

SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 13-22 Leaderships 10 days to Christmas

December 15 -Professional Juggler

December 20 -Healthy Snack Wednesday

December 18-22- Spirit Week

December 22 – School Skates (different grade groupings during the day)

December 22- Last day of classes for 2023

January 8– First day of classes for 2024

January 10-Home and school meeting 6:30

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The last day of classes for the 2023 school year will be Friday December 22nd. The first day of classes for the 2024 school year will be Monday, January 8th, and it will be Day 4 of the cycle. Staff will be participating in professional development activities January 4th and 5th. We wish everyone a great holiday break and we look forward to seeing everyone again in January.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

We have a number of families who would benefit from having additional support during the holiday season. Our “Christmas Families Program” allows any interested person(s), families or group(s) to offer donations. Monetary donations or gift cards would be greatly appreciated. For those wishing to make a monetary donation, please make cheques payable to the Public Schools Branch so a tax receipt can be issued. Our families benefit immensely from the kindness and generosity of our community every year.

CONCERT THANKS

Thank you to our Grade 1 students, their teachers and Music teachers for all their work preparing and presenting their holiday concert on Wednesday. It was wonderful! Thanks also to everyone who contributed by decorating the gym and getting it set up and ready, including the students who brought their chairs down at the end of the day for the evening performance, leadership students who managed the stage and welcomed parents, and custodian and cleaners who set up, set down, and cleaned up.

CANDY GRAMS

5A students are selling Candy Grams in support of Christmas Families for \$1/each. They will continue to stop by classrooms until Candy Grams sales end on Thursday, December 14. Delivering Candy Grams will happen on Wednesday, December 20 to coincide with School Spirit Week’s Random Acts of Kindness Day.

SPIRIT WEEK

Sherwood School has some fun activities planned for the last week before the holiday break. The following is the schedule of events:

Monday, Dec 18 “Dress in Red, Green and White Day”

Tuesday, Dec 19 Wear your Christmas “Head gear” (Santa hats, antlers, etc.)

Wednesday, Dec 20 “Random Acts of Kindness Day” and “Sherwood School Spirit Day” wear school clothing/colours

Thursday, Dec 21 “Christmas socks and/or Christmas ties day”

Friday, Dec 22 “Onesies/PJ’s Day!!” and school skates

SHERWOOD LEADERSHIP STUDENTS’ 10 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Sherwood Leadership Students have been working hard over the past weeks to put together some wonderful holiday cheer for the last 10 days of school for 2023. Activities this group are leading include:

Trivia December 13-22

Each morning, the students are sharing a Christmas joke, plus a couple of trivia questions during announcements. The trivia question answers will be recorded on a paper sheet in each class and the winning class will be announced December 22.

Story time December 13-18

During lunch Leadership students will read a Christmas book for the K-3 classes via a Google Meet link.

Kahoot Fun December 19th

Students have prepared a Christmas Kahoot During both lunches.

Scavenger Hunt December 13-22

There are letters hidden in the hallway Students can record the letters and unscramble to reveal a secret word. There will be a draw for a winner December 20th

Christmas Stations December 20th

Leadership Students will host Christmas centers in classrooms on the afternoon of December 20th. The leadership class has organized all the activities and will lead the sessions.

Bingo December 21

Leadership students will host a lunchtime bingo.

Door Decorating December 13-22

Classes are invited to participate in a door decorating contest. Leadership Students will judge them on December 22nd, and the winning class will get a prize. Thank you to our leadership students and the Grade 6 teaching team for all their efforts with this.

SCHOOL SKATES

Our first school skate will take place at Cody Banks for students on Dec. 22. Please take note of the scheduled times:

9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. – Kindergarten (KA, KB, KC, KD)

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Grade 1 & 2 (1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D)

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. – Grade 3 & 4 (3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D)

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Grade 5 & 6 (5A, 5B, 5C, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6Z)

Students who need skates or a helmet have been asked to contact their teacher to see if we have any available. Helmets must be worn on the ice. Students who are not participating in the skate will remain back at the school and participate in an alternate activity. There will be extra staff and some student helpers to assist with tying skates. There will be a frozen yogurt

snack (freezies for those who can't eat them) provided to all students after their skates.

LOOKING FOR SKATES AND HELMETS

The school is presently looking for used skates and helmets for student use during school skates. Donations of these items are appreciated.

HOLIDAY CLASS PARTIES

Some teachers may be having in-class parties in these weeks leading up to the holiday break. It is important that parents check with the teachers first before sending treats. Please be reminded that all treats must be nut free, individually wrapped and come in the original packaging.

"SHOW SHERWOOD" SHOWCASE AND JUGGLING SHOW

In January Students in grades 4,5, and 6 are invited to submit an act for our "Show Sherwood" Showcase 2024! The showcase will be presented to the school at the end of January and will include acts that demonstrate any music or physical movement skills. We want to "showcase" skills that Sherwood students have (i.e. martial arts demo, playing a song on a piano, a short gymnastics routine, prepared dance, basketball tricks, skipping tricks, etc.) and might not have a chance to show during a regular school day. Any interested Grade 4,5, and 6 students are asked to plan, prepare and practice (practice and practice) and submit either a short video of the act to our Showcase committee or show in-person during one of the set times (to be announced at school). We want all students who want to participate to have a chance; however, acts need to be planned, prepared and practiced. There will be a few in-school opportunities to practice but we highly encourage practicing at home as well.

As an inspiration to this showcase, we will have a performance from a former professional juggler on December 15th at school for all students. Our juggler will also highlight some of the important points to think about when creating an act including: practice, practice, practice!

We look forward to the shows!

HEALTHY SNACK WEDNESDAY

The school will be providing students with the opportunity to have a free healthy snack each month on a Wednesday. Our next healthy snack will be frozen yogurt tubes that will be provided on Wednesday, December 20th to coincide with 'Random Acts of Kindness Day'. Leadership students will deliver this snack to classes and a healthy snack alternative will also be provided for lactose allergic students.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

While registration for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year wrapped up. Families can still register their child by visiting the school office in person. Please be reminded that children must be 5 years old by December 31,2024, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten. Please bring a piece of Government issued ID verifying proof of child's age, such as a birth certificate, PEI health card or passport. Verification of home address must also be provided, such as a current utility bill.

CLASSROOM CLEAN-UP AND LOST AND FOUND

Students are reminded take home all footwear, clothing, kitbags, etc, before school closes for the holidays. Please check closely for any misplaced articles. The school will be cleaned over the holidays and left-over items will be placed in the lost and found.

New Items (slideshow)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qRhNlaoHITe-YTO9Qv9DmmlBlpn4S4u2/view?usp=sharing>

New Items will remain on the lost and found table for at least a month. If left unclaimed for an extended period of time they will then be donated to goodwill.

STONEPARK STUDENTS AT CODY BANKS ARENA

Stonepark Intermediate students will be using Cody Banks Arena for their sports day on December 21st until approximately 2:30 p.m. Sherwood parents and visitors should be mindful that many students from that school may be leaving the rink when Sherwood students are being dismissed and being picked up for the day. Please drive with care in the Cody Banks parking lot and the streets around the school.

AFTER SCHOOL PLANS

A reminder that any changes to a student's after school plan needs to be arranged prior to coming to school. We ask that changes be communicated to teachers in writing. Bus students are not permitted to walk home without written permission.

LATE FOR SCHOOL

Parents, if your child is late for school, please remember that all doors are locked. Please go to the main door and be buzzed in. Thank you for parking at Cody Banks when dropping off or picking up students during the school day.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMS

Sherwood School is pleased to offer lunch options available through the *PEI School Food Program* as well as our own *HotLunches* program. A brief description of both can be found below.

PEI SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAM

The PEI School Food Program is a provincial lunch program that offers ALL Island students K-12 a healthy and affordable lunch 5 days per week! The PEI School Food Program is accessible through the Bon Appétit ordering platform. User registration is now open at www.peischoolfood.ca. We encourage you to check out the program and menu options online. Detailed information has been sent home with your child.

SHERWOOD HOT LUNCHES

Our school-based lunch program consists of white milk, and chocolate milk daily and Stratford Pizza on Fridays. Orders are placed in advance and follow a two-week order cycle.

All orders must be placed by 9 am on the Saturday prior to the 2-week order cycle. We encourage parents to pay by Bambora. This saves sending money to school with your child and makes it much quicker for the order to be processed. If you need to send a cheque, please make cheques out to Sherwood School and send it in a baggie with your child's name, parent name and homeroom. If the payment is not received on time, your child's order will not be processed.

MENU OPTIONS

Mondays to Friday: White Milk, 50 cents and chocolate milk 75 cents.

Fridays: Stratford Pizza (cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza the last Friday of the month) (\$2.50)

ONLINE ORDERING PROCESS

- Please visit www.sherwood.hotlunches.net
- Click on register on the upper right-hand corner

- Enter our school access code SEHL
- Fill in your information as required
- Make sure you register your child as the student and not yourself and ensure you pick the proper homeroom
- Please read the order dates carefully, we have had several parents order for the wrong 2-week period.
- If you need help at any time, please click on the “help” tab then select “parent instruction guide”
- Choose food items and become familiar with the service.

PEANUT/NUT RESTRICTED SCHOOL

Sherwood School is a peanut/nut restricted school. We have several students who have a life-threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts/nuts. Our school strives to keep these students safe in the school environment. It is necessary to check all ingredient labels to see if the products contain peanuts/nuts. Please do not send these products to school or on field trips at any time. In addition, we do not allow WOW butter in the school so please do not send this with your child. We appreciate the home and school for working together to provide a safe place for all our students. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCENT FREE SCHOOL/SCENTS IN WORKPLACES

Please note that Sherwood School has a fragrance/scent free rule that complies with the Public Schools Branch. Recently, there has been an increase in concerns related to scents in PSB learning and workplaces. For many people, when exposed to the ingredients in scented products, it can adversely affect a person's health. People with allergies and asthma report that certain odors, even in small amounts, can cause asthma symptoms. Please take the time to read the PSB scents policy which can be found at: <https://psb.edu.pe.ca/schools/school-health-and-safety/scented-products-and-fragrances>

COLD WEATHER

Students are reminded to wear warmer outdoor clothing, jackets, hats, mittens or gloves, and boots now that the days are becoming colder. All students are outside twice a day for outdoor recreation at recess time. This time is much more enjoyable when students are dressed for colder temperatures. Please remember to label all your child's outdoor clothing with their first and last name so items can be easily returned if they are misplaced.

PROVINCIAL HOME & SCHOOL

Extra Mile Award

The PEI Home and School Federation presents [awards of recognition](#) to deserving individuals who work and volunteer for the benefit of children and youth in PEI's school communities. Nominate a deserving school staff individual for recognition by **Jan. 20, 2024**. Find all PEIHSF Awards details at: <https://peihsf.ca/awards/>

*Have a wonderful & safe
Holiday*

