

# Northern Highlights



## Community Update

Week of December 9th, 2024

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DATE	ACTIVITIES	UPCOMING
Monday Dec. 9 Day 1		Dec. 16 - Learning Skills Recognition Assembly (9:15 am) Dec. 19 - NLPS Winter Concert (6:00 pm) Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Winter Break (no school)
Tuesday Dec. 10 Day 2		
Wednesday Dec. 11 Day 3	Primary Ice Skating (9:00 am-12:00 pm)	
Thursday Dec. 12 Day 4		
Friday Dec. 13 Day 5		

### \*INFORMATION & UPDATES\*

**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.

**STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS NEWSLETTER:** [Please click here](#) to read the December 2024 edition of the Student Mental Health and Addictions Newsletter.

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

**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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS:** As the weather starts to turn colder, we want to take this opportunity to remind families about our procedures for [extreme cold and inclement weather](#) and the potential for transportation cancellations.

**PRIMARY SKATE PROGRAM:** Please remember to submit payment (\$11.00) and permission through School Cash Online for the Primary Skate Program for students in Grades 1-3. Thank you to families that have already done so. The Primary Skate Program is part of the Physical Education program. The dates for skating are **Thursday, November 28, December 11 & 18, 2024**. Students will be skating at the Aurora Family Leisure Complex located at 135 Industrial Parkway N., Aurora. Staff, students and volunteers will walk to and from Northern Lights P.S. and the AFLC arena. Please click on the following links if you are interested in [Volunteering](#) or if your child will need to [borrow skating equipment](#) to participate.