



Mazo Matters: Monday, December 11- 15, 2023

Dear Mazo Parent(s)/ Guardian(s):

With the winter break approaching (only 2 weeks away), we understand that some families have made plans to be out of town a little bit early. If that is the case for your family, please remember to input your child's(ren) absence in Edsby and inform your child's homeroom teacher. This will prevent our attendance system and our office staff from disrupting your time away by calling you to confirm your child's absence. Also, this reassures us that your children are safe.

This week:

Monday, December 11 2023 Day 1	Tuesday, December 12, 2023 Day 2	Wednesday, December 13 , 2023 Day 3	Thursday, December 14, 2023 Day 4	Friday, December 15, 2023 Day 5
Holiday cookie and milk day		Kids Kitchen	Pizza Lunch	Zucca's Lunch

Hero Burger *NEW*

Mazo is happy to offer another lunch option for students on Tuesdays. This is live right now through December 29, 2023. Please see School Cash online for more details including menu options and cost. If you order this lunch option for your child(ren), dates include:

- January: 9, 16, 23, 30.

Zucca's Lunch Dates

If you have ordered Zucca's lunch for your child, please note the remaining dates for this session:

- December: 8, 15 (not the 22nd)
- January: 12 (not the 19th, as it is a PA Day), 26.

Pizza Lunch Dates

If you have ordered pizza for your child, please note the remaining dates for this session:

- December: 7, 14

We thank your School Council and our volunteers for making pizza lunches possible.

Are you interested in Pizza lunch in the new year? Pizza is now live on School Cash Online for purchase until **Sunday, December 31, 2023**. Dates for this session include:

- January: 11, 18, 25
- February: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- March: 7, 21, 28

Mazo Spirit Week: December 18 - 22

The Intermediate Student Leadership Team is organizing a Mazo Spirit Week leading to our December break!

<p><u>MONDAY: Mazo Spirit Day</u> - Wear your Mazo Spirit wear or Mazo colours! (green, white, black)</p> <p><u>TUESDAY: Colour Day</u> Wear the colour for your grade: Grade 2- Pink, Grade 3-Red, Grade 4- Blue, Grade 5-Orange, Grade 6-Green, Grade 7- Purple, Grade 8- Black</p> <p><u>WEDNESDAY: Sports Day</u> - Wear your favourite team's jersey, or any sports related clothing you want!</p>	<p><u>THURSDAY: Dress Your Best Day</u> - Wear your nice/ formal clothes (be sure to still dress appropriately for the weather)</p> <p><u>FRIDAY: Cozy Day</u> - Wear your cozy clothes! No slippers or stuffies please!</p> <p>GO Mazo Mustang's Go!!</p>
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December 14: Holiday Concert:

Mazo invites you to our Winter Concert on Thursday, December 14th at 6:45 p.m. Mazo's Choir and Dance Club will be performing during the evening. The concert will begin promptly at 6:45 and will be about 60 minutes in length. We look forward to welcoming you to Mazo.

Food Drive: November 13 - December 11

The Mazo Intermediate Student Leadership Team is running a food drive for our local Newmarket Food Pantry. This initiative will run from **November 13th to December 11th, 2023**. We would greatly appreciate it if you could donate non-perishable food items, toiletries or baby items (such as diapers and baby formula). Donations can be dropped off in the boxes in our front foyer, or the donation box in your child's classroom. Thank you in advance for your interest in supporting our Newmarket community.

Coats for Kids: October 30 - December 22 - Extended Deadline

We thank our generous community for your winter wear donations to date. These donations will be helpful to our local community. We continue to look for new or gently used washed hats, mittens/gloves, coats, snow pants, boots, scarves and neck warmers/earmuffs. We are looking for all sizes from infants to adults. Our most in demand items are adult coats, small to extra-large. In the last 2 years, the Mazo community has donated over 1000 articles of clothing for the Lion's Club. There will be a bin in the office for all donations. You can send your child(ren) to school with your winter wear donations between **Monday, October 30 and December 22, 2023**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found collection of items remains significant. If your child is missing clothing items, please remind him/her/ them to visit the Lost and Found to see if their lost items have been retrieved. **Items that remain on December 22 will be donated to Coats for Kids.**

Congratulations, Junior Volleyball Players!

Each and every one of you, has worked so hard over the past few weeks and we have seen massive improvement, in such a short amount of time. We're so proud of you and your team. Everyone demonstrated team spirit and inspired each other in many different ways, which was beautiful to see, as volleyball is about being part of a team and supporting each other throughout games, and tournaments. The tournaments we had were incredible and we were overjoyed to see the dedication and development. We hope you had lots of fun as a team, as individuals and as one of Mazo's athletes - you are all Mustangs now! It was truly amazing seeing everyone improve since the first practice at lunch for the volleyball club. Congratulations to you all! Sincerely, your student coaches.

Upcoming Dates

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 7 - 15: Hanukkah, Judaism December 14: Winter Concert, 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm in the gym December 25 - January 5: Winter Break January 5: Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Sikhism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 7: Diamond Day, Christmas (Eastern), Christianity January 8: School Resumes January 15: School Council meeting, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm January 25: \$5 Skate sale revised date
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Sincerely,

K. Gousis
Principal

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Vice-Principal