

# École Bannatyne

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December 2017

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Dear Parents,

## Dates to remember

**Dec 5 & 19**  
Early dismissal  
3:25 pm

**Dec 20**  
Winter Concert at  
Sturgeon Creek  
United Church

**Dec 22**  
Last day of classes

**Dec 23**  
WINTER BREAK  
BEGINS

To begin our December newsletter, thank-you to all our families for celebrating your child's learning during the Student-Led Conferences and to our amazing staff and students for all their hard work in planning these conferences.

A big thank-you as well for supporting this year's Scholastic book fair. Proceeds will again be shared equally between staff members and the library, which benefits all our students. This event would not be possible without the dedication of our amazing Parent Council. Thank-you so much to Nicole Bowring and Misty Rückl for organizing this event and to all the volunteers for their support with the set-up, decorations, class visits and collection of funds. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the student leaders who helped the younger students complete their "wish lists" during their class visits.

### Important Winter Concert News

We are all looking forward to our upcoming Winter Concert being held at **Sturgeon Creek United Church on Thompson Drive on Wednesday, December 20**. There will be two performances by the Grades 1-3 students at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. **The Kindergarten Students will be performing at 7:00 pm.**

Please note that space is limited so extended family members of the Grades 1-3 students are encouraged to attend the afternoon performance, where possible. Parking is available in the parking lot as well as street side. Please also be sure to hang up your coats before sitting, in order to save space for others and sit closely in the pews so all attendees have a place to sit. Finally, there will be chairs set up in overflow areas; no one is permitted to stand along the back.

We are looking for some volunteers to help with set decoration/set-up as well as tear down, so if you are available to help either before or after the performances, please contact Mme Boyko at [rboyko@sjsd.net](mailto:rboyko@sjsd.net) or by calling the school. Our volunteers are so important and an integral part of making Winter Concerts a success! Thank-you!

Thank-you so much to Mme Kotelinski and all staff, students and families for your work and cooperation in helping ensure our Winter Concerts are a success once again this year.

### Cold Weather, Clothing and Safety

As the cold weather is now upon us, information relating to important guidelines about temperatures and bussing cancellation is included in a separate section. Please read this section carefully. When the temperature meets the indoor recess guidelines in the morning before school, please have your child come directly into the school. They are not to arrive before 8:50 am as there is no supervision until this time. When they come in, they are directed to sit quietly in the hallway, with their belongings, outside their classroom. They are not to enter the classroom until their teacher greets them when the bell rings at 9:00 am. Please be sure your child(ren) is dressed appropriately for the weather and that all their belongings are labelled.

Please be reminded that on regular school days, students are not to come in the front door and linger near their classroom as there is no supervision. If they are dropped off at the front doors, please do not escort them to their classrooms; they should go directly to the playground until the bell rings at 9:00. There is supervision on the playground from 8:50 until 9:00. Adults are also asked to not use the back doors to enter the school with students; those doors are for student entry and dismissal only. It is extremely hectic during entry and dismissal times, so please allow students only to enter and exit safely from these doors. Their teachers greet them and help them with their belongings, so adults are not permitted to enter with them. All adults are to use the front doors and report to the office when visiting.

Finally, please ensure to respect the 30 km per hour speed limit in and around our school neighbourhood. Many students walk to school, so maintaining respect of these speed limits while driving and paying attention to pedestrians, will help to ensure they are able to cross intersections safely.

Thank-you for your support in keeping all our students safe!

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### **School Website**

The school division has recently embarked on the design and development of updated school websites and we are pleased to now be ready for a more regular use of ours at <https://www.sjasd.ca/school/bannatyne/Pages/default.aspx>

It will be regularly updated to include important news, information, reminders and dates, so please visit it frequently. Our goal is to move from the more traditional newsletter format to sharing all information on the website.

### **Kindergarten Information Evening and Registration:**

**Please note that our Kindergarten Information Evening will be held on Monday, January 22 at 7:00 pm.** The purpose of the evening is to share details about the registration process and information about our French Immersion Kindergarten and school.

If you know families that live within the École Bannatyne catchment area and who have children turning 5 before the end of December, 2018 please share the important dates from this newsletter with them so they may consider the opportunity to enrol in our French Immersion program. The website also has relevant information relating to dates and times of our information evening and registration times.

To learn more about our school, please visit our website at <https://www.sjasd.ca/school/bannatyne/Pages/default.aspx>

On behalf of the staff and students at École Bannatyne, we would like to extend our warmest wishes for a safe and happy Holiday Season and best wishes for the New Year!

Mme Boyko  
Principal

Mme Rothwell  
Vice-Principal

### **Parent Council News**

A big thank you to all of our Bannatyne Families for your support of our Annual Book Fair. We were able to make enough money to earn the school \$3000 in scholastic books and classroom supplies! This money is shared throughout the school to provide resources throughout the classrooms and the library! Thank you to Nicole Bowering and Misty Ruckl for organizing this event!

Mom's Pantry orders will be ready for pick up on **Monday, December 11th in the Library between 3:00pm-5:00 pm.** Please make sure someone is here to collect your order, as we don't have storage at the school for it. Thanks, Angela Janzen Roth and Jolene Alderson for organizing our Mom's Pantry Fundraiser. Thank you to everyone that participated in the fundraiser and to those families that provided a direct donation! We raised \$2270 to help fund École Bannatyne's Festival Activities which will take place in February!

We will be hosting another movie night on Friday, January 26th the movie is TBD! Thank you to Lynnsay Butterfield Currie and Amanda Oike for coordinating another movie night!

On Behalf of the Parent Council, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 pm. We hope to see everyone there!

Charlene Hogg  
Parent Council President

**Physical Education News****Physical Education Website**

For updated Physical Education news, check out the École Bannatyne Physical Education and Health website at <http://ecolebannatynephysicaleducation.blogspot.ca>

**Indoor Soccer**

The Indoor Soccer for the Grade 4 and 5 teams is now done! The end-of-season Friendship Tournament was held the morning of Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, at Bannatyne and Heritage. Congratulations to all of the players for a great season!

**Basketball**

The Grade 4 and 5 Basketball Club begins in late January. More information will be sent home in early January of 2018.

**Athletes of the Month**

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen as the Athletes of the Month for their demonstration of leadership, safe and fair play and sportsmanship throughout the month of December.

*Grade 2 – Noah Regehr  
Grade 3 – Jack McDonald*

*Grade 4 – Lily Huber  
Grade 5 – Kaela Matychuk*

**Intramurals & Leadership**

Lunchtime intramurals will restart in January! Thank you to the Grade 5 Intramural Team members for volunteering their time to help their peers.

## Spirit Week: let's celebrate winter!

Monday, December 18, 2017 – **Snowman Day.** Dress up like a snowman!



Tuesday, December 19 – **Super Awesome Day!** Dress up like a superhero or a princess!



Wednesday, December 20 – **Winter Olympics 2018.** The Kindergarten, Grade 4 and Grade 5 students will dress up like their favourite Winter Olympic sport or athlete. **The Grade 1-3 students will dress up for winter concert rehearsal.**



Thursday, December 21 – **Fashion Disaster Day!** Dress in your craziest clothes and hair!



Friday, December 22 – **Winter Sweater Day!** Wear your funny, beautiful or ugly winter sweaters!



## December

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| 10       | 11    | 12                                     | 13                          | 14    | 15                               | 16                              |
| 17       | 18    | 19<br><b>Early Dismissal</b><br>3:25pm | 20<br><b>Winter Concert</b> | 21    | 22<br><b>Last Day of Classes</b> | 23<br>WINTER<br>BREAK<br>BEGINS |
| 24       | 25    | 26                                     | 27                          | 28    | 29                               | 30                              |

**January 2018 - Dates to Remember:**

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|------------------|------------------------------------|
| January 8, 2018  | - School Reopens                   |
| January 9, 2018  | - Early Dismissal 3:25 pm          |
| January 22, 2018 | - Kindergarten Information Evening |
| January 23, 2018 | - Early Dismissal 3:25 pm          |
| January 26, 2018 | - Kindergarten Registration        |