

# SHERWOOD NEWS

Sherwood Elementary School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

November 16 – PEITF/CUPE Convention (no classes)

November 17 – PEITF/CUPE Convention (no classes)

November 23 – Parent Teacher Interviews (after school/evening)

November 24 – Parent Teacher Interviews (no classes)

December 13 – Holiday Concert (Grade 1)

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year during the week of November 20-24 in person. 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. Welcome to Kindergarten sessions for incoming students and their parents will be held in the spring of 2024.

## PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent-teacher interviews for first term will be held Thursday, November 23 from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Friday, November 24 from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. We will be using an on-line booking system, "School Appointments", for parents to schedule appointments. Appointment booking opened on Friday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. and will close on Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 p.m. Parents of families who require an interpreter will be contacted directly to schedule an appointment for these interviews.

## SCENT FREE SCHOOL

Please note that Sherwood School has a fragrance/scent free rule that complies with the Public Schools Branch. Exposure to scents and fragrances from perfumes, lotions, cologne, and detergents have resulted in severe health-related reactions in our school environment. Even small amounts can trigger a reaction. Please refrain from using or wearing scented products while attending or visiting school. We appreciate everyone's cooperation to keep our students and staff safe.

## STUDENT DROP OFF/PICK UP

The Cody Banks parking lot is the designated pick up/drop off area. There is a paved pathway at the back of the lot where students can safely cross over to our parking lot. Thank you for ensuring that Cody Banks is the only location used for student drop off and pick up. For safety reasons, please do not drop off or pick up students on Maple Avenue, Pine Drive or the school's parking lot. We have been noticing an increase in this recently and have concerns about student, pedestrian, bus and vehicle safety. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping Sherwood students safe. The school parking lot is for buses and staff vehicles only.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Congratulations and thanks are sent to our Grade 4 students, their teachers, and our music teachers for presenting a memorable and moving Remembrance Day Ceremony.

## WINTER CONCERT

The Grade 1 students are busy preparing a Winter Concert and will be presenting this for parents on the evening of December 13. The concert will be held in the school gymnasium beginning at 6:00 p.m. Students are asked please to arrive no earlier than 5:30 p.m. and to go to their classrooms to meet their teachers. Tickets will be available for free, and are used to ensure we do not exceed the capacity of the gym. Homeroom teachers will be in touch with tickets for each family. Looking forward to marking the holidays with Grade 1 students at Sherwood!

## HEALTHY SNACK

Our school had our first Healthy Snack Day on Wednesday, November 15. Leadership students delivered yogurts to classes and a healthy snack alternative was also provided for lactose allergic students. Thank you to Bulk Carriers for their kind and generous donation.

## HOW TO GET UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND OUR NEWSLETTER

Our newsletters, as well as other parent information messages will be posted on our website. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the office and we will send a paper copy home with your child.

## UTENSILS

Students are urged to bring their own fork and spoon and other utensils from their home for eating their lunches. The school has very limited supplies and is not able to provide utensils except in emergencies.

## WATER BOTTLES

The school has several water bottle filling stations available for student use. It is very important that all students have a water bottle each day that comes to school filled up. Water bottles can be refilled when necessary.

## COLDER 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.

## BUS PASSES

Our bus fleet is running at full capacity. We are unable to provide bus passes for anything other than childcare needs at this time.

## 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.

## SHERWOOD SCHOOL BAGS AND WINTER HATS AVAILABLE WHILE QUANTITY LASTS!

There are about 50 bags (\$10) and 60 hats (\$15) to be sold by Home & School.

These can be purchased online only at SchoolCash. Items purchased Sunday to Thursday will go home weekly on Fridays. If purchased on a Friday, the items will go home on the next Friday.

[SchoolCash Online click here](#)

[SchoolCash Parent Instructions click here](#)

## PLAYGROUND FUND

Donations can be made on our Hotlunch Program any time throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support!

## 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.org](http://www.peischoolfood.org). We encourage you to check out the program and menu options online.

## SHERWOOD HOT LUNCHES

Our school-based lunch program consists of white milk, chocolate milk, and Stratford Pizza on Fridays.

**All orders must be placed by 9 am on the Saturday prior to the 2-week order cycle.** Payments must be made online at the time of ordering, otherwise your child's order will not be processed.

## MENU OPTIONS

**Mondays to Friday: 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](http://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.

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM

The Breakfast program runs Monday through Friday from 8:05 a.m. until 8:40 a.m. Students who use this program are asked to enter the gym through the Garden doors. Students will be served toast, milk or juice, and fruit. All students are welcome. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jesse Foster at 902-368-6780.

## STUDENT SNACKS

Please remember to send a snack with your children for morning snack break. All snacks must be peanut and nut free.

## PEANUT/NUT RESTRICTED SCHOOL

Sherwood School is a peanut/nut restricted school. We have a number of students who have a life-threatening food allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts/nuts. Our school strives to keep these students safe in the school environment. Please do not send these products to school or on field trips at any time. We appreciate the home and school-working together to provide a safe place for all our students.

## LOST AND FOUND LINK

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UdWGNw2hHMEcRb8zz8X-68JBQv-ycHzB/view?usp=sharing>

## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS, NOVEMBER 2023

### Recognition and Awards Programme 2023-2024

Awards recognize deserving individuals in school communities. The P.E.I. Home and School Federation's 2023-2024 Programme begins with the Crossing Guard Award nominations due Nov. 24.

[Find more details online at PEIHSF Awards](#)

## STORM CLOSURES

### School cancellations

All Public Schools Branch (PSB) weather-related cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 am. An announcement that "all classes in the public schools branch are cancelled" means that there is no school for students. An announcement of a "system-wide shutdown" indicates that all schools and offices are closed. In some instances, it may only be necessary to close an individual school or a Family of Schools. Partial system closures or delays will be announced by Family of Schools. Sherwood School is part of the Charlottetown Family of Schools.

### One-hour delay

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 am, a one-hour delay will be announced whereby all schools and buses will operate one hour later than usual. A further announcement will be broadcast by 8:00 am.

### Late buses

In some instances, even in fine weather, buses may be delayed. Parents will be notified via radio broadcast that a bus will be delayed (i.e. Bus #297 is running 30 minutes late).

### School closures during the day

It may be necessary to close school partway through a school day. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to the PSB website as early as possible.

Parents who will not be at home when children arrive are responsible for making alternate arrangements for the care of their children on such days. If you have not done so already, please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

### Extreme weather during the school day

Should the department of transportation and/or the RCMP recommend that school buses remain off island roads, students may be required to remain at school beyond their normal dismissal time (unless picked up by a parent or designate). Announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our website.

On days when classes are in session, and the low temperature combined with wind provides a wind chill of -20 or below, students will not be required to go outside at recess or lunch or remain outside upon morning arrival.

### Suggestions for parents

1. The final decision to attend school or to travel to school via school bus always rests with the parent.
2. Please do not drop children off at school unless you are certain that school is operating that day and that staff are present to supervise the children.
3. Please listen to the radio and check the PSB website frequently between 6:30 and 8:00 am daily to determine if schools are operating. Every effort will be made to have announcements broadcast by 7:00 am.
4. Please do not call the school, PSB office, or radio stations for information on cancellations or delays. Such calls tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergency use.

*Thank you for your support. Together we will work to ensure a safe winter for all of our children.*