

# Northern Highlights



## Community Update

Week of January 8th, 2024

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Jan. 8th Day 1	Jr. Girls Volleyball Practice - am recess Int. Girls Basketball Tryout - pm recess Intermediate Band Practice - Woodwinds - pm recess	<b>Jan 7th</b> - Eastern Christmas <b>Jan. 19th</b> - PA DAY - No Classes for Student <b>Jan 19th</b> - <u>Registration for Kindergarten and French Immersion Begins</u> <b>Jan. 30th</b> - Jr. Boys Area Tournament <b>Jan. 31st</b> - Graduation Photos <b>Feb. 1st</b> - Jr. Girls Volleyball <b>Feb. 2nd</b> - PA Day <b>Feb. 5th</b> - School Council Meeting 6:30 pm <b>Feb. 10th</b> - Lunar New Year
Tuesday Jan. 9th Day 2	Int. Boys Volleyball Practice - am recess Jr. Girls Volleyball Practice - pm recess Intermediate Band Practice - Brass and Percussion - pm recess	
Wednesday Jan. 10th Day 3	The Creativity Club - Grades 6-8 - am recess Jr. Boys Volleyball Practice - am recess Int. Girls Basketball - pm recess Int. Band Practice - after school practice	
Thursday Jan. 11th Day 4	The Journal Group- Grade 6 - am recess Jr. Girls Volleyball Practice am recess Int. Boys Basketball - pm recess Sub Lunch (Block 2 begins) Jr. Girls Volleyball Game with Hartman @ NLPS after school	
Friday Jan. 12th Day 5	Jr. Boys Volleyball Practice am recess Pizza Lunch (Block 2 begins)	

### \*INFORMATION & UPDATES\*

**HOLIDAY WISHES:** As our first four months draw to a close and we head into the winter break, on behalf of the staff we would like to extend our best wishes to all for a safe and healthy happy holiday. We hope everyone has a chance to slow down for a few days, make some wonderful memories and enjoy time with friends and loved ones. To those who are celebrating, we wish you a Joyful Kwanzaa and Merry Christmas; and to all we would like to extend best wishes for a safe and happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2024!



**ELEMENTARY PROGRESS REPORTS - ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION:** We have received notice from the board that the electronic distribution of Elementary Progress Reports (on hold since November), has begun, and students should receive their reports by the end of the week. This will be sent to their G-Mail account that they will need to access through signing into their school accounts. **Please note these are digital copies of the hard copy reports that were already distributed to families in November.**

**ARTS@BAYTHORN REGISTRATION PROCESS:** Registration opens January 15, 2024 for 2024-2025 Arts@Baythorn program. Current Grade 4 and 5 students can apply. Please see the [linked presentation](#) for additional information.



### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY DAY PLANS FOR FRIDAY JANUARY 19th, 2024:

Please note all YRDSB schools will be closed on Friday January 19th, 2024. On this day, teachers and other educators in the building will be engaged in learning activities that focus on reporting and ongoing communication regarding student achievement and well-being. Please refer to the outline below for more information regarding the upcoming PA Day.

**Length:** Full Day

**Topic:** Report Card Preparation, Reporting to Parents, Ongoing Communication

**Entity Hosting:** All Elementary Schools

**Presenter(s)/Facilitator(s):** Teacher/DECE

**Description:** Full Day of Professional activities focused on reporting to parents and ongoing communication regarding student achievement and well-being.

**\*INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS\***

**SUB LUNCH:** Thursday Sub Lunch will continue in January & February with Subway providing the sandwiches. School Cash Online is open until Friday, January 5th to place orders. Please note there are NO tomatoes on the turkey and ham subs this time as students were finding the subs soggy. A reminder that late orders will not be accepted. Thursday Sub Lunch dates are: **January 11, 18 & 25 / February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.**

**PIZZA LUNCH ORDERS:** Friday Pizza Lunch will continue in the New Year. Block 2 will run from January until March. Online ordering through School Cash Online is open until Friday, January 5th to place orders. Late orders will not be accepted. Block 2 Pizza dates are: **January 12 & 26 / February 9, 16 & 23 / March 1, 8 & 22, 2024**

**FRENCH IMMERSION INFORMATION NIGHT AND REGISTRATION:** For students attending NLPS, the **French Immersion Information Night will take place on January 18, 2024 at 7 p.m, at Devin's Driver Public School.** Please visit the [FSL page](#) for more information about the information night and French Immersion registration. Our senior kindergarten families can also access our [French Immersion Newsletter](#) for more detailed information. More information about registration will be available in January.

**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** Kindergarten registration for the 2024/2025 school year begins on Friday, January 19, 2024. Families can register their children for kindergarten using the following options:

- Online - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at [www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten) registration. It is recommended that families use a laptop or a desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete this registration.
- By email - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at [www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten](http://www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten) and email the completed form to their school email address.
- By phone - Families can request support to complete the registration form on their behalf by collecting the required information by phone. Families can request an interpreter, if needed.
- In-person at the school - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete a registration form.

**STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS NEWSLETTER:** Student Mental Health and Addictions is pleased to provide monthly newsletters that focus on various pertinent mental health topics. Please click on the following [link](#) to access the January newsletter.

**WINTER WEATHER INFORMATION:** A reminder that students are expected to come to school [dressed appropriately for the weather conditions](#) and outdoor play. Parents sometimes request their children be kept indoors during recess times because they are not feeling well. Please note that we do not have supervision for students to remain inside in these instances. Students with illnesses serious enough to prevent them from participating in normal school activities - physical education, recess or other outdoor activities - should remain at home until their condition improves.

**TRANSPORTATION CANCELLATIONS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES:** While we are committed to keeping our schools open on every instructional day to meet the needs of students and the community, there may be rare occasions when emergency weather conditions occur and we may need to close all schools and Board locations. We encourage families to have plans in place in the event of an emergency school closure. Additional information regarding the YRDSB response to severe weather is [available here](#).

