

BOWMORE ROAD BULLETIN

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School Website: Please visit our school website for important information and upcoming events.
<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/>

Principal's Message

Many of you have likely noticed the new digital sign at the front of the school. We're slowly getting the hang of this technology and finding ways to use it to share key information and maximize its value for our school community. It is only advertising our lost and found at the current moment but we hope to add more.

At the same time, we're mindful of the impact on our environment and are doing our best to ensure it doesn't add unnecessarily to the city's light pollution.

Thank you for your patience as we figure out how to make the most of this new addition!

Bowmore School Council - Short Survey

The Bowmore School Council would like your help in better understanding the Bowmore community and the role that council plays in it. Please take 2-5 minutes to fill in this quick and anonymous survey. All caregivers are welcome to participate, responses are not limited to one per household or family. [CLICK HERE TO GO TO SURVEY](#)

Upcoming Important Dates

- Dec 9th: Live Differently Presentation (Grade 7/8)
- Dec 12th: Pizza lunch
- Dec 12th: Kindergarten Concert @4:30 pm -5:30 pm
- Dec 12th: Primary Concert @ 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm
- Dec 18th: Winter Sing-Along
- Dec 20th: Last day of classes before break
- Winter Break Dec 21nd - Jan 5th
- Jan 6th: First day of classes after break

Save the date: Winter Sing-Along Wed. Dec. 18, 2024

We invite families to join us for a sing-along to celebrate the last week of school and send our community warm wishes for a happy and healthy winter break.

What: Winter Sing-Along

Who: Everyone!

When: Wed. Dec. 18 2024 - 9:15 to 9:40 a.m.

Where: The School Yard – dress for the weather

There will be a sweet treat and no cups are needed! A special thanks to Mr. Selby, Mr. Allcock and the musical staff at Bowmore for helping to make this happen!

CBC Music Class Challenge

We are very excited to share the Intermediate Choir's video submission to this year's CBC Music Class Challenge. Every fall, CBC Music in association with [MusiCounts](#), the charity of the Juno Awards, launches the Canadian Music Class Challenge, a contest to engage music classes across the country with Canadian music. Music educators from across Canada are challenged to teach their students a Canadian song from a list, create a video of the performance, and send it in for a chance at winning great prizes and a whole lot of love and recognition from the CBC! This year, we chose "Life Is" by Arkells.

The Bowmore Public School's Intermediate Choir is made up of students in grades 7 and 8 who love making music together. Bowmore Public School is located in the east end of Toronto. The choir is open to all interested students, and we meet once a week. This wonderful group of students performs at the Remembrance Day assembly, school concerts, and our annual Talent Show called Bowmapalooza. We are thrilled to, once again, be participating in the CBC Music class challenge, and we hope you enjoy our performance!

Please enjoy our rendition of this popular song here: <https://youtu.be/ocPSLDmbyjk>

Ms. Prince and Mr. Sekdorian

Room 101 Food Drive

Dear Parents,

Classroom 101 is running a food drive from December 2-13. Donate if you are able.

If you are able to donate, please send your children with non-perishable food items.

Our target items this year are: boxed milk, dish soap, hygiene products (soap, deodorant, baby products (diapers, formula) and feminine hygiene products.

All donations will go to the Nourish Food Bank in our neighbourhood.

Thank you,

Room 101

Special Education and Inclusion Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Sessions

Special Education and Inclusion is pleased to offer a variety of drop-in and topic-specific sessions for parents, guardians, and caregivers throughout the 2024-2025 school year. These sessions provide valuable information, resources, and support to help families navigate special education programs and services.

Please share the links below with families through your regular school communication (email blast, blog, newsletter, etc.).

[Drop-In Sessions-Families / Parent Engagement Sessions-Families](#)

Kindergarten Registration for September 2025



Children who will be four by December 31, 2025, can start Junior Kindergarten in September 2025. Learn more about [Kindergarten at the TDSB](#), [Before- and After-School Programs](#) and [Extended Day Programs](#).

Register for English Kindergarten

Registration for English Kindergarten programs will begin in January 2025. We look forward to welcoming you and your child!

- Only parents or legal guardians can register a child.
- There is a separate process to apply for [out-of-area admissions](#). Please contact [alternative schools](#) or [elementary academies](#) directly for more information.
- If your child currently attends child care at a TDSB school that is not your designated home school, and you wish to register for Kindergarten at that school, an out-of-area admissions application may not be required. Please review the [Out of Area Admissions Policy and Procedure](#) and, if eligible, proceed with the in-person registration option outlined below.

Early French Immersion

The Early French Immersion program begins in Junior Kindergarten (JK). **Families who wish to have their child participate in an Early French Immersion Program must apply in November 2024.** To apply, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/pars.

For September 2025 entry, the application process closed on November 29, 2024. Applications submitted after the deadline will be marked as late and accommodated if space in the program is available.

In February, only those families who applied in November and have accepted an offer of placement for their child via the [central application process](#) can register for Early French Immersion.

Supporting Our Community: Feed Scarborough Online Free Community Grocery Store

Looking to make a difference this holiday season? Check out the *Feed Scarborough Online Free Community Grocery Store*! This incredible initiative provides groceries to those in need, ensuring everyone has access to healthy and nutritious food.

If your family or someone you know could use extra support, the Feed Scarborough Online Free Community Grocery Store is here to help. This free service provides access to healthy groceries for those in need, ensuring no one goes without.

Visit their website to learn more or support their efforts: [Feed Scarborough Grocery Store](#).

Together, we can help fight food insecurity in our community!

Bowmore Nutrition Program (Week of December 2, 2024)

Dec 2 - Dec 6

Monday	Breton Bites
Tuesday	Tangerines/Bananas
Wednesday	Banana Oat Bar
Thursday	Yogurt Tube
Friday	Snacking Rounds

The Nutrition Team: bowmoresnack@gmail.com

Pizza Lunch

Reminder: Our next pizza lunch is on **Thursday, December 12**. Please note this is a **Thursday** and not a Friday. Ordering is open now on Lunchbox and will close at noon on Sunday, December 9.

Ordering is also now open for pizza lunch in the new year! From January through June, we will be offering pizza lunch every third Friday (Thursday if there is a PA day or holiday on Friday). Ordering is open now for the following dates:

- Friday, January 24
- Thursday, February 13 (Friday is a PA day)
- Friday, March 7
- Friday, March 28
- Thursday, April 17 (Friday is a holiday)
- Friday, May 9
- Friday, May 30
- Friday, June 20

For more information on pizza lunch and how to order, please visit the school website at:

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/Pizza-Lunch>

Grade 8 Graduation Committee

Are you the parent of a child in the eighth grade this school year? The Parent Council's Grade 8 Graduation Committee has been established and is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in participating in the planning process, please contact us at bowmoregrad2025@gmail.com.

Holiday Concert Bake Sale – Thursday, December 12 (4-7 pm)

The Grade 8 Graduation Committee and Grade 8 students will be holding a fundraising bake sale during the Kindergarten and Primary Holiday Concerts on Thursday, December 12. Treats will be available for purchase from approximately 4:00–7:00 pm (or until we run out). A limited amount of pizza will also be available for sale from 5:00–6:00 pm.

We're calling on all Grade 8 families, as well as any baking enthusiasts, to help by donating baked goods or purchasing items at the sale. Proceeds will go to the Grade 8 Graduation Fund and the Bowmore Cares Fund.

Candy Gram Sale – December 10–12 (Lunch & Holiday Concert)

Candy Grams will be available for purchase for \$1 each during lunch on December 10, 11, and 12. We will also be selling them at the Holiday Concert for any families who wish to purchase one for their students. Candy Grams will be distributed on Monday, December 16, by the end of the school day. Proceeds from this sale will support the Grade 8 Graduation Fund.

Thank you for your support!
The Graduation Committee

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at bowmoregrad2025@gmail.com

HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

**DECEMBER 12, 2024;
FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM**

Please join us for a bake sale prior to the Kindergarten and Primary concerts.

Festive treats will be available for purchase. As well as a limited amount of pizza between 5 and 6 pm.

Candy grams will also be available for parents to purchase for \$1.

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL GO TOWARDS THE GRADE 8 GRADUATION AS WELL AS THE BOWMORE CARES FUND

**GRADE 8 GRADUATION
CANDY GRAM SALE**

AT LUNCH

DEC 10 | DEC 11 | DEC 12

\$1 EACH

CANDY GRAMS WILL BE DELIVERED ON MONDAY DECEMBER 16TH BY THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY