

# Bowmore Road Bulletin

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**Date: Monday, December 15, 2025**

## Principal's Message

As we head into the final week before the winter holidays, we want to thank our students, staff, and families for the care, commitment, and positivity that continue to shape our school community. This time of year is always busy, and we are deeply grateful for the professionalism, flexibility, and heart that our staff bring each day, and for the ongoing support from our families.

## Housekeeping Reminders

- **Snack Program:** Snack will run **up to Thursday**. There will be **no snack on Friday**.
- **Lockers:** Locker clean-out and checks will take place on **Wednesday**. Students are asked to remove their locks and all belongings from lockers.
- **Lost & Found:** Please check for missing items by the end of Wednesday. **All unclaimed items will be donated on Thursday**.

## Winter Conditions and Outdoor Safety

With winter weather now upon us, we want to share some clarity around outdoor conditions. Under **TDSB guidelines**, priority is given to clearing and salting **school entrances, designated walkways, and fire routes**. **Paved play areas are not cleared or salted**, due to the size of these spaces and the time and resources required. Caretaking staff across the Board's schools must balance outdoor access with essential indoor responsibilities, making continuous clearing of large outdoor areas throughout the day not possible.

That said, we will continue to:

- Monitor conditions daily and prioritize key access routes
- Use signage or temporary restrictions when needed
- Reinforce winter safety expectations with students

We appreciate families ensuring students come to school with appropriate winter footwear and clothing. As winter play continues, please review these reminders with your child(ren): no throwing snow or ice, and no sliding on icy areas, as students can fall and hit their heads. Students are also expected to respect others' snow creations. If a problem comes up during outdoor play, please encourage your child to seek an adult for assistance right away. Thank you for reinforcing these safety expectations with us.

## Staffing Transitions and Continuity of Learning

When a staff member begins a leave, the school works closely and proactively with People and Culture (Employee Services) to ensure the transition is well-planned, consistent, and aligned with Board processes and applicable collective agreements. We also consult with our school team, drawing on their knowledge of the class and any previous coverage, to help identify the best fit for student needs and classroom programming. Where coverage involves an occasional/long-term occasional assignment, we follow the Board's established staffing and posting processes for these roles, while also maintaining confidentiality and keeping our focus on stability, continuity of learning, and student well-being.

## Celebrations and Thanks

Last week's kindergarten winter concert was a wonderful highlight of the season. A special thank-you to our **Kindergarten students** for a truly joyful concert filled with smiles, confidence, and courage. Their excitement and happiness remind us what joy is all about, and their energy is truly contagious.

We would also like to thank our School Council and parent volunteers—**Emily Worndl, Erin Worndl, and Katie Worndl**—for organizing the **Hot Chocolate and Candy Cane Bar** at the Kindergarten Concert. Your generosity, creativity, and time helped make the evening warm, welcoming, and memorable for our families.

Thank you to our staff for the care, commitment, and creativity you bring to every performance, classroom, and interaction, and to our students for sharing their courage and happiness so freely with our community.

Wishing everyone a strong final week and a safe, restful, and joyful holiday season.

Warm Regards,

Kosta, Jacquie, Andreya

## Winter Well-Being Guide (Available in 20+ Languages)

As we move through the winter months, we want to share a supportive resource with our school community. The [Winter Well-Being Guide](#) offers identity-affirming strategies to help students and families stay grounded, connected, and well, along with information on how to access help when needed.

To ensure all families can benefit, the guide is available in [over 20 of the top spoken TDSB languages](#). We encourage families to review and use this resource throughout the season.

## Upcoming Important Dates

**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

**January 14:** School Council Meeting

**January 16:** PA Day

**January 23:** Pizza Lunch

**February 3-4 (tentative):** Brave Education

**February 11:** Term 1 report cards and IEPs go home

**February 12:** Evening Parent/Teacher interviews

**February 13:** P.A. Day (no school) AM Parent/Teacher interviews. No PM interviews

## Nutrition Program

Dec 15 - Dec 19	
Monday	Rice Cakes
Tuesday	Yogurt Tube
Wednesday	Jungle Crackers
Thursday	Popcorn
Friday	NO SNACK

## Bowmore Intermediate Choir

Exciting Update!

We are thrilled to announce that the Intermediate Choir has made it into the **Top Ten** in the *CBC Music Class Challenge!* Competing against schools from across Canada in the Intermediate Vocal category (Grades 7-9), our students have achieved an incredible accomplishment and we couldn't be more proud of their hard work, passion, and dedication. The final results will be announced on **Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**. If you haven't seen it yet, you can watch our submission here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVcF\\_k4DTJg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVcF_k4DTJg)

**Congratulations and good luck, Bowmore!!**

Ms. Prince, Mr. Sekdorian, Ms. Williams

## Grade 8 to Grade 9 News

Dear Grade 8 Parents/Guardians,

Please see the exciting opportunity below from the Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement.

- **BSSLP – YPAR (Youth Participatory Action Research)**. For students interested in research, storytelling, social justice, and community-based change.
- **BSSLP – ElevatEd**. For students interested in leadership, communication, public speaking, and advocacy.

The program provides mentorship from Black professionals, career and post-secondary exposure, and a strong sense of community in an identity-affirming environment.

Application Window: December 8, 2025 – January 9, 2026

Apply Here: <https://bit.ly/BSSLP2026>

(Students must be logged into their TDSB account to access the form.)

Please feel free to share this opportunity with students, families, and staff. A flyer is attached for distribution.

For any questions, please email [cebsa@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:cebsa@tdsb.on.ca).

Best regards,  
Geetika

## 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

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](mailto: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 massive support of our Kindie Concert hot chocolate & candy cane station... we were able to raise over \$500 to support fundraising for Bowmore initiatives. And a HUGE thank you to Mr. Selby and the kindergarten homeroom staff for putting on such a spectacular - not so Holiday concert!



### 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 class room 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 [bowmoresc@gmail.com](mailto:bowmoresc@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! 🍕

Mark your calendars... 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](mailto:bowmorepizza@gmail.com)