



Sackville Heights Elementary

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Reminders

- Dec.1 Warm and Cozy Day
- Dec. 4 PD Day—no school for students
- Dec. 5-6 Holiday Gift Wrap Event
- Dec. 6 Turkey Dinner grades P-2
- Dec. 8 Flannels and Fuzzy Socks Day
- Dec. 12 Concert Grades 2 & 3
- Dec. 13 Concert Grades 3/4, 4 & 5
Turkey Dinner grades 3-5
- Dec. 14 Concert Grades P & 1
- Dec.15 Toques and Twins Day
- Dec. 20 Last Day
Pajama Jam Day

Principal's Message

Well December is here and things are getting busy! Next week we will be having our Holiday Gift Wrap event. We are also going to have Winter Concerts the week after for all our students.

The holiday season is a great time for family and friends to take a break, reconnect, share some fun and some good food. We wish all of our families who celebrate, a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, Blessed Kwanzaa and all the best of health, happiness and peace.

We will see you all back on January 2nd.

Rachael, Lisa and the Staff of Sackville Heights Elementary

Winter Concerts

We are very excited to share information about our upcoming Winter Concerts. Please see below for concert dates, an error was on the first alert sent out:

December 12th: Grades 2 and 3

December 13th: Grades ¾, 4 and 5

December 14th: Grades Primary and 1



There are no tickets for entry to the concert. We ask **only 2 adults per family** attend the evening performance. Donations will be taken at the door. Each day there will be an afternoon rehearsal performance at 1pm. Additional family members are welcome to attend (grandparents etc).

Doors open at 6:45 with the concert beginning at 7 pm.

Raffle Tickets

We are holding a raffle for front row seats. If you win the raffle, it means 2 seats will be reserved for you in the front row. These are not an additional 2 seats. Students are coming home this week with a sheet of tickets should you wish to purchase.

These raffle tickets for the front row seats are \$2 for 1 and \$5 for 3.

Please note which night you are purchasing for.

All tickets are due by Friday, December 8th.

Dressing for the Weather

The cold weather is upon us. Please make sure that your children are dressed for the weather. It is important that children have snow pants to play in the snow, stay warm, or slide on the hills. As always, it is a good idea to have additional dry clothing in your child's backpack. This will keep us from having to contact you in the middle of the day. Putting names on items is also a great idea, this will allow us to get items back to their rightful owners.

School Advisory Council and PTO

The next meeting of the SAC will be on Tuesday January 16th at 5:30pm. The PTO will meet at 6:30pm

Parking Lot Concerns

We are so pleased with how the drop and go is working in the morning. We do have a few vehicles that continue to park across the accessible parking spaces or other unsafe areas to drop off students and we ask families use either the drop and go or park at the church. Thank you for help in making the morning drop off continue to flow smoothly.

The afternoon pick up is unfortunately not running as well. We are seeing vehicles blocking the accessible parking spaces. There are also many vehicles blocking in parked staff cars, as well as creating additional parking spaces in unmarked areas where the flow of traffic needs to be clear. Please use only open marked parking spaces or the church parking lot to park and leave your vehicle while collecting your children.

Once the drop and go line is full and all parking spaces are taken, please proceed to the church parking lot.

Drivers in the drop and go need to stay with their vehicles, not park and go meet a student so that the flow of the parking lot can be maintained.

For families wanting to meet their children at their dismissal door, will need to find an empty parking spot or park at the church.

The traffic is backing up onto Old Sackville Road stalling all traffic in both directions as no additional vehicles can enter or exit the parking lot.

Once the winter weather starts, there will be even less space available. We have asked for police support and have been advised to close the parking lot in the afternoon should the issues continue.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to work towards a safe dismissal for all students.

Turkey Dinner

Our cafeteria staff will once again be offering a turkey dinner for students to purchase as a hot lunch.

It will be served for grades P-2 on Wednesday, December 6th with an order deadline of Monday, December 4th and for grades 3-5 on Wednesday, December 13th with an order deadline of Monday, December 11th.

Cost is \$8.25 and the meal includes turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots, stuffing, gravy, milk or juice along with a treat.

You can order this meal by clicking the link to our cafeteria ordering: <https://sackvilleheightses-ns-hrce.nutrislice.com/menu>

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Updating Demographics

Thank you to families who have updated their child's information on Powerschool. If you have not done so, please take the time to update this information. We use this information to communicate with families via email and telephone as well in case of emergency. Emergency contacts are also important to keep updated. When completing, also include whether you consent or not on the Media release. Photos are not posted on social media and only used for school purposes.

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