



Normanby Buzz

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Important Dates

Dec. 11

Christmas Concert
 Dress Rehearsal 12 noon

Dec. 12

Christmas Concert
 12 noon

Dec. 13

Snow Date for Christmas
 Concert (if needed)

Dec. 17

JDSS Band Concert
 11:40 am

Dec. 18

Sports Jersey Day

Dec. 19

Ugly Christmas Sweater
 Day

Dec. 20

Pajama Day

Dec. 23 – Jan. 3

Christmas Break

Jan. 6

Students return to school

Jan. 31

PD Day



Winter has arrived! Thank you for sending extra mitts and dressing students appropriately for outdoor play. Snow offers new creative play opportunities for recess, and we love to see them enjoying themselves! Please note that our playground equipment is now closed until spring to ensure everyone is safe, minimizing the risk of falling because of slippery surfaces, and landing on hard frosty ground below.

With the arrival of winter, winter driving conditions become more “challenging.” Bus companies do their best to make decisions for no bus days in a timely manner, and to get those announcements to families as soon as possible. The school will update our new website (<https://bwdsb-nor.ss14.sharpschool.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=9163648&pageId=9163656>), Facebook and send communications via School Messenger. When buses are cancelled in the morning there will be no buses for the afternoon. Please be aware that for students who do come to school on a no bus day there will not be regular programming. Students will be congregated and alternate programming will be provided. Many staff members drive a distance to Normanby and not all staff may make it to school. For students who normally walk or are dropped off for school and are staying on a no bus day, we do ask that you call the office and let us know. We want to be sure all of our students are safe and accounted for!

We are collecting a large amount of “lost and found” items. If your child is missing any items, please pop in and check our collection. We do also ask that if an unfamiliar item make its way into your home, that you return it to your child’s teacher. We want to make sure that everyone is getting their belongings back. It’s amazing how kiddos don’t recognize their own things!

I thank everyone for their patience and support as we continue to work through labour action in the province. The media is full of announcements and information, which can cause parents concern. The school board will continue to send home communication to keep families informed of how any potential disruption will be managed in schools. In the event of urgent information that families needed by families, it will be communicated in the same manner as bus cancellations.

I wish each family a wonderful month, and holiday season. Looking forward to continuing to work together for our students in the New Year!

Nicole Jackson

Holiday Season Celebrations

In the week leading up to the Holiday break we are planning some special events to celebrate the season. On December 12th at 12 noon we will have our Christmas Concert. The JDSS band will be visiting the school on December 17th at 11:40 am to perform some traditional favorites. We will also be having carol singing at varying times, to be confirmed, over the last week of school. We would welcome parents, grandparents, and visitors who would like to join us at these times to share in the music of the season.

Community Events:



**Best Wishes
For a
Wonderful
Holiday
Season
With
Family &
Friends**

Days of Giving

From December 3rd to the 17th, the students will be organizing and collecting food for the local Food Banks. We will collect canned goods, cereal, pasta, bathroom items, cookies, crackers, etc. Thank you to all those who are able to contribute.

Dress for Winter

Please ensure your students come to school prepared for the outdoors. Mitts, hats, jackets, snow pants, and warm boots are all essential to the enjoyment of the winter season. Students are expected to be outside during part of both nutrition breaks. If the weather is extremely cold, we monitor the time students spend outdoors. Also please remember it is our expectation that if students are well enough to be at school they are well enough to go outside for recess.

Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Be aware! Parents/guardians continue to report the presence of head lice. Please continue to check your student regularly for head lice. Local pharmacists are helpful when it comes to treating an outbreak. They can suggest treatments and remedies that work well. In addition, our local Health Unit has information that supports parents dealing with an outbreak.



Parents/guardians are now set up to receive broadcasts from our school by phone, email and text through our new communication platform, SchoolMessenger Communicate!

Adjust your preferences at any time for how you wish to receive broadcasts, and the types of broadcasts you wish to receive (General, Emergency, Commercial/Fundraising) through either of the following ways:

Using the email address that our school has on file for you, create an account at:

- www.schoolmessenger.com/start; and/or
- Download the SchoolMessenger app (App Store or Google Play) on your mobile device (BLUE symbol)



Receiving our broadcasts by text requires an extra step. Using the wireless number we have on file for you, you must opt in by texting **Yes** using the short code **978338**.

PLEASE NOTE: Broadcasts will be sent to you based on the phone, wireless and email contact information that you submitted at the start of the school year. Contact the school if you wish to make changes to your contact information.



"Your Voice Matters" - Question of the Week

Bluewater District School Board is now featuring a new weekly survey for parents/ guardians. It only requires a few seconds of your time to answer our question on an education related topic. Every Monday morning, a new question and the previous week's results are posted to Bluewater District School Board's Facebook and Twitter pages, and through the new Bluewater District School Board mobile app (search for **Bluewater Dist. School Board** in the App Store or Google Play).