December 2024 Newsletter



How to Report an Absence: If your child will be absent, please let us know by using one of the following methods:

- **Toll-Free Number**—Call 1-833-582-6940 to report an absence using an automated system.
- PowerSchool Parent Portal Log into https://sishrsb.ednet.ns.ca/public/ and access the SchoolMessenger website to report an absence.
- **SchoolMessenger App**—Download the SchoolMessenger app for Android and iOS devices and sign up using your PowerSchool username (full email address).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 1	2	3 East Coast	4 Parent/Guardian/	P.D.—am 5 Parent/Guardian/	6	7
		Caroling Performance 10:30—11:15	Teacher Interviews 6 pm—8 pm	Teacher Interviews 1pm—3pm (No Classes)		
8	9 Holiday Concert 10:30am & 12:45pm (more details to follow)	10	11	12 Holiday Shopping (more details to follow)	13 Holiday Shopping (more details to follow)	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Last day of classes before Holiday Break	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	January 1	P.D. for staff (No classes for students)	3 First day back for students	

HOLIDAY CONCERT

This year we will not be sending home tickets for the Holiday Concert. However, due to occupancy/fire regulations, we must limit the number of individuals in the gymnasium; therefore, <u>families</u> will be permitted to have two individuals attend the morning concern and two individuals attend the afternoon concert (without exception). We are asking families to please abide by these guidelines as if we should go over our permitted occupancy for the gymnasium, the school could potentially be charged a hefty fine. If families stick to the two members per family per concert, we will be within our permitted numbers. We will be monitoring the doors to ensure families are cooperating with our request. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

As we settle in to colder temperatures this December, parents/guardians are reminded to ensure students dress appropriately for the weather. Sending in a change of clothes on wet days would be recommended.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in chaperoning or volunteering in the classroom or with the Home & School, etc., in accordance with HRCE's Student Protection Policy, all volunteers will provide:

- 1. A completed Child Abuse Register Request for Search Form, which can be found https://beta.novascotia.ca/apply-child-abuse-register-search
- 2. A certified and true copy of a <u>Criminal Records Check</u> with <u>Vulnerable Sector Check</u> available from your local Police or RCMP detachment or through online organizations endorsed by Nova Scotia law enforcement agencies https://www.halifax.ca/fire-police/police/criminal-record-check

Please note: the Child Abuse Register Search and the Criminal Records Check must be issued in the three months preceding volunteering and updated every three years. For more detailed in formation, please follow this link: https://www.hrce.ca/volunteer

NUT FREE

Please note that Colby Village School continues to be a Nut-Free environment. We do have students and staff with severe peanut/nut allergies and it is crucial that you do not send your child with any peanut or nut products such as hazelnuts, walnuts, Nutella, cashews, Brazil nuts, pine nuts, tree nuts, etc. Thank you for your cooperation with this very important matter.

If you received all the presents that are mentioned in The 12 Days of Christmas, you would have a total of 364 presents!



FOOD DONATIONS

This year we have decided to support local and donate food to the Dartmouth Community Fridge. We are asking for <u>nonperishable</u> food items which we will take to the Dartmouth Community Fridge on Friday, December 13th. Students can start to bring in nonperishable items to their classes any time.

The Dartmouth Community Fridge project provides low-barrier, 24-hour access to free food for the community. Community members can take what they need, and leave if they can (you do not need to leave an item to take an item). The Dartmouth Community Fridge is a program developed by residents living in downtown Dartmouth and supported by Christ Church and the Public Good Society of Dartmouth.

HEAD LICE POLICY

Head lice are tiny insects that live on the head. They lay eggs (called nits) close to the scalp. Head lice do not spread disease, and having head lice does not mean that you are not clean. Head lice are very common among children. Scratching the head can be a sign of head lice, but you can have head lice without any itching.

Once a child has been treated with the appropriate product to kill the lice, they are able to return to school. A second treatment is necessary after 9 to 10 days. Daily lice combing is required between the 1st and second treatment to ensure no new lice are able to hatch.

For more information, please refer to the Head Lice Pamphlet which can be found on our school's website on the "Our School" page under the "For Parent" section.