

**Mazo Matters: Monday, December 18-22, 2023**

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

This is our last week of school before the Winter Break begins! It is a time of excitement for some and mixed feelings for others in anticipation of the next 10 weekdays away from school. While we understand there may be a range of emotions with the break upon us soon, we will work to maintain routines, predictability and our usual high expectations of students' effort in all academic areas and in their ongoing safe, positive and respectful interactions with students and adults.

**This week:**

Monday, December 18, 2023 Day 1	Tuesday, December 19, 2023 Day 2	Wednesday, December 20, 2023 Day 3	Thursday, December 21, 2023 Day 4	Friday, December 22, 2023 Day 5
		Kids Kitchen	Remember, no pizza lunch today	Remember, no Zucca's Lunch today

**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:

- January: 12 (not the 19th, as it is a PA Day), 26.

**Pizza Lunch Dates**

**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><b><u>MONDAY: Mazo Spirit Day</u></b> - Wear your Mazo Spirit wear or Mazo colours! (green, white, black)</p> <p><b><u>TUESDAY: Colour Day</u></b> 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><b><u>WEDNESDAY: Sports Day</u></b> - Wear your favourite team's jersey, or any sports related clothing you want!</p>	<p><b><u>THURSDAY: Dress Your Best Day</u></b> - Wear your nice/ formal clothes (be sure to still dress appropriately for the weather)</p> <p><b><u>FRIDAY: Cozy Day</u></b> - Wear your cozy clothes! No slippers or stuffies please!</p> <p>GO Mazo Mustang's Go!!</p>
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**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 have been bagged and are ready to 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"> <li>December 25 - January 5: Winter Break</li> <li>January 5: Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, Sikhism</li> <li>January 7: Diamond Day, Christmas (Eastern), Christianity</li> <li>January 8: School Resumes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 15: School Council meeting, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm</li> <li><b>January 25: \$5 Skate sale revised date</b></li> </ul>
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Sincerely,

K. Gousis  
Principal

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Vice-Principal