

The Northern Highlights

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November...	30	Grade 1-3 Skating
December...	3	School Council 7pm Gr 7/8 ROM Trip
	5	Gr 5 Dance Workshops Gr 3 Visit the Orthodontist
	3-14	Food Drive
	10-14	Scholastic Book Fair
	11-14	Candy Gram Sales
	12	Gr 8 Dr GW Williams visits NLPS
	13	Holiday Concert "Songs for a Winter Night"
	14	Grade 1-3 Skating
	17-21	Spirit Week
		Monday Jersey Day!
		Tuesday Ugly/Silly Sweater Day!
		Wednesday Beach Day!
		Thursday Backwards Day!
		Friday Pyjama Day!
	21	Grade 1-3 Skating
	21	Last Day before the Winter Break

News and Updates:

- **Reading volunteers** - We are seeking parents to read with students in primary classes on a weekly basis in the mornings. Parents require a current completed vulnerable sector screening in order to volunteer in school. A training session will be provided for volunteers. If interested, please contact Katrina Paivio katrina.paivio@yrdsb.ca
- **Holiday Concert** - Please see the attached flyer for information on classes performing in our "Songs for a Winter Night" concert on Thursday, December 13, 2018.
- **Fire Route** - As a reminder, there is absolutely no parking in the front bus loop (East side of building) at any time of the day. This is a designated fire route and only school buses/taxis are permitted to use this loop at drop off and pick up time. A number of families have received \$100 tickets for parking in the front loop at various times of the day for only a few minutes, as the by-law officers are circulating and issuing violations to the fire route. Parking is only permitted in designated parking spots on the South side of the school, and not in the drop-off/pick-up lane.

- **Grade 8 Trip to Dr. G.W. Williams – reported by our Prime Minister Julia H.**
On November 14th, all of the Northern Lights grade 8's spent the morning at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School. It was a great way for all of us grade 8's to see what the high school experience is like and see what all of our options are. When we got there, we were welcomed in by the peer mentors, a group of students who were there to help us find different classrooms and answer any questions we had regarding the school. We were then given personalized schedules for the morning. Each schedule had 3 different courses, the teacher's name, the room number, and the time of the session. We had a brief assembly with all of the schools that were visiting, where the Vice Principal and Principal welcomed us and told us about what we were doing. From there we went to our 3 different sessions, each for 20 minutes. These sessions gave us a sneak peek as to what we could expect, if we were to actually take that course. The teachers also took the time to explain to us what the difference is between the applied courses, academic, IB, etc. At the end of our sessions we all met back in the gym to ask any questions that we had and had student representatives, as well as teachers, answer them. Overall, it was a learning experience we will be able to refer back to when we make our course selections and have to decide what path we want to take for high school. We all learned a lot and it was great to have all of our questions about high school answered.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

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Principal

Vice-Principal