

Bowmore Road Bulletin

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Date: Monday, January 5, 2026

Principal's Message

Happy New Year, Bowmore families!

As we welcome students back today, we hope you enjoyed a restful winter break. We are excited to begin 2026 together and look forward to a positive and successful start to the year as a school community.

We are proud to begin the new year by congratulating our Bowmore Intermediate Choir, who earned FIRST PLACE in the Canadian Music Class Challenge (Category 6 Intermediate Vocal – Grades 7–9). Our Bowmore Intermediate Choir delivered an outstanding performance of Crabbuckit by k-os, impressing judges with their musicality, energy, and teamwork. This outstanding achievement reflects the talent, dedication, and teamwork of our students, as well as the exceptional leadership and commitment of our educators. Congratulations to everyone involved. This is a wonderful accomplishment for our school. We are so proud of our Bowmore community — this is a moment worth celebrating! [CBC Music class challenge link.](#)

We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of a few important school and Board-wide expectations that support safety, respect, and clear communication. The TDSB Parent Concern Protocol continues to guide how questions or concerns are shared and addressed, ensuring respectful, timely, and appropriate communication.

Our Code of Conduct and Bullying Prevention information has recently been updated and is available on our school website. These documents outline our shared responsibility in maintaining a safe, inclusive, and respectful learning environment for all students.

Please also note that any parent or community member who enters a classroom to speak with students must complete the required TDSB vetting process, including volunteer screening and advance notice. While we value parent engagement and expertise, this process helps ensure student safety and allows us to plan effectively.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to working together to make 2026 a successful and positive year for all Bowmore students.

Warm regards,

Kosta, Jacquie, Andreyia

IMPORTANT: Student Immunization Records

Toronto Public Health is reviewing immunization records for students born in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018. Families are reminded that immunization records for students of all ages should be kept up to date. Please ensure records are updated within the next month to avoid possible school suspension in Spring 2026, as required under the *Immunization of School Pupils Act*. Submit or update records:

- toronto.ca/StudentVaccines
- 416-338-7600 (support available in multiple languages)

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Upcoming Important Dates

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

Jan 5 - Jan 9	
Monday	Breton Bites
Tuesday	Tangerines/Bananas
Wednesday	Jungle Crackers
Thursday	Yogurt Tube
Friday	Snacking rounds

Powered by Student Voice: Genius Hour Comes to Life in Grade 5/6!

Before the break, Mrs. Silva's Grade 5/6 Gifted class recently hosted their first *Genius Hour* and shared their learning through a Passion Project Expo for students, staff, and families. Rooted in inquiry-based learning, Genius Hour honours student voice and choice, allowing our learners to pursue personally meaningful questions, explore complex ideas, and engage in deep, self-directed learning.

The student-driven projects showcased a remarkable range of interests and talents. Learners designed and built their own cotton candy machine and drone, coded an original video game, and explored the arts through investigations of performance strategies, musical genres, and art from around the world. Students also learned about female inventors, studied the digestive system of a cow, and explored real-world issues such as deforestation. One student thoughtfully investigated ADHD and Autism, fostering awareness and empathy, while another conducted an in-depth study of a book series, sharing how the author's strategies could be applied to their own writing projects.

Other inquiries extended learning beyond planet Earth, as students explored how astronauts use the washroom in space, while others created original music and stop-motion videos. Throughout the expo, students demonstrated creativity, critical thinking, perseverance, and the confidence to communicate their learning to an authentic audience.

This experience highlighted the power of inquiry-based learning, showing how student voice, curiosity, and passion can drive rich, meaningful learning. We are incredibly proud of our students for taking risks, thinking deeply, and taking ownership of their learning journeys!

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATES

Reminder that our next School Council meeting will take place **Wednesday, January 14**. *This meeting will be focused on school safety so please reach out in advance if you have specific topics or issues you would like to have discussed.*

[RSVP here](#) to be sent the agenda (and so we can have a sense of numbers). The meeting will also be accessible virtually, so please indicate on your RSVP if you need the virtual link.

As always, doors open at 5:30 pm for pizza, drinks and time to socialize, and the meeting will take place from 6-7:30 pm in the Staff Lounge on the 2nd floor of the Junior building. See you there!

Staying in Touch with School Council

Please keep in touch! In addition to our updates in the weekly **bulletin**, you can:

- Check our website - www.bowmoreschoolcouncil.ca
- Follow us on Instagram [@bowmore](#)
- Reach out via email - bowmore@gmail.com
- Fill out our "[Caregiver Connection Form](#)" - hosted on the School Council website. It's a fast, easy way to get in touch with us with a few clicks of a button

Reminder: Pizza Lunch Ordering is Open

A reminder that our next pizza lunch is next Friday, January 23rd - and ordering closes *at noon on Sunday, January 18th*, so please place your orders now!

- Questions? Pizza Lunch FAQ [here](#) or email at bowmorepizza@gmail.com
- Need help setting up School Cash Online account? Guide [here](#).
- If you need support in ensuring your kids have access to pizza lunch, please reach out to Principal Flegas at [<konstantinos.flegas@tdsb.on.ca>](mailto:konstantinos.flegas@tdsb.on.ca)

Thank you for your support of our School Council fundraising!

Class Reps

We're still looking for volunteers for class reps for the following classrooms - if you see your kiddo's teacher, please consider reaching out to bowmore@gmail.com to volunteer!

- Sooley
- Parkins
- Hopkin
- Dimitropoulos
- Cabaluna
- Blair
- Kocan
- Mills
- Andrews
- Wong
- Silva
- Lyons
- Freeman
- Kollias

Carnival

We have one brave soul but we are still looking for a co-lead for next year's Bowmore Fun Fair. This event is such a great community builder, and is one of the biggest fundraising initiatives for School Council to allow us to support students and learning. The team in place will help support the transition to a new team, so you won't be on your own!

Please reach out to bowmoresc@gmail.com if you're interested in helping to lead the Carnival efforts for 2026.

Free Culinary Training Opportunity (Winter 2026)

Looking to explore a career in the culinary field? A free 7-week Culinary Training program is being offered in downtown Toronto **from January 20 to March 7, 2026**. The program includes culinary essentials, hands-on training, and referrals to top employers.

View the full poster and registration details here: [Poster Link](#)

CALLING ALL DANCERS! STOMP 2026 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

STOMP Urban Dance Competition/Showcase is back for its **23rd season**. This is Toronto's largest youth dance event and an incredible stage for young dancers to express their creativity and talent.

This year's theme: TV Show Songs

Bring your favourite TV shows to life through dance! From throwback sitcoms to animated hits and dramatic series, it's time to turn iconic theme songs into unforgettable performances.

Auditions: Saturday, February 7, 2026

Parkway Forest Community Centre (55 Forest Manor Dr.)

This is your time to shine, be seen, and connect with the dance community.

For more information: [Rules and Regulations](#)