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December 16 2020

January



Grandfather Teaching: Wisdom To have wisdom is to know the difference between good and bad and to know the result of your actions. (Love), so that he would love his brother and sister and share with them.



Character Trait: Fairness

We are sensitive to the needs of each individual. We treat each other as we wish to be treated ourselves. We interact with others without stereotyping, prejudice or discrimination. We stand up for human rights.

Character Matters!

School Clean Up

In order to help our caretakers do a deeper cleaning of the school while we are away, staff will be sending students' items home. Please keep an eye out for additional belongings such as shoes, clothing, projects/assignments and other evaluated work as these items make their way home in over the coming days.



Dear Parents / Guardians

I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank our office, caretaking, support and teaching staff for their wonderful support over the last six weeks and making my stay truly wonderful. One measure of a great school is compassion and professionalism of their staff and in these terms Queensville and Sharon are indeed great schools. In addition it has been my pleasure to work with the school councils, parents and students of both Queensville and Sharon P.S. I have enjoyed my interactions with you and will miss the students. Mr. Arnott is scheduled to return on Jan. 4 2021 and I wish him the very best. I hope that all of you have a very happy holiday and successful new year.

Happy New Year!



**Holidays Starts
December 19
School Resumes
Monday, January 4, 2021**

Best wishes

Robert Sandiford



Packing safe lunches

Food poisoning, or food-borne illness, can happen to anyone. The main causes of food-borne illness are Salmonella and other bacteria. While stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea are the most common symptoms, severe cases may require hospitalization. Prevent food-borne illness when making your child's lunch. Remember these safe food handling tips:

1. **Clean** – Wash your hands, the utensils, cooking surfaces, and all fruits and vegetables before preparing or eating them
2. **Separate** - Do not allow raw or unwashed food to come into contact with ready-to-eat food
3. **Store** perishable food items (meat, eggs and dairy) out of the danger zone (between

4°C/40°F and 60°C/140°F)

- *Keep cold food items cold* by using an insulated lunch bag and freezer gel packs

- *Keep hot food items hot* by using preheated, insulated containers

Remind your children to wash their hands before and after eating and to throw out

perishable leftovers after lunch— *freezer packs or insulated containers do not last all day*. Wash and sanitize reusable lunch bags before reusing.

January has many Celebrations and Events: Happy Holidays



1 Snow Moon (local Oneida) At the time of the Snow moon, Mother Earth rests so that when the warm winds and the thunder renew the earth, she will be able to come back to life and be in bloom again. This is the end of the entire year cycle...as told by 1 of the Thames Elders.

1 New Year's Day



Buddhism Solar New Year North American Buddhists of all schools attend a special service in the temple.



Shinto Gantan-sai Japanese welcome in the New Year with prayers for renewal of hearts, good health, and prosperity. They wear their best clothes and visit shrines in large numbers - sometimes at the very stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve. During the seven days of the holiday, people visit one another's homes to offer good wishes for the coming year.



Zarathushti (**Zoroastrianism**) **4** Ghambar Maidyarem ends. Begins December 31 and runs to January 4. Ghambar Maidyarem celebrates the creation of animals and is a time for an equitable sharing of food.



Sikhism **5** Birth date of Guru Gobind Singh Ji (1666 - 1708)The tenth and final Sikh Guru, he created the Khalsa, the Fellowship of the Pure, and declared the Scriptures, the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, to be the Sikh's Guru from that time on.



Christianity **6** Epiphany (W) Known as the Feast of Theophany ('appearance of God') in Orthodox churches, the Feast of Epiphany ("appearance" or 'manifestation') comes 12 days after Christmas and closes the Christmas season with a second festival of 'manifesting' Jesus as the Son of God, the first being the Feast of the Nativity. The Western churches associate Epiphany with the journey of the Magi to the infant Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12), while the Orthodox churches look to the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in which the Holy Trinity was first revealed or 'appeared' the incarnate Son heard the voice of the Father and saw the Holy Spirit descending on him (Matthew 3:16-17). Those Orthodox churches which follow the 'New Calendar' (see the link Religions, on the sub navigation bar) celebrate The Feast of Theophany on January 6, while the Orthodox Churches which follow the 'Old Calendar' celebrate it on January 19. Some Western churches celebrate Epiphany on the Sunday after the first Saturday in January



Eastern / Old / Orthodox **Christianity** **6** Armenian Christmas The Armenian Orthodox Church celebrates the nativity of Jesus on Epiphany.



Christianity **6** Theophany (E - New Calendar)(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) The Feast of Theophany commemorates the appearance of the divine Trinity at Jesus's baptism: the Son hears the Father's voice and sees the Holy Spirit coming to him (see Mathew 3:16-17).



7 Christmas Eastern / Old / **Orthodox Christianity** (Old / Julian Calendar) Christmas according to the Julian calendar.



Buddhism **10** Linji Memorial Anniversary of the death of Línji (jp. Rinzai). Línji Yìxuán (died 866 CE) was the founder of the Línji school of Chan Buddhism during Tang Dynasty China. (Mahāyāna - Línji / Rinzai Zen) (China, Japan, North America)



Shinto **11** Seijin-no-hi Coming-of-Age-Day is a national holiday in Japan. Young women and men twenty years of age go to shrines, wearing traditional clothing. Their families announce their adulthood to the kami or spirits, and pray for health and well being for a lifetime to come. Celebrated annually on the second Monday in January.



Sikhism **13** Maghi Coming on the first day of the tenth month of the solar year, Maghi commemorates a battle in which forty Sikhs (the Forty Liberated Ones), led by a woman named Maathaa Bhaag Kaur, laid down their lives for their Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji.



New Moon(05:02 UTC) **13** The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)



Eastern /Old /Orthodox Christianity **14** New Year (Old/Julian Calendar)The New Year by the Julian calendar is observed on this



Hinduism **14** Makar Sankranti Makar Sankranti marks the change from a decrease to an increase of the sun. This observance is twinned with Lohri (celebrated by people from the Punjab region of South Asia), which also marks the passing of the winter solstice.

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Buddhism 17 Baizhang Memorial Anniversary of the death of Master Baizhang (jp.Hyakujo) known for establishing the first Zen Monastic Code. (Mahāyāna – Linji/Rinzai Zen) (China, Japan, North America)



Christianity 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins An international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between January 18 - 25. It is actually an octave, that is, an observance lasting eight days. See: <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/week-of-prayer>



Buddhism 18 Hakuin Ekaku Memorial Anniversary of the death of Hakuin Ekaku, reformer of Japanese Rinzai Zen. (Mahāyāna – Linji/Rinzai Zen)(Japan, North America)



Bahá'í Faith 18 Sultán Sultán (Sovereignty) is the 17th month of the Bahá'í year.



Eastern / Old / Orthodox Christianity 19 Theophany (E-Old Calendar) (For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) The Feast of Theophany commemorates the appearance of the divine Trinity at Jesus' baptism: the Son hears the Father's voice and sees the Holy Spirit coming to him (see Mathew 3:16-17).



Buddhism 25 Honen Shonin Memorial Anniversary of the death of Honen Shonin, the founder of Jōdo-shū the first independent branch of Japanese Pure Land Buddhism), in 1212. (Mahāyāna - Jōdo-shū)



Judaism 27 Eve of Tu B'Shevat Observance begins at sundown.



Buddhism 28 Mahāyāna New Year Mahāyāna New Year is celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in January. (Mahāyāna)



Judaism 28 Tu B'Shevat One of four New Year's days, Tu B'Shevat (the 15th day of the month of Shevat) is the New Year's Day for Trees, and traditionally the first of the year for tithing fruit of trees. Nowadays, it is a day for environmental awareness and action such as tree planting. Special meals (Seders) include the seven fruits of the land (wheat and barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and [date] honey), each symbolizing a spiritual reality.



28 Full Moon (19:18 UTC) The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Full Wolf Moon because this was the time of year when hungry wolf packs howled outside their camps. This moon has also been know as the Old Moon and the Moon After Yule. (Sea and Sky)

Christmas - December 25 / January 7

December 25 - Christmas (Western) / January 7 (Eastern)

December 25 is Christmas for most Christians in the West. Some Orthodox Churches, such as the Ukrainian Church, follow the Julian calendar and will celebrate Christmas on January 7. Conferences, meetings, workshops, exams, etc. are not to be scheduled on these dates. For Christians, Christmas is a joyous religious celebration of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Christians recognize Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah, the Son of God, and accept him as their Saviour and Lord. Western Christianity celebrates Christmas on December 25 following the Gregorian calendar. Some followers of Eastern Christian churches follow the Julian calendar and celebrate Christmas in early January. Christmas has a long tradition of gift giving which originates with the New Testament account of the Three Wise Men bearing gifts to the newborn baby. Many Christians acknowledge this aspect of Christmas on January 6th, or the Day of the Three Kings. Christmas has also become a secular holiday enjoyed by many non-Christians. Many celebrate Christmas by exchanging gifts, singing, visiting with family and friends, and attending services in Church. Schools should be acknowledging this day through activities that promote learning and understanding for all students. We join you in wishing Christian students, staff and members of the community who will be celebrating Christmas, a Merry Christmas and a joyful time of sharing. For further information, please contact Inclusive School and Community Services by email iscs@yrdsb.ca



COMMUNITY SAFETY ZONES REQUIRE SPECIAL ATTENTION

Throughout York Region there are 60 Community Safety Zones. These zones require special attention because school children are present. That's why large signs are posted, flashing lights and yellow markings provide warning, and fines for speeding are much higher.

Every school located on a Regional road is designated as a Community Safety Zone - including the section of Leslie Street to the north and south of Queensville Public School.

Drivers, please slow down to keep communities safe, and allow students, teachers, crossing guards, bus drivers and staff to feel comfortable.

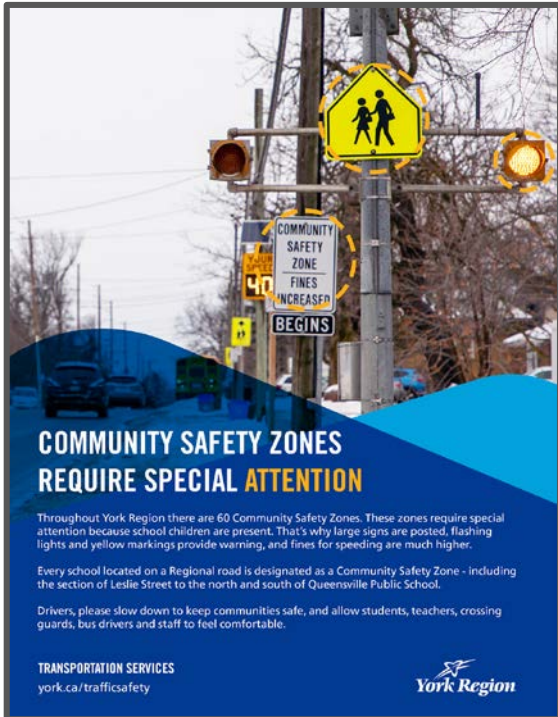
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

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York Region



SCHOOL COUNCIL CORNER



With the support of our School Council we continue to provide snacks for our morning meal program. **The Council is looking for your help. WE NEED a parent to assist with our SNACK program this year.** This task requires minimal time to do some shopping / sorting and organizing of each of our class snack bins. Please contact Jen Chaggares at 905-716-1980

Would you enjoy Collaboratively learning the Ontario curriculum through the Arts?

If so, the York Region District School Board offers an Elementary Integrated Arts Program at Baythorn Public School. If you are currently in grades four or five you may apply for the arts@baythorn program, where you will have the opportunity to explore the disciplines of Dance, Drama, Visual Arts, and Music in a cooperative learning environment.

To learn more about the arts@baythorn program, you and your family are invited to attend an information evening hosted virtually by Baythorn arts staff on: Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 6:30 pm Please visit bit.ly/baythorn_arts_info to add your name to our arts information list. On line application process will open on January 14th and close on February 5th We will email you with updates about our Information Night and admissions process.

If you require further information, please email us at baythorn.arts@gmail.com or call us at Baythorn Public School (905) 889-7992.

Dear Parents and Guardians

Online Kindergarten Registration for QPS! Kindergarten registration for September 2021 begins January 15th for the 2021-22 school year. Our school is offering online registration for Kindergarten. Children who turn four or five years old during 2021, live within the school boundary and whose parents are public school tax supporters will be eligible to register for kindergarten. If you, or someone you know, is registering a child for Kindergarten at our school, you can access the [online registration](#). Please note that a laptop or desktop computer is strongly recommended, rather than a mobile device. Once you have completed the forms online, you will need to take some required documents to the school for verification only. Families are still welcome to register in person in the school office. Registration forms are available on the Board's website at www.yrdsb.ca

The following electronic resources can support you in preparing for your child's Kindergarten entry and their learning journey. We hope that you find them helpful.

A [Welcome Letter from the Director](#) to all Kindergarten families.

1. [A Parent's Guide to Full-day Kindergarten](#): This brochure provides an overview of the Kindergarten program, including the four frames for learning and describes ways that parents and families can support children's learning.
2. [Full Day Kindergarten: A Question and Answer Guide for Parents](#): This Ministry of Education brochure describes play based Kindergarten programs in Ontario. This guide is available in a variety of languages from the Ontario Ministry of Education. [Additional translated languages are available here](#).
3. [First Nation, Métis, and Inuit Ancestry - Self-Identification](#): This information supports families through the voluntary self-identification process for students with First Nation, Métis and Inuit ancestry.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at queensville.ps@yrdsb.ca or call at 905-478-4191. We are here to support you and your child's transition into our school.

Sincerely,

Robert Sandiford

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