



# Florenceville Middle School December 2015 Newsletter

School Vision - "All students will be given the opportunity and support to become responsible citizens."

School Mission - "The mission of FMS is to develop students who are intellectually, technologically, physically and socially ready for their place in the 21<sup>st</sup> century world."

## December is here

### Citrus Order Delay

Our supplier has informed us that there will be a delay in the delivery to the school. The producer has explained that some of the sampling of what was picked in the timeframe that would have been delivered this week might not be of the highest quality in the volume we ordered. We will let you know as soon as we have a new expected delivery date, which may be Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, and we appreciate your helping us get the word out to those who placed orders.

### Christmas Dinner

This year's FMS Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. We do ask each student to bring in \$2 to help offset the cost of the meal. Many of the items and foods are donated so that we can make this possible at such a low cost and enjoy a beautiful meal together. **Please note: Christmas dinner is the only meal served in our cafeteria that day.**

#### Has your contact information changed?

Please be sure to notify us when your phone numbers or email addresses change. It is important for your child's well-being that we have a current number by which to contact you at all times.

### School Clothing

We have a few samples of sizes of the products available in the office. The colours in which we are providing FALCON clothes are Red, White and Black, with a few items only available in Black. Some students are waiting for the big reveal of our new FALCON Logo before ordering, and we will be making orders available after Christmas. Those who are anxious to get theirs by Christmas must place the orders by this Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Here is an image of the order envelope. Students may drop by the office to pick one up. You may also drop by the office to place a gift order. We won't tell ☺

FMS Clothing Order *By December 4 <sup>th</sup> for Christmas delivery										
Student: _____			Class: _____			Date: _____				
Colors: B (black) W (white) R (Red)			Adult Sizes: S (small) M (medium) L (large) XL (extra large)							
Printed Products				Color	Size	Cost	Total	Embroidered Products		
Need the order for Christmas?								Yes	No	
Is this a secret order? Y / N										
Please make cheques payable to Florenceville Middle School										
Number items ordered: _____										
Total amount: _____ Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <input type="checkbox"/>										

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## **December 2015**

*7<sup>th</sup>: Second trimester begins –  
new Exploratory rotations*

*9<sup>th</sup>: FMS Christmas Dinner*

*9<sup>th</sup>: FMS Band Concert*

*11<sup>th</sup>: Badminton Zones in Grand  
Falls*

*18<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of School: Winter  
activities planned*

## **January 2016**

*4<sup>th</sup>: Professional Learning Day  
for staff. No students*

*5<sup>th</sup>: Students return*

*6<sup>th</sup>: January newsletter goes  
home*

*28<sup>th</sup>: Grade 8 Trip Deposit Due*

*28<sup>th</sup>: FMS Dance*

*29<sup>th</sup>: Rally Day*

*30<sup>th</sup>: Yard sale Fundraiser in the  
gym*

## **Every Day Counts**

“A growing body of research indicates that missing 10 percent of the year or more for any reason - including unexcused absence, excused absence, and suspension - places students at significant risk of negative outcomes, including academic difficulties, increased involvement in the juvenile justice system and dropping out. To reduce these negative outcomes, it's important to address attendance for all students who miss 10% of the year or more.” (Sprick, Alabiso and Yore in Educational Leadership 73(3).)

At FMS, we are deeply invested in making your child's learning a priority and for students to be successful in school, they need to be **in** school. Home contacts by the homeroom teacher after 5 absences and letters from the Principal after 10 absences are two ways in which we keep you aware of the number of missed days. Our team is working to create other ways of recognizing and celebrating attendance with our students and help share the message of the importance of being in school daily. We will be reaching out to families of students who have 10 or more absences to discuss how attendance can improve and problem-solve around issues that may be impacting your child's attendance as we know that you are as deeply concerned about your child's success as we are. We look forward to working with you to help reach attendance goals.

## **Are you de-cluttering over the holidays?**

Keep FMS in mind as you clean out the old to make room for the new over the holidays. One fundraiser for the Grade 8 Trip to Quebec City is an indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> in the FMS gym. We would appreciate any donations you would like to make to this cause and look forward to seeing many of you come out to find great deals that Saturday morning! [Donations will start being accepted on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> as we have no storage prior to that time.]

## **Our athletic teams**

Badminton season continues until December 11<sup>th</sup>. Students at all grade levels are involved in regionals this week and the season will culminate in next Friday's (December 11<sup>th</sup>) zone tournament in Grand Falls. Warm-up starts at

1:30 and play begins at 2:00. Players are expected to be in school until lunch. Fee for those qualifying for zones is \$10 and this is to be paid to Ms. Jane during school hours, please. Good luck to all those participating! Many thanks to our coaches, Mme Quinn, Mme English and Mr. Oakes.

Basketball follows badminton, and our boys and girls teams are underway for the season which continues until the end of February. Jared Joudry is coaching the boys' team and Lorri Henry and Robert Tompkins are coaching our girls. Basketball is a busy season with many costs. Once team selection is finalized, team members will be asked to pay the user fee of \$60 to help defray the costs of referees and other expenses. Fees are paid to Ms. Jane in the office during school hours. Thank you!

## **Keeping Families informed**

Thank you for continuing to listen to School Connects voice messages or read emails as well as connecting with your child's teachers. There are many messages that go out some weeks and we appreciate your giving each thoughtful consideration. We would encourage you to consult the school web page for information about school activities and events. Check it out!! <http://fms.nbed.nb.ca> You may also use the website to find the emails for teachers which is a great way to make contact with them about your questions regarding your child's achievement and progress. Thank you for taking the initiative in keeping informed