

Bowmore Road Bulletin

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Date: Monday, December 8, 2025

Principal's Message

As the colder weather settles in, we want to remind families to ensure students come to school dressed warmly with coats, hats, mittens, and proper footwear. We are also reminding students that snow stays on the ground to help keep everyone safe during recess. With the changing temperatures, our yard, sidewalks, and parking areas can become icy. Please take extra care when walking on school property and, whenever possible, avoid using the parking lot for drop-off and pick-up, as it is very busy with vehicles and can be especially slippery in winter conditions.

Over the past two weeks, approximately 50 staff members have taken part in Restorative Practices training. This work focuses on:

- Building strong classroom communities through check-ins and circles
- Using restorative conversations to solve conflicts and repair relationships
- Supporting student well-being with regular, simple check-ins

We look forward to seeing how this learning continues to shape a more inclusive and less punitive culture at Bowmore.

Starting today, Ms. Rahbek's class (Room 11) is being temporarily relocated to Room 1B due to required repairs. Families will be informed directly with details and updates as needed. As a gentle reminder, please ensure children do not bring toys, trading cards, or other valuable personal items from home, as these items often become damaged, lost, or cause unnecessary conflict at school. Finally, we are excited to celebrate our students' talents at the upcoming Kindergarten Winter Concert, Primary (K-3) Holiday Sing-Along, and through the amazing work of our Intermediate Choir. We encourage families to come out, enjoy the performances, and share in the pride we feel for our Bowmore students.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you and your families a safe, warm, and joyful lead-up to the winter break.

Warm
Kosta, Jacquie & Andreya

regards,

Upcoming Important Dates

December 11: Kindergarten Winter Concert (4:30-5:30 pm in the Senior Gym)

December 18: Primary Grades (K-3) Holiday Sing Along

December 19: Last Day before Holiday Break

December 22 to January 2: Holiday Break

January 5: First day back at school

Nutrition Program

Dec 8 - Dec 12	
Monday	Applesauce
Tuesday	Bananas/Tangerines
Wednesday	Scones
Thursday	Cheesestrings + Crackers
Friday	Cheerios

Bowmore Intermediate Choir

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 "Crabucket" by K-os

Please enjoy our rendition of this popular song here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVcF_k4DTJg

In other news, a huge congratulations to the Intermediate Choir, who were invited to perform at this year's *Riverdale Share Concert* at the Danforth Music Hall on Sunday, December 7th! The Riverdale Share Concert is a vibrant and diverse holiday celebration held every December in Toronto's Riverdale community, raising funds and food for local charities. Our choir had the incredible opportunity to share the stage with professional musicians, and they delivered a fantastic performance. Their talent and professionalism made us all very proud!

Ms. Prince and Mr. Sekdorian

Grade 8 to Grade 9 News

Good afternoon Grade 8 Parents/Guardians,

I am sending this message as a reminder regarding the critical application deadlines and procedures for your child's transition to Grade 9 in September 2026. The full schedule, including rules for Specialized Programs, Out-of-Area Admissions, and SSWAB, has been compiled into a clear, single-page reference document.

Please review this timeline immediately to ensure you do not miss any application windows and important dates:

[Google Doc](#)

Key Application Deadlines to Note:

- Specialized Programs Applications: Runs from November 24 – December 12.
- Out-of-Area / SSWAB Applications: Runs from January 5 – January 23, 2026.
- Course Selections (Mandatory): Due in MyBlueprint by February 27, 2026.

The original TDSB flyer containing all this information is attached to this email for your convenience.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,

TDSB Specialized Programs – Applications Now Open

[Specialized Programs website](#)

The TDSB offers a variety of Specialized Programs focused on the Arts, International Baccalaureate (IB), Leadership, and Math, Science & Technology. Students who meet the eligibility requirements and are interested in these areas are encouraged to apply.

- Application for September 2026 is now open
- Deadline to apply: Friday, December 12, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

Families can learn more about:

- Each Specialized Program (Arts, IB, Leadership, Math/Science/Technology)
- Applications and Admissions
- Addressing vacant seats
- Academic achievement and demonstrations of knowledge and skills
- Secondary French and Specialized Programs
- Elementary Specialized Programs

Please note: Transportation is not provided for any Specialized Program.

For full details and to apply, please visit the TDSB Applications and Admissions page and follow the instructions under Specialized Programs.

Library Updates



Thank you for all the support for our Fall Book Fair. We have earned about \$3400.00 in credits. We will be purchasing new books and sets of novel study books for our library. We would also like to thank one of our parents who was able to donate 50 new books to our library from Penguin Random House. (See photo!)

Do you have books, puzzles or games that you are done reading at home? We are collecting used books, puzzles and games for our Spring Used Book Sale. Donations can be made anytime. You can leave them at the office or bring them to the library. In June, we will hold our used book sale where students can purchase books, puzzles, games for excellent prices. The money raised is used to buy games, chess tables, bean bag chairs and of course more

books! Thank you for considering donating any books that you no longer want.

Please be sure to look for overdue library books before the break and return them ASAP. Please contact Ms. Jarvis at leah.mcnabjarvis@tdsb.on.ca concerning lost, damaged or overdue books.

Our Forest of Reading Book Club will start in January for Grade 4--6 and Grades 7-8 students. If your child wants a head start on reading, check out the website and start borrowing the books from the Toronto Public Library.

<https://forestofreading.com/nominated-lists/>

Happy Reading, Bowmore! Leah Jarvis

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

Thank you to all caregivers and stakeholders for your continued support of the School Council initiatives that help us help students! Speaking of which... we are providing hot chocolate & candy canes (by donation) at the Kindergarten Holiday Concert this week. *Please come by our table for a little holiday cheer and an easy opportunity to support fundraising for Bowmore initiatives.* 🎨

Stay in Touch 📧

Don't forget to check out the School Council [website](#) and our [instagram account](#) for real-time updates from our School Council about school events! And remember, we've launched a [Caregiver Connection Form](#) - a fast, easy way to get in touch with us with a few clicks of a button. Have a question? Have a concern? Want to send thanks to faculty and staff? The good, the bad, the excellent - we want to hear from you!

Call for Volunteers ... become a Class Rep! 🙋

We are *still* looking for parents/caregivers to volunteer as classroom reps to make sure information reaches all stakeholders. ** it's a very limited workload** We won't spam you, just want to pass along key updates that you can share with other parents/caregivers in your kiddo's class.

Please email us at bowmoreesc@gmail.com if you're interested in helping out. We're especially looking for volunteers from older grades... please consider reaching out!

Save the Date 📅

Save the date for the next School Council Meeting - **Wednesday, January 14**. Given the robust discussion at the last meeting, this meeting will be *focused on school safety*. Please mark your calendars and be sure to attend. We'll provide more information and an RSVP link closer to the date.

Reminder: Our next pizza lunch is on Friday, January 23rd! 🍕

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in our pizza lunch fundraiser this week! Our next pizza lunch is on Friday, January 23rd. Ordering is open on Lunchbox for all of our future pizza lunch dates. Please see our FAQ document [here](#) for a full list of our pizza lunch dates, help with ordering, and much more. If you have any questions about pizza lunch, please reach out to us: bowmorepizza@gmail.com

Toronto Public Health – Reporting Your Child’s Vaccination Record

Toronto Public Health is reminding families to update and report their child’s vaccination records. Under Ontario’s Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA), students must be vaccinated against specific diseases or have a valid exemption on file. Parents/guardians (or students 16+ years old) are responsible for reporting vaccines directly to Toronto Public Health—doctors do not report this for you.

Please use the links to [“Ways to Report Your Child’s Vaccination Record to Toronto Public Health”](#) and [“Reporting Student Vaccine Information”](#) tip sheet for full details and step-by-step instructions.

You can report your child’s vaccines **Online (fastest and easiest)**: Visit [Toronto.ca/StudentVaccines](https://toronto.ca/StudentVaccines) and submit records using your child’s Health Card or Ontario Immunization ID (OID). A confirmation email will follow.

By Phone or Email (for help): Call 416-338-7600 or email immunization@toronto.ca if you need help reporting vaccines or locating your child’s OID number.