



Bogart Banner

Information, Updates & Reminders

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December is here! The students have been enjoying the new snow on the ground! Forts are popping up all over the field, some students have been doing their best penguin impersonations on our small hill, and some students are trying their best to avoid going outside as much as possible. ☺

Please remember to have your child come to school dressed for the weather. Students will be going outside unless it is raining, or the temperature is below 20 degrees Celsius. We suggest sending your child in winter boots, a coat, hat, mitts/gloves and snow pants. Students often get snow in their boots at this time of year. Having an extra pair of socks and pants in their backpack is a great idea!

PICTURE DAY

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first picture day in a LONG time. The students looked amazing. Picture re-take day will be held February 24th. This will be the same day as our grade 8 graduation photos.

MORNING DROP-OFF/AFTERNOON PICKUP

Thank you to everyone for making sure the morning drop off and the afternoon pick up is going smoothly. We know that many of you are in a rush in the morning. We appreciate you slowing down and putting the safety of our students first.

FOOD DRIVE

Dear Bogart Community,

With the holiday season coming up, Bogart will be running a food drive for the local food pantry. The food drive will run from Monday, December 6th until Friday, December 10th. Recently, food pantries are expressing that the need is the highest they have seen, while donations remain low. We want to help stock the shelves!

Items that are in high demand include:

- Lunchbox-safe snacks (granola bars, fruit cups, applesauce pouches, cookies)
- Pasta and pasta sauces
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Soups
- Canned beans and pastas
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Canned meat and fish (tuna, salmon, chicken)
- Infant cereals and snacks
- Cat and dog food
- Can openers

Food pantries require that the items are unopened and are not past the expiry date.

If you are able, please send in any items that you would like to donate, with your child during the week of December 6th.

Thank you for your support!

HAT/MITTEN DRIVE

Our school will be collecting donations of new mittens/gloves and hats for children in need this Holiday season. This year, all donations will go to the Yellow Brick House.

All hats, gloves and mittens can be dropped off by students in the school office anytime between now and December 17th.

Bogart School Council

It's official: Bogart School Council has been established for the 2021-2022 school year. We would like to thank our past Co-chairs, Karen Wood and Paula Man for their leadership and service to our school community over the years. They have handed over the responsibility of Council Chair to Alex Thomas. We welcome Alex and wish the entire Council a successful year ahead. See the full list of official Council members below:

Parents/Guardians

Abhi Arora
Kristina Bergeron
Sarah Bower Keir
Sarah Carey
Franciss Espenido
Amanda Guarino
Karen Lennie
Kate Lloyd
Michael Loucas
Suzanne MacPherson
Buket Oktem
Walid Sharif
Brian Smith
Alex Thomas
Karen Wood

Staff

Principal Scott Richardson
Mrs. Alicia Fassel-Casson
Ms. Annelise Plummer
Vice Principal Craig Barton

We would like to remind you that all parents and guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend monthly council meetings. If you are interested in attending an upcoming meeting, check out our school [calendar](#) for dates and please reach out if you would like an invite to our next meeting! Our next virtual meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 7 at 6:30pm** and we welcome you to join us. To stay informed, past Meeting Minutes and Financial Reports can be found [here](#) on our website.

School Council helps to strengthen the important relationship between the school and parents/guardians. Getting involved gives you the opportunity to be part of a team working to ensure a high quality of education and a united school community. For more information on what School Council does and other ways you can stay engaged and involved in your child's education, refer to York Region District School Board's [website](#).

Are you a Graphic Designer?

As we approach a new year, we would like to give 'The Bogart Banner' a brand-new look. We are calling on our talented parents/guardians/students who have graphic design skill and a bit of spare time. If you are able and willing to volunteer your time and skill to designing an updated newsletter for the school, please reach out to craig.barton@yrdsb.ca. Thank you.

Message From Our Trustee – December 2021

With case counts remaining relatively stable, I want to take this opportunity to thank our students, families and staff members for continuing to adhere to health and safety protocols. Your efforts are appreciated and important to protecting the health and safety of our school community members. As we have since the start of the pandemic, the school board continues to meet regularly with public health and follow their guidance. Families looking for more information or resources on COVID-19 and our schools, including health and safety guidelines, frequently asked questions and mental health resources, please visit www.yrdsb.ca/school-reopening or York Region's www.york.ca/safeatschool.

In November, we held the **school council forums**. I appreciated the opportunity to participate in shared learning with school council representatives on priority topics including the ABCs of mental health and actioning anti-racism practices. Thank you to all of the participants and to all school council members for your partnership. There are so many valuable [ways families help to strengthen our schools and support student learning and achievement](#). We value the partnership that we have with families, and thank you for your ongoing support.

As partners, we want to support you in supporting your child's learning, achievement and well-being. The **Family Resources** page on the Board website provides quick access to online tools such as Google Classroom, School Cash Online, Edsby and more. It also provides links to information to support you in engaging in your child's learning - resources like translation tools, IT support for families and tips on protecting your child's privacy online. It also includes links to other information you may find helpful. Find it at www.yrdsb.ca/familyresources or from the link on the homepage.

Over the past few months, York Region District School Board has been conducting a review of its Trustee Areas. The boundaries of the areas that school board trustees represent change over time. The goal of the **Trustee Determination and Distribution Study** is to ensure fair and equitable representation of all public school supporters. Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation on the proposed options. The final report will be presented at the Board of Trustees meeting on February 8. You can find more [information about the study and the recommendations on the Board website](#).

The upcoming winter season is a time of celebration for many, and I want to wish you and your families a happy, healthy and safe holiday season. I hope that over the winter break, you find time to rest, relax and rejuvenate and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Linda Gilbert

Trustee - Newmarket

HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

We would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season this year! Many students are already talking about how excited they are for Hanukkah, Christmas, other celebrations/traditions and spending more time with their family! Although we appreciate goodwill and generosity, please know that we are not accepting class treats at this time. Items sent to school will be kindly returned.

LUNCH ASSISTANTS WANTED

We are still in need of additional lunch assistants this year! If you are interested in applying for this paid position, please email bogart.ps@yrdsb.ca for more information!