# **BOWMORE ROAD BULLETIN**

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

## Principal's Message

### **Dear Bowmore Families**,

It is such a pleasure to be back at Bowmore supporting the school community during Mr. Taylor's absence. I have had a warm welcome from the students, and I am so grateful to be working with an amazing staff at Bowmore. Some gentle reminders:

- **No Dogs on School Property:** For the safety and comfort of all students, families, and staff, we kindly ask that dogs remain off school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times.
- **Parking Etiquette:** Please park only in designated areas to ensure everyone's safety and to respect our neighbours and community members. Please do not block driveways.
- Winter Safety: Please ensure students are dressed appropriately for the weather. Remind
  them to avoid throwing snow, exercise caution in areas that may be icy, and always stay clear
  of the ice rinks, which are not to be accessed during school hours, including arrival and
  dismissal.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. Together, we can maintain a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for all.

Warm regards,

Georgia, Jacquie, Kosta

### **Upcoming Important Dates**

- February 11 Term 1 Report Cards Go Home
- February 13 Parent-Teacher Interviews
- February 14 PA Day (Parent-Teacher Interviews AM Only No school for students)
- February 17 Provincial Family Day (No school for students)

### **School Council Meeting**

Bowmore School Council warmly invites all parents and caregivers to attend its next meeting on Tuesday, January 21, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the school staffroom. This meeting is being offered in person only as the Council continues to look for a volunteer to assist with the technology required to offer an online attendance option. Child care is available on-site. We will have pizza available for all attendees. Please bring your own water bottles.

Please RSVP here by Sunday, January 19, at 4 pm so that we can be sure to order enough pizza for everyone.

Topics to be discussed are as follows:

- 1. Carnival Committee Update
- 2. Grad Committee Update
- 3. Pizza Lunch Update
- 4. Engagement Survey Results
- 5. Discussion of Literacy Initiatives
- 6. Updates from the Library
- 7. Updates from the Admin Team

We hope to see you there!

**Bowmore School Council** 

www.bowmoresc.com

facebook.com/BowmoreSC/

## **Bowmore Nutrition Program (Week of January 20, 2025)**

Jan 20 - Jan 24

Monday Applesauce

Tuesday Tangerines/Bananas

Wednesday Scones

Thursday Yogurt Tube

Friday Cheerios

The Nutrition Team: <a href="mailto:bowmoresnack@gmail.com">bowmoresnack@gmail.com</a>

#### Pizza Lunch

**Reminder:** Our next pizza lunch is on **Friday, January 24th**. Ordering is open now on Lunchbox and will close at noon on Sunday, January 19th. 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: <a href="https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/Pizza-Lunch">https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/bowmore/Pizza-Lunch</a>

## Library

Dear Families,



Our library continues to be a very busy hub throughout the day. We have started our Forest of Reading book clubs with our Grade 4-6 (Blue Sprue Tuesdays at lunch) and our Gr. 7-8 (Red Maple Wednesdays at lunch). Students are participating in these book clubs and will go to the Forest of Reading Festival in May. Next week is the last week for any new members to join. See Ms. Jarvis in the library if interested.

https://forestofreading.com for more information. Younger students are also participating with their classes and will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite book (English and French) in April.

Students are also having experiences with Coding robots and microbits. Classes from Jk - Grade 3/4 are working with the Dash Robots and Classes from Grade 4-8 are working on Microbits. All classes will have a chance at this opportunity throughout the rest of the year.

For the last few years, we have held our Read-A-Thon in February. We are excited to announce that it will happen again. Stay tuned for more details. It is a school wide event focused on the love of reading.... contests, prizes and spirit raising events will happen throughout the month! Stay tuned.

The #Shelfies (Grade 5-8 Library volunteers) continue to be amazing at helping to keep our library collection organized. With over 20,000 books in our library you can imagine it is a large job. We are always looking for parent volunteers who can spare an hour here or there to help maintain our beautiful library. Please reach out Ms. Jarvis if you have time to spare at leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca

On Mondays at lunch, we are continuing to have our "Milk Bag Mondays" where students from Grade 5-8 can help make mattresses out of milk bags. We have two mattresses complete and hope to have a third one done shortly. We will be looking for a volunteer to help drive the mattresses to Mississauga to donate them to <a href="https://milkbagsunlimited.ca">https://milkbagsunlimited.ca</a>. They transports

them all over the world to areas in need. Let Ms. Jarvis know if you are able to make a trip to Mississauga during the week from 9:00 AM to Noon Monday to Friday.

Lastly, we plan to have our yearly Used Book Sale in June. We will start collecting books in excellent used condition, puzzles and board games. Please drop off to the office or directly to the library. More details to follow but if you are doing any spring cleaning, do keep this sale in mind. Students love to buy books at a fraction of the cost and all money raised is used to purchase items for the library such as bean bag chairs, chess tables, books, puzzles, puppets etc.

Thank you for your continued support, Happy reading, Leah Jarvis





## **Beyond Grade 8**

Visit the Grade 8-9 web page for additional information: Family Resources

## FEBRUARY 5 – 27, 2025 - Grade 8 Course Selection

Grade 8 Course Selection Opens (centrally by myBlueprint) - students can submit course selections, including schools applied for, through the Out-of-Area process. More details to follow after the holidays.

A. Secondary Schools Without a Boundary - Online application from January 6 to January 24, 2025 at 4 p.m.

https://www.tdsb.on.ca/High-School/Going-to-High-School/Secondary-Schools-Without-a-Boundary

The application for SSWAB can be found within the <u>Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions</u> application.

B. Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions - Online application from January 6 to January 24, 2025 at 4 p.m. Secondary Out-of-Area Admissions