

# Southern Kings Consolidated School

## Parent Newsletter – January 2021

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Jan 4 – 1<sup>st</sup> day of classes for 2021

Jan 18 – Home & School Meeting @ 6pm (masks are mandatory)

### K-3 Parents:

**The cold, snowy weather is here!**  
**Please send weather appropriate clothing with your child each day:**

**Hat**  
**Warm coat**  
**Snow pants**  
**Mitts**  
**Boots**



### **Phys Ed Updates**

We will not be doing after-school **basketball**.

From Jan 12-Feb 5, we will have **Badminton club**. If you did not sign the permission form for Sports club, you will need to submit one to Mr. Bell. It will take place after school, from 2:30-3:30 on the following days:

Mondays: Gr 7/8 Girls  
Tuesdays: Gr 7/8 Boys  
Wednesdays: Gr 5/6 Girls  
Thursdays: Gr 5/6 Boys



### **Student Well-being Team (SWT) News**

We wish everyone a happy new year and look forward to a great start to 2021. Last month, the team have been busy offering individual service to students and their families, as well as offering several presentations and groups as requested by school staff. Some topics offered include introduction to mental health and stress, healthy coping strategies and social awareness. The team looks forward to offering more presentations this month, including topics on healthy relationships, and coping strategies for school exam readiness.

Team Update: One of the Team's School Outreach Workers will be moving on to a similar role at another Student Well-being Team. We wish Brody all the best and look forward to a new team member in the next few weeks.

#### **Did You Know?**

Our team accepts individual referrals to service. To request more information on the types of services we offer, you can email our team using [MontagueSWTReferrals@edu.pe.ca](mailto:MontagueSWTReferrals@edu.pe.ca) or call 902-838-0835 ext 241.

#### **Parenting Information:**

Each newsletter we will be offering some helpful take home messages to parents of children aged 0-12, and Teen. Check out the information for parents of children aged 0-12 in this newsletter.

#### ***The Power of Positive Parenting Take Home Messages:***

- Create a warm, loving, safe environment for your child.
- Use positive strategies to encourage your child's learning.
- Use assertive discipline to help your child take responsibility for their actions.
- Have reasonable expectations of both your child and yourself.
- Take care of yourself by looking after your own needs, balancing work and family responsibilities, challenging negative thinking, and working as a team.

Want more information, check out the next program offer, and/or visit the link <https://www.triple-p-parenting.ca/can-en/find-help/triple-p-parenting-in-prince-edward-island/>

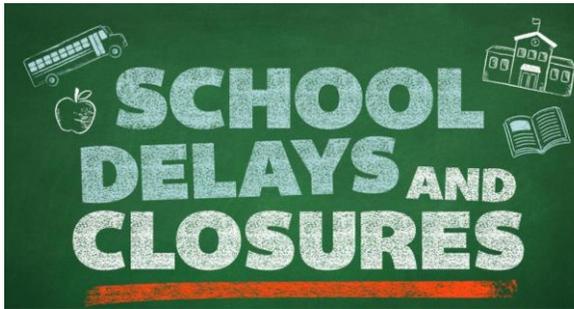
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### SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS

**All ELSB school cancellations will be announced on local radio stations and posted on the PSB website by 7:00 A.M.** An announcement that "classes in all English Language School Board schools 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. Southern Kings Cons. would fall under the "Montague Family of Schools" category.

### ONE HOUR DELAY

If a decision on cancellation cannot be made by 7:00 A.M., 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 A.M.

### VARIOUS LOCAL RADIO STATIONS:

1. Ocean 100.3 FM – Classic Hits
2. 95.1 FM – Country
3. 93.1 FM – Classic Rock
4. Hot 105.5 FM

### SCHOOL FACEBOOK GROUP & WEBSITE:

If you are on social media/internet, parents and guardians are encouraged to join for updates: "Southern Kings Consolidated School" on Facebook. Our school website is found here:  
<https://southernkings.edu.pe.ca/>

### 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 #97 is running 30 minutes late). We will also try to post on our school website as soon as we are able.

### SCHOOL CLOSURES DURING THE DAY

It may be necessary to close a school or a family of schools part way through a school day for weather related concerns. Detailed announcements will be made on local radio stations and posted to our school board website:

<https://edu.princeedwardisland.ca/psb/>

**A yellow "Early Closure Form" was sent home with all students in September. On this form, you indicated where your child should go in the event school closes early. This is what we will follow in these instances.** 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. Please notify the school of these arrangements as soon as possible.

### EXTREME WEATHER DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Should Transportation Infrastructure Renewal 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 the school board website.

### RECESS:

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.

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**Kindergarten Registration Reminder:**

- Now is the time to register children for Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2021, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.
- Please register your child at his/her local elementary school. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Public Schools Branch, toll free at 1-800-280-7965.
- You will be required to fill out a registration form. Bring two documents; which will verify your child's age are necessary (i.e. Birth Certificate, PEI Health Card).



***We have launched a new school website!***

Please visit here:

<https://southernkings.edu.pe.ca/>

Please check daily for announcements, monthly newsletters, important dates, etc. The most **CURRENT** information will be found here.



**COLD & FLU SEASON IS HERE**

**We thank you for your continued diligence, and understanding in keeping your symptomatic children home.**

If your child is absent, we ask that you please call the office (902-962-7400) or notify their teacher of why your child is absent. Appointments, sickness, and COVID symptoms, for example, are all documented differently, and is tracked on a daily basis. If we do not know why your child is absent, it is recorded as unexcused, and counts against your child's absentee record by default.

**We would like to remind you that Facebook is NOT to be used to communicate bus change requests, pickup changes, or illnesses.**

Please continue to monitor for COVID Symptoms, and follow the instructions outlined on the screening questionnaire:

<https://southernkings.edu.pe.ca/sites/southernkings.edu.pe.ca/files/Student-Pre-screening-Checklist.pdf>

Thank you for helping keep this school healthy!

**Friendly Reminder:**

It is mandatory for students to wear a mask on the bus.



**PLEASE WEAR A MASK**