

Weekly Newsletter Email

Hello Meadowbrook families,

Happy Hannukah to all who have been celebrating this week.

Holiday Heroes Donations – 3 days left

If you have been in the school, you will have noticed our hat and mitten tree is up in the main hallway. We are collecting new hats and mittens, along with new unwrapped toys and grocery gift cards to support the Holiday Heroes campaign. All items will be donated to local families in need through a partnership with York Region Police and the Salvation Army. Pick up is Dec. 13 so we have only 3 days left to fill our tree. Please consider adding a new hat or mittens/gloves to the tree next week.

Talent Show

The student council is planning a talent show for the afternoon and evening of Dec. 20th. All classes are preparing a gallery of art in the hallways. The Band will be performing and our grade 8's will be selling popcorn to raise money for their graduation. The event runs from 6 to 7:30 and we invite all families to come and join us. The school will be presenting a full concert later in the year on May 9. Please save the date.

Free Winter Coats, Hats and Mitts

Thanks to some very generous donations, we have a lot of coats, hats, mitts, boots and snow pants to give away. If you could use some warm, winter outerwear, please let us know. We have a lot of wonderful donations that we hope to give to anyone who can use.

Parking Lot

We would like to remind all of our drivers of the importance of safety in our parking lot. During drop off and pick up, we kindly ask that cars do not drive past busses in the bus loop and that cars do not park along the driveway.

In the Event of a School Bus Cancellation

To ensure the safety of students, school bus service may be cancelled from time to time due to inclement weather, extreme temperatures and/or poor road conditions. In these cases, parents and students should develop alternate care/transportation arrangements. Since some busing schedules begin by 7:00 a.m., cancellation decisions must be made by 6:00 a.m. to allow time to communicate this message to bus drivers. Cancellation decisions will only be made after thorough consultation with the Safety Officers of school bus companies servicing York Region and are based on several factors including precipitation, air temperature, road conditions and weather forecast. Please note the following:

- A decision to cancel school bus service will be region-wide meaning all school buses, vans and taxis will not operate.
- When bus service is cancelled all school tests and/or examinations will be cancelled and rescheduled.

- Student trips involving the use of school buses will also be cancelled.
- School bus routes may be cancelled when severe weather may not be affecting all municipalities in York Region. Both the YRDSB and YCDSB operate many regional educational programs. Students attending these programs are transported over large attendance areas encompassing several municipal boundaries. This limits the ability to cancel bus service using a municipality or zone methodology.
- Unless otherwise stated, schools will remain open and parents can make arrangements to transport their children to and from school even if school bus service is cancelled. If buses are cancelled in the morning, they will not operate in the afternoon. Therefore, students transported to school by parents will require the same transportation home. Parents, students and school staff are asked to access the following radio and television stations after 6:00 a.m. to receive bus cancellation information:

Radio

590 am, 640 am, 680 am, 860 am, 1010 am, 1050 am, 1540 am, 1580 am, 88.5 fm, 89.9 fm, 92.5 fm, 93.1 fm, 94.9 fm, 95.9 fm, 97.3 fm, 98.1 fm, 99.1 fm, 99.9 fm, 101.1 fm, 102.1 fm, 104.5 fm, 100.7 fm, 107.1 fm

Television

City Tv, CTV Barrie, CTV Toronto, CP24, Global News

Bus cancellation message will also be available at [School Bus City Website](#) and by calling 1-877-330-3001, or by following the York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board on twitter.

This Coming Week

Monday December 10	Day 1 Girls Inc
Tuesday December 11	Day 2 Next Gen Men
Wednesday December 12	Day 3 Hack-a-thon in library; Pizza Day
Thursday December 13	Day 4 Ontario Early Years drop in 8:45 – 11:00
Friday December 14	Day 5 Every Student Counts Surveys Due

Upcoming Events

- Dec 17 – Kwanzaa day – (red, green and black)
- Dec. 18 – Hannukah day – (blue, silver, white)
- Dec. 19 – Christmas Pajamas day
- Dec. 20 – Hat and Antler day
- Dec 20 – Talent Show (student run!)
- Dec. 21 – Christmas Sweater/Ugly Sweater day
- Dec 22 – Jan 6 – Winter Break

York Region District School Board: Information for Families

The York Region Board of Education is dedicated to supporting each student and to providing important information to all families. As part of this, workshops are offered throughout the year on a variety of topics. We will endeavor to share all of this information with families on our weekly update. Please see the information for these workshops under [newsletters](#) on our school [website](#).

Sincerely,

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