



Mazo Matters: Monday, December 4- 8, 2023

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

With December upon us, the official start of winter is just around the corner. As the temperature cools, it is important for students to dress warmly for the weather. Wearing hats, mitts, scarves, boots etc. in order to keep warm is important for all. Also, it is important for students to change into indoor shoes once they are in the building. An extra pair of socks is helpful to keep on hand at school for students to use in the event their feet get wet. There is lots of clothing with logos of various types. Please keep in mind that clothing with language/graphics that refer to alcohol, tobacco, profanity, violence, weapons, sexually explicit references/or pictures; and clothing that contravenes the Human Rights Code in any way, should not be worn at school. All students go out for recess unless they are part of a club or team which calls for their attendance indoors.

This week:

Monday, December 4, 2023 Day 1	Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Day 2	Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Day 3	Thursday, December 7, 2023 Day 4	Friday, December 8, 2023 Day 5
		Kids Kitchen	Pizza Lunch	Zucca's Lunch

Zucca's Lunch Today (Friday, December 1), the new session for Zucca's lunch began. For those who have forgotten to order and would like to, we are extending the deadline to Sunday, December 3. **Zucca's** lunches for the month of December and January, may be purchased at www.schoolcashionline.com Please note, this session will include **5 weeks**. These include: December 1st, 8th and 15th (not the 22nd), January 12th (not the 19th, as it is a PA Day) and the 26th. Unfortunately, no late orders can be accepted. Bon appetit!

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

Festive Treat at Mazo: December 11

Freshly baked gingerbread cookies to be supplied by *The Cookie Diva* (taste tested and they truly are yummy). For those wishing to participate, these cookies will be offered to students with the option of white or chocolate milk on Monday, December 11th at first recess! Cookies are individually wrapped and are nut free. Please note: the nut-free label means the product does not contain nuts. However, it does not guarantee the snack was made inside a dedicated nut free facility. The cost is \$5.50. Enjoy!

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. Please consider bringing in donations when you come into the school for parent teacher interviews on November 16th and 17th. Thank you in advance for your interest in supporting our Newmarket community.

Junior Volleyball Club Tournaments

Junior volleyball players have been working incredibly hard on their volleyball skills including: volleys, bumps and serves, as well as spirit and teamwork. This will be showcased in our Mazo only Junior tournaments!

These tournaments will be after school, starting at 2:45 pm and open to parents, families and friends to watch. We will have drinks, snacks and pizza. We invite you to come support the teams and all Mustang athletes! Our boys' tournament is coming up on Tuesday December 5th, 2023.

Coats for Kids: October 30 - December 15

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 15, 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 15 will be donated to Coats for Kids.**

Safe Arrival Program, Late Arrival and Early Pick Up

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please include this information directly into Edsby or call our **Safe Arrival Line** at Mazo de la Roche P.S at 905-836-1032. **You must report the absence before 8:00 am.** Any student arriving late for **any reason** must report to the office prior to attending class. We appreciate your support in trying not to pick up students just before the dismissal bell at the end of the day, unless your child has an appointment. Let's work together to ensure regular punctual attendance at school. This supports consistent classroom routines and uninterrupted student learning.

Upcoming Dates

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 8: Mazo Marketplace December 12: Mazo \$5 Skate Sale, 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm December 14: Winter Concert, 6:45 pm - 8:00 pm in the gym 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 25 - January 5: Winter Brea January 8: School Resumes January 15: School Council meeting, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm
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Sincerely,
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Principal

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Vice-Principal