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**JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER**

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| * **Tuesday, January 16th  Program information meeting regarding French Second Language program selection. Please see the information below** * **Thursday, January 25th, Welcome to Kindergarten at 2:30 & 4:30. This event is for children who will be starting school in September 2024** * **Friday, January 26th Dress as your Favorite Story Book Character Day** * **Friday, January 26th Last day for Grade 5 Intensive French Block** * **Saturday, January 27th is Family Literacy Day. This year’s theme is Let’s Have a Family Party** [**http://www.familyliteracyday.ca/**](http://www.familyliteracyday.ca/) * **Monday, January 29th Lunch and Milk orders for February are due on Cashless Schools** * **Wednesday, January 31st, PSSC Meeting at 6:00pm** |

**WELCOME BACK AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Just a few reminders as we start the New Year

* Morning Drop off starts at 7:45. Students should not be arriving prior to this time as there is no supervision. If students are being dropped off in the traffic circle, they should remain in their vehicles until they see a teacher come out on duty.
* The morning bell rings at 8:05. Students should be arriving at school by 8:10 and in their classes and ready to start at 8:15. If students are arriving after this time, they will be considered tardy
* Students should be dropped off at the back of the school for morning arrival. The front of the building is bus drop-off/loading only. The traffic circle is for quick drop-off, and we need to keep the traffic flowing. If you plan to exit your vehicle, please use one of the visitor/parent-designated parking spaces in the front of the school and when leaving these spaces please exit using Lensdale Crescent. Please do not pull over or park on Lakeview Drive to drop students off as there are no sidewalks, this also creates a safety concern for motorists.
* If a student is arriving after 8:15, please use one of the visitor/parent-designated parking spaces and walk your child to the front door. The front of the school is for bus traffic only.
* There is no parent/visitor parking at the back of the school. The parking lot is for staff parking, please do not park in this area anytime during school hours.
* A reminder for when students are dismissed at the end of the day, walking students should be going straight home to check in with an adult rather than staying to play. They are certainly welcome to come back later. Students who are being picked up by an adult may stay with the adult, however, please be aware that there is no afterschool supervision in the playground areas and students are the responsibility of the person they are with.
* Please use the ASD-S Safe Arrival Program to enter your child’s absences. You may register at <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca>
* Please be mindful of the cut-off dates for Milk and Lunch. We are not able to order after the item has expired on Cashless Schools. Please be sure to sign up for the reminders through Cashless and take note of the deadlines in the newsletter as well as weekly emails/voicemails. Taking a picture of your confirmation/ receipt will help keep track of the dates you have ordered. Your receipt can also be found under order history in your Cashless Schools account.
* Dressing for the weather of the day is important. Our play areas are the playground, court, and field, proper clothing and footwear suitable for cold/wet/slippery conditions is necessary.

**Program Information Meeting: French Second Language Programs**

On Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30pm. An information session regarding program selection for September 2024 will be held virtually via TEAMS for the **Saint John Education Centre**

Information will be provided on all program options for the 2024-2025 school year: English Prime Program, Early French Immersion Program (Gr 1. entry), and Late French Immersion Program (Gr. 6 entry)

Families are invited to join the virtual meeting using the link at 6:30pm on January 16th, 2024.[Please click here for the meeting link](Please%20click%20here%20for%20the%20meeting%20link)

Alternatively, you can type in: https://bit.ly/41p8MMx.

**Let’s Get Reading!**

January is Literacy Month and Family Literacy Day is celebrated on January 27th. *Family Literacy Day* was started in 1999 to raise awareness about the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family. Taking time every day to read or do a learning activity with children is crucial to a child’s development, improving a child’s literacy skills dramatically, and can help a parent improve their skills as well.

This year’s *Family Literacy Day* theme is *Let’s Have a Family Party!* Make food, sing songs, and play games. The possibilities for learning are endless – and it’s fun when you do it together. A variety of free resources are available for download at [FamilyLiteracyDay.ca](http://www.familyliteracyday.ca/).

On January 26th we are inviting students to come to school dressed as their favorite storybook character.

**Intensive French Grade 5**

January 26th is the last day for the Intensive French Block for Mrs. MacVay and Mme. Bingham’s Classes. Mrs. MacVay’s class will start the Intensive French Block on January 29th and Mme. Bingham’s class will switch to the compacted Curriculum in English.