

# Sansome School Notes from the Office

Hello Sansome Families:

There is an increase in **respiratory viruses** circulating currently, including influenza, COVID-19, and RSV. To help slow the spread of infection, Public Health recommends the following:

Stay home when sick

Wash hands frequently

Practice good cough etiquette

Consider mask use

Monitor daily for COVID-19 symptoms (we have rapid test kits available at the school upon request)

Staff and students who have a positive COVID-19 test or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 are asked to isolate for 5 days and to wear a mask for the remaining 5 days. We have renewed our efforts to remind students to wash hands, hand sanitize, and stay home when sick. We are monitoring the situation closely. We appreciate family's efforts in keeping everyone safe during this time.

**Handball** games have been underway, and it has been good to have families in attendance to cheer our students on. Thank you to Coaches: Mr. W.; Ms. Iliffe; Mrs. Starkell, and Mr. Robinson.

**Winter Concerts: Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> (Gr. 1, 2, 3) and Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> (Kinders and Grade 4, 5)** with performances at 1:30 and 7:00. Practices are well underway in preparation for these exciting performances!

Our next **Parent Council** Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Sansome Staffroom. Babysitting will be available upon request (204-889-6000). Thank you to Parent Council for organizing this month's Subway Fun Lunch/ Snack!

**Lost and Found:** We have placed all Lost and Found items on tables for easy identification. We are reminding all students to have a look and claim their belongings!

**Class Photos:** Due to an issue with the quality of the class photos, Lifetouch will be retuning on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> to retake all class photos.

**Thank you to everyone who came out and joined our Term 1 Celebrations of Learning!**

Henrietta Hoch

Chris Mavroudis

## **Rock, Paper, Scissors Tournament**

Next week we are going to run our Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament at Sansome. The tournament is a collaboration with Sturgeon Heights to support our community hampers. The tournament will close on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and all classroom champions will be named at that time. The name of each classroom champion will then be entered into a draw. The names that are drawn will then go to Sturgeon Heights Collegiate by school bus on December the 7<sup>th</sup> to play against other schools in our division.

Here is how the tournament works: All students will start with 3 lives for the tournament. If a student wants to earn more lives for the tournament, they can. Every 3 additional hamper items or toonie brought to school, will earn student's an additional life in the tournament. The number of lives to be played out will be tracked by the adults in your child's classroom.

We are hoping to gather as many items and funds as possible to support our hamper program and bring cheer to our community.

We thank you in advance for your support!

## **Winter Concert Collection**

This year we will not be doing a bake sale. Instead, we will be selling reindeer candy canes to the students again for \$1.00 each. The sale will take place during the week of December 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. We will also have a silver collection during our Winter Concert times as well as a collection table for any items that community members might want to bring in to help support our holiday hampers.

## **Spirit Week at Sansome**

Our Sansome Spirit week will be from December 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attachments so that you can prepare for the upcoming festive days!!!

Our next Early Dismissal Day is **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be dismissed at 3:18 pm to allow for ongoing staff professional development. Early dismissals happen on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Buses run approximately 30 minutes earlier.

## **Transportation:**

As a reminder:

Sansome bus in the AM is #17

Sansome bus in the PM is #5

If your child is not going to be on the bus **at the end of the day**, call the office to let us know. If we cannot pick up the phone, please leave us a message.

**Absence Reporting:** A reminder that during the school year, absences are no longer phoned in or emailed to the school/teacher. Please do not email the teacher if your child is going to be absent. If teachers are away, they are not checking their email.

**Milk Store:** White and chocolate milk can be purchased for \$1.00 each. Tickets are available in the office. If you have tickets left from last year, they can still be used. Kernels Popcorn is also sold in the Milk Store for \$2.00 per bag. The flavours available are Butter & Salt, Dill Pickle, Salt & Vinegar, and White Cheddar.

Please bookmark our school website for all current and future news and the upcoming events calendar: <https://www.sjasd.ca/school/sansome>

If you have any questions about this or any other school information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.