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## *December 2023 – Parent Newsletter*

### UPCOMING DATES:

<p><b>Dec 4</b> – Internet Safety presentations for Gr 5-8  <b>Dec 11</b> – Concert Rehearsal at 1:00pm for students  <b>Dec 12</b> – K-6 (with Rock Band) Christmas Concert at 1:00pm (Open area)  <b>Dec 13</b> – Christmas Dinner (noon)  <b>Dec 14</b> – Storm Date for Christmas Dinner  <b>Dec 15 – 21</b> – Holiday Activities (see below)</p>	<p><b>Dec 20</b> – Gr 8 Bake Sale / Leadership Assembly 1:45  <b>Dec 21</b> – Gr 7-9 Dance @ MIS 7:00-9:00pm  <b>Dec 22</b> – Last day of Classes in 2023  <b>Dec 25-Jan 3</b> – Holiday Break  <b>Jan 4-5</b> – Professional Learning Days (No Classes)  <b>Jan 8</b> – Welcome back! First day of Classes of 2024</p>
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### STAFFING UPDATES:

**EA's:** We would like to thank Susan Gormley, who has been with us the last couple months.

### SKC HOME AND SCHOOL:

All parents/guardians are welcome! We encourage new membership, and it is never too late to join/attend meetings. Our next meeting date will be in January (date TBD) in the school staff room.

Facebook auction bake sale will be delayed until the Spring.

We are planning to serve all staff and students a free Christmas meal at lunchtime on Wed, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>. Storm date: Dec 14<sup>th</sup>.

Wrapping paper fundraiser raised \$1600 that will go towards school expenses. Grade 1 had the most sales, so they will be getting an ice cream party at a later date.

### PHYS ED UPDATES:

Mr. Bell started a co-ed ball hockey intramural league for grades 5-8 in early November. Games are posted on morning announcements. This will go until the Spring. Gr 7-8 students are asked to pay Mr. Bell \$4 each for their team shirts.

Mr. Bell is hoping to start a Badminton Club in the new year.

**GRATITUDE:**

Thank you to all who have donated towards helping some families this Christmas season. Thank you to all who donated towards our Christmas dinner. We live in a wonderfully generous and thoughtful community!

Thank you to all the parents who came out to discuss their child's progress during parent teacher interviews last week. It was nice to meet you all. The next round of interviews will take place Mar 7-8, 2024.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:**

We will be having a Christmas Concert on Tue, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm for Grades K-6, and Rock Band students. All participating students are asked to wear green, red, OR white shirts. Family members are welcome to attend. Admission is by donation. Students are welcome to go home with their parent(s) after the concert, just please ensure the teacher/admin is aware that you are leaving.

We will be doing a concert rehearsal on Mon, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon so that our staff and students have a chance to take in the concert, and the participating students can practice.

**REMINDER - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2024-2025:**

Parents are asked to register their children for Kindergarten (2024-2025) as soon as possible. Children must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten in September 2024.

Parents are asked to register their child at their local elementary school during school hours. If you are unsure of your school zone, please call the Stratford Office at (902) 368-6990 or Summerside Office at (902) 888-8400 or toll-free at 1-800-280-7965.

A registration form will be completed at the time of registration. Parents are reminded to 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 at schools in the spring of 2024.

**CLOTHING ATTIRE:**

Please ensure your child is coming to school dressed for varying wet and cold temperatures. Recess will only be indoors if rain is heavy or is colder than -20.

### **BOOK FAIR UPDATE:**

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to support the Scholastic Book Fair that took place from November 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. We sold \$3562 worth of products which meant that we were able to keep **\$1284 worth of books for our school library.** Wow!

A special note of thanks goes to student volunteers: Chayce M, Jacob M, Keirsten S, Claire B, Sarah H, Ryder S, Clare C, Scarlett M, Daysha W, and Beyonca A.  
A big thank you to Ms. Jenkins and Ms. Bell for organizing and overseeing the book fair!

### **DANCE FOR GRADES 7-9:**

Montague Intermediate School is hosting the next dance on Thursday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm. Theme is red, green & white. Admission is \$5 plus a canned good item (donations are made to the Food Bank). The next dance is planned for some time in February (weather dependent). Our students were very well behaved at the October dance. We were very proud of how they represented our school.

### **HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT SCHOOL:**

We have some fun things planned to get into the festive spirit at school!

**Fri, Dec 15:** We are going to play music in the gym for the students to dance. This is non-formal, and just for fun! 1:30-2:00 (Gr 4-6), and 2:00-2:30 (Gr K-3). Note: This is Day 4, so our Gr 7-8 students will be at IHT.

**Mon, Dec 18:** Festive Hat Day

**Tue, Dec 19:** Red & Green Day

**Wed, Dec 20:** Christmas Sweater Day / Gr 8 Bake Sale / Leadership Assembly 1:45pm

**Thu, Dec 21:** Holiday Activity Stations in the afternoon. A treat will be provided to students.

**Fri, Dec 22:** PJ Day (last day of classes)

### **INTERNET SAFETY:**

RCMP representatives will be giving a presentation on internet safety at our school on Mon, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Grade 5-6 will be from 9:00-9:45 am, and Gr 7-8 from 10:00-10:45 am.

*~Have a wonderful long break! See you in 2024~*

**Next parent newsletter will be circulated via email and posted to the school website during the first week of every month.**