00 a.m. onward.

Communication:

- ✚ TOWNSVIEW IS IN SCHOOL ZONE 3:
- ✚ It is a school-based decision to use voice-messaging, if available.
- ✚ Parents should not rely on this means of notification for information about school closures.
- ✚ Announcements will be made on local radio stations, through a recorded message that can be heard by dialing the district public information line at 1-888-388-4455 (toll free) or 453-5454 (local calls) any time after 6:00 a.m., and by checking the district website at www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca.
- ✚ Please tune in to the local radio station CJ 104.1FM – Woodstock for announcement of a school closure or delay.