




Parents and Students

PORT ROYAL WEEKLY

December 14-18

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<p><u>Monday, December 14, 2020 (Day 3)</u> <i>Baby It's Cold Outside - Christmas Sweater/Shirts Day</i></p>	<p>Character Education: Kindness and Caring 善意与关心</p>
<p><u>Tuesday, December 15, 2020 (Day 4)</u> <i>Deck the Halls - Christmas Jewelry/Socks/Earrings</i> 11:30: Girls Club 6:30 PM Agincourt CI Virtual Open house (https://www.tdsb.on.ca/openhouses)</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday, December 16, 2020 (Day 5)</u> <i>Santa Hat/Christmas Head Accessories</i> AM- Virtual School Support Team Meeting (SST) Virtual Holiday Concert</p>	
<p><u>Thursday, December 17, 2020 (Day 1)</u> <i>Twas the Night Before Christmas – Pajama Day</i> 11:30: Girls Club</p>	
<p><u>Friday, December 18, 2020 (Day 2)</u> <i>Spirit of the Season - Holiday Colour Day (red, green, white, blue, gold, silver)</i> Character Education Awards Announced for Kindness and Caring last day of school</p>	
<p><u>Upcoming Dates:</u> December 21-January 1: Winter Break--NO SCHOOL January 4: First Day Back at School January 29: Deadline for requesting to change to Virtual School February 16: First Day of learning for those who switch to VS</p>	
<p> Holiday Cheer Please note that each day next week, we have theme days to get us into the holiday spirit. Please take note of the theme for each day and show us your cheer!</p>	





Gifts for Staff

The staff at Port Royal have always appreciated the generosity of our families each holiday season. Although never an expectation or obligation, for families who planned to give a gift, the current recommendation during the pandemic would be an e-gift card (that can be emailed directly to virtual/face to face staff), or gift cards that can be sanitized for safety. Thank you.



Student Leadership in the Food Drive

Student leadership happens at Port Royal. Watch this video to see how a grade 2 student is volunteering with his parents at a local food bank. Support our grade 2/3 class with the Food Drive by sending canned food, peanut butter, pasta, rice or cereal with your child to school next week to help support a local Food Bank.

<https://twitter.com/MrsChahine/status/1334962685885243392?>



Virtual Holiday Concert

Our teachers are preparing for a pre-recorded virtual holiday concert! The link will be sent out to families to enjoy on December 16th.



Pizza Lunch Reimbursement

We would like to apologize to our families for the delay in getting last year's pizza lunch reimbursements out. We have been waiting on cheques from our financial institution for two months and recently needed to reorder the cheques, which we have been reassured will arrive in the next 10 business days. Therefore, it will be a priority to issue refunds to parents in the new year.

Daily Food Bank Info for Families in Need

<https://www.dailybread.ca/need-food/programs-by-location/>

French Programs Application Deadline

For families interested in the Toronto District School Board's system-wide French Programs, we offer an online process to apply for Middle French Immersion (begins in Grade 4). An offer of placement in the program (not a specific school) is guaranteed to all on-time applicants. The timeline to apply to the Middle French Immersion Program for September 2021 is:

Middle French Immersion: Applications must be completed online between January 4 and January 29,

2021.

Offers of placement within the program (not a specific school) will be made to all on-time applicants in the weeks following the close of the application window. Families with an older sibling currently in a French program are still required to complete an online application for the new student.

Virtual Web-Chat Information Sessions – Middle French Immersion Program:

January 14, 2021 – 10 a.m.

January 21, 2021 – 7 p.m.

January 27, 2021 – 7 p.m.

For more information about the Virtual Information Sessions, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/Elementary-School/School-Choices/French-Programs/Information-Sessions.

For more information about French as a Second Language programs, the application process and important dates, please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/french.



Managing our Mental Health, Well Being and Emotions During a Pandemic

The mental health and well being of our students and staff is our main priority. Although filling in the learning gaps resulting from school closure is our goal, ensuring a safe and healthy teaching and learning environment for the students comes first. In school learning is still considered the most optimal learning environment for students, as they have direct access to learning materials, resources, support, and the social interactions with their peers--which is vital for their emotional health and well being of developing children.

We recognize for some families, in school learning at this time is not possible. However, for the average family who is in otherwise good health, we strongly encourage that you send your child to school so that children can get the full benefit of learning.

Knowing that Covid has come into schools as a result of community spread, we ask that our families please stay safe and remain home. If you work outside of the home, we ask that you please wear a mask and wash your hands regularly to prevent community spread.

We know the holiday season is approaching, and it is a time that has traditionally been about family gathering, but ask that you please continue to follow the advice of our government and stay home, do not host guests and call or use Zoom calls to connect with family and friends.

On behalf of the staff at Port Royal Public School, we wish all of our families a safe, healthy, happy holiday. We look forward to seeing our students return on January 4th.

