



The Black River Bear Weekly



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Bright Lights, Peace & Joy (and time for a break)...

A school year that began in the blistering heat of a sweltering September is now racing towards the halfway mark. The fall term is the longest continuous stretch of school time in the school year and, after a busy eventful and challenging term, we have reached the longest break of the school year. Over the past few weeks our staff and students have been embracing the excitement that this time of year brings with classroom and school wide celebrations and activities.

It is not a coincidence that in our northern climate, our families, diverse as they may be, choose to brighten the dark days of early winter with colourful lights and the company of those we cherish. The warmth of these celebrations helps take the sting out of our cold winter nights. Together with friends and family we have the chance to connect and celebrate; we hope you are able to do both, peacefully and with joy!

During the month of December you may be celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Aga Khan, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, or marking the death of the Prophet Zarathustra. Perhaps you will be celebrating your faith with the lights of Chanukah, your freedoms on Kwanzaa; or the ringing in the beginning of the New Year. Whatever your beliefs and, however you choose to celebrate them, our Black River staff wishes you all the joy of this season. We are proud to work in a community that values and celebrates our growing diversity.

The Black River Bear Weekly will be taking a break over the next few weeks and will not publish next Friday. Look for the next edition when we return in January. We wish you a joyous holiday and a Happy New Year, be safe & be well!

Brian Harrison & Christine Smith

The Week Ahead...

Mon. Dec. 16th	Day 1	
Tues. Dec. 17th	Day 2	Extreme Festive Sweater Day
Wed. Dec. 18th	Day 3	Pizza Order Deadline
Thurs. Dec. 19th	Day 4	Pizza Lunch Holiday Concert- 2:00
Fri. Dec. 20th	Day 5	Pajama Day Holiday Sing-Along- 12:00

Quick Hits...

Little Feet/Big Steps...Kindergarten registration will commence on **January 17, 2020 for the 2020-21 school year**. Registration may be completed online or by downloading the registration forms from the YRDSB website: www.yrdsb.ca. Children who turn four or five years old during 2020, live within our school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. A kindergarten information session for parents is being planned for this spring. Details on the online registration process will be available in January.

French Immersion Registration Info...Information sessions for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion (FI) program will take place on January 16, 2020 at 7 p.m at Keswick Public School. FI registration will begin on January 17, 2020. Parents or guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2020, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can contact our main office and request an *Office Index Card - short version*. This Office Index Card must be signed by the principal of the home school. Parents or guardians then take this form, along with one piece of identification showing their address to Keswick Public School between January 17 and February 7, 2020.

Council Corner...

Pizza Lunch Orders...A reminder that the deadline for winter pizza orders is Wed. Dec. 18th. We accept both paper orders or through [School Cash Online](#).

Holiday Ornament Sales...Our School Council will be selling ornaments at our Holiday Concert on Thursday, Dec. 19th @ 2:00

Bag to School...This year, once again our Council is sponsoring the Bag to School Fundraiser. Donations of men's, women's and children's clothing including all footwear and outerwear and belts, purses, handbags and clean linens and towels can be dropped off at the school for collection. A donation will be made back to the School Council based upon the number of items collected. For more information click [here](#). All donations will be collected **Friday, Dec. 20th**.

Council Updates and information...Parents are invited to join our **Black River School Council**. Council members work together to support student learning and wellness, host events and enhance our school program. The council meets at **5:30 next Monday, January 6th** . Please follow our [Black River School Council Facebook Page](#) for more information on what we are planning and what is happening in the school.

January @ Black River Public School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dec. 29	Dec. 30 Winter Break	Dec. 31 New Year's Eve Winter Break	1 New Year's Day Winter Break	2 Winter Break	3 Winter Break	4
5	6 Day 1 Epiphany (Christian) Classes Resume School Council @ 5:30	7 Day 2 Christmas (Eastern)	8 Day 3	9 Day 4 Pizza Lunch	10 Day 5	11
12	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 3	16 Day 4 Pizza Lunch	17 PA Day Kindergarten Registration @ 9:00	18 Epiphany (Eastern)
19	20 Day 5	21 Day 1	22 Day 2 Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament @ KHS	23 Day 3 Pizza Lunch	24 Day 4	25 Lunar New Year
26	27 Day 5	28 Day 1	29 Day 2	30 Day 2 Pizza Lunch	31 PA Day	Feb. 1

Please remember to check our school [website](#) calendar for current updates and details on school events.