

Northern Highlights



Community Update

Week of December 16th, 2024

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Dec. 16 Day 1	Learning Skills Recognition Assembly (9:15 am)	Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Winter Break (no school) Jan. 6 - First Day Back Jan. 17 - Kindergarten Registration Begins
Tuesday Dec. 17 Day 2		
Wednesday Dec. 18 Day 3		
Thursday Dec. 19 Day 4	Winter Concert (6:00 pm)	
Friday Dec. 20 Day 5		

INFORMATION & UPDATES

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Is your child turning 4 or 5 in 2025? Mark your calendars. Kindergarten registration opens on January 17.

How to Register:

- **Online** - Families can access the online Kindergarten registration information at www.yrdsb.ca/kindergarten. It is recommended that families use a laptop, or desktop, rather than a mobile device to complete the registration. Current families can also find the program registration link in the [Family Dashboard](#).
- **By email** - Families can download the [Elementary School Registration Form](#) at www.yrdsb.ca/Kindergarten and email the completed form to northern.lights.ps@yrdsb.ca
- **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, during this phone conversation.
- **In-person at the school** - Families may visit the school office to drop off or complete the registration form.

Once you have completed your application, the school will contact you to make an appointment to review and verify the [required documents](#).

SPIRIT WEEK: Northern Lights PS Student Council has organized a Spirit Week for December 16-20. Students and staff are invited to take part in showing their spirit each day with a variety of spirit themes:

- **MON, DEC 16th** - Hat Day (wear your favourite hat today)
- **TUE, DEC 17th** - Character Day (dress as your favourite TV/Cartoon/Comic characters - **NO masks/toy weapons are allowed**)
- **WED, DEC 18th** - Festive Colours Day (wear your holiday colours - red, green, gold, silver, blue or an “ugly” holiday sweater)

- **THUR, DEC 19th** - Jersey Day (if you play a sport or participate on a team, wear your own team jersey or a favourite sports team e.g.: Leafs, Raptors, Blue Jays etc.)
- **FRI, DEC 20th** - Cozy Day or PJ Day (wear your most comfy, cozy clothes or PJs)

FRENCH IMMERSION: Registration will take place from January 17th - February 10, 2025. An in-person information session will be offered at [French Immersion program locations](#) on January 16, 2025, at 7 pm. Registration is not first-come, first-served. Parents/guardians of Senior Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2025 and wishing to enroll in the FI Program can email or call their home school office (where your child currently attends) and declare their intention to register in FI. Late registrations are those submitted after February 10, 2025. Late registrations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis and will be considered subsequent to registrations received during the registration period should overflow be necessary. Families registering students who do not currently attend a YRDSB school will need to complete full registration paperwork at their designated FI school. Please contact the school to make an appointment.

BUS LOOP CLOSURES: As per the directives from YRDSB Plant Services, our back school field will be closed until it is frozen and/or fully snow-covered. To ensure our students have ample space to play safely, we will be closing the front bus loop to vehicles during recess times (10:25-10:55 and 12:55-1:35). This will allow us to accommodate students playing in the front area, thereby freeing up some of the back tarmac space and reducing congestion. During these times, we kindly remind parents to use the parking lot to pick up and drop off their children. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

YORK REGION VOLLEYBALL: York Region Sports is hosting a Learn & Play Program for students from grades 3-8 who are interested in learning and improving volleyball skills. [Please click here](#) for further information.

INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS ISSUES OF THE NORTHERN HIGHLIGHTS

UNDERSTANDING AND NAVIGATING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM: Families, parents, and caregivers, please join The Centre for Black Student Excellence for their virtual monthly meeting where families with Black children come together to learn about resources and upcoming programs for Black students. [Please click here](#) for registration and information.

BAYTHORN ARTS APPLICATION OPEN: The Arts@Baythorn invites students to explore Dance, Drama, Visual Arts and Music integrated into learning each and every day in a collaborative & cooperative learning environment. Applications open July 13, 2025. [Please click here](#) to see the flyer for more information.

FRENCH IMMERSION: Information Sessions - This year, our Information session for Grade 1 entry into the French Immersion program will take place in French Immersion schools on January 16, 2025, at 7 p.m. Program locations and additional information is available on our [website](#). If families are unable to attend the information session, they can hear about the French Immersion program on the [Tune In YRDSB: French Immersion Podcast](#).

Registration - FI registration will begin on January 17, 2025. Parents or guardians of Year 2 Kindergarten students entering Grade 1 in 2024, and wishing to enrol in the FI Program, can email or call their home school office and indicate their intention to enrol. The home school will notify the French Immersion school, and the French Immersion school will contact families by phone or email to collect any necessary information. Families are asked to register by February 10, 2025. Registration during this period is not first come, first served.

PIZZA LUNCH (BLOCK 2): Ordering is now open in School CashOnline for families to place orders for Pizza Lunch. The dates for pizza are **January 10 & 24 / February 7, 14, 21 & 28 / March 7, 21 & 28, 2025**. The deadline to order is Friday, December 20th. Late orders will not be accepted after the deadline. Extra pizza is sold on the day of each lunch at \$3.00 per slice and sold on a FIRST-COME; FIRST-SERVED basis.