

St. Teresa's School École Ste-Thérèse NEWSLETTER

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

This year we are offering a Family Christmas movie evening to our school Community. This will take place on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 pm in the school gym.

Students, parents, and siblings are invited to St. Teresa's for a night of fun and watch the movie Santa Paws 2. Bring along a blanket, pillows and anything else that will make you more comfortable. Popcorn will be provided. Feel free to bring a non-perishable food item. The night will end at 8:00 pm and we are looking forward to a great night.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – EARLY DISMISSAL

School closes for students on **Friday, December 22nd at 1:00 p.m.** Children will be having a break mid morning so a larger recess snack will be necessary.

School will reopen on **Monday, January 8th**. It will be Day 6 on the schedule.

On behalf of our entire staff at St. Teresa's School, we would like to wish each of you a wonderful holiday season. May it be a very special time spent with your family and friends.

PARKING LOT

We ask parents to be patient and vigilant when driving on the school lot. If you park in one of the parking stalls, please walk your child across the parking lot. No child should be permitted to weave in between parked vehicles while trying to cross the parking lot. We are also asking people not to park in our spaces designated for disability parking only.



PLEASE CHECK IN AT THE OFFICE –STUDENT/SCHOOL SECURITY

In an attempt to create a safe and secure environment for all students, we ask all students, parents/ guardians or any visitor who comes to the school during the regular school hours to use the main entrance and **check with the office first**. We will gladly assist if you are dropping off an item for your child(ren) or picking them

up. This school policy will allow our staff to know who is in the building at all times and ensure the safety of all our students. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter. **Parents are not permitted to proceed to their child's classroom.**

ALLERGIES



Some of our students and staff have *serious allergies* that can result in these people suffering from a *life threatening condition known as Anaphylaxis*. Breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure or shock can result which are *potentially fatal*.

To help ensure that our students and staff are safe at school **please avoid sending the following food items:**

All nuts – including peanuts, kiwi, and eggs.

Your understanding and co-operation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next school council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 16th at 6:00 p.m.** All parents / guardians are welcome to attend.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE

Thank you to all parents/guardians who attended parent teacher conferences. Families and school need to work together to help your child succeed. If you could not make the parent teacher conferences please contact your child's teacher to make another appointment.

KINDERSTART SESSION DATES

Kinderstart sessions will begin in January. A letter will be sent out before Christmas informing you of dates and times.

If you know of a child born before December 31, 2013, please remind them to register for Kinderstart. This can be done by dropping by St. Teresa's School with your child's MCP card and proof of address.

OUTDOOR CLOTHING

Playing outdoors promotes many social benefits as well as an opportunity for physical development. Many children enjoy playing outside as it allows them the opportunity to play with friends from other classes as well as providing them an opportunity to explore their environment, develop muscle strength and coordination, and gain self-confidence. Playing outdoors also increases flexibility, fine and gross motor skills and is related to the development of a wide variety of physical skills. The fresh air is also welcomed by many! **We will continue to go outside during our lunch period when the weather is suitable. Please ensure that your**

child(ren) arrive(s) at school dressed appropriately for the weather.

50/50 TICKETS

Our 50/50 fundraiser tickets are now on sale. The more tickets that are sold the bigger the prize. We encourage everyone to sell as many as possible. All money and unsold tickets must be returned to the school by Friday, Dec 15. Draw date is December 19/17.

RECYLCING

We try to teach our students the importance of being respectful to our environment. Recycling is a fantastic program that promotes environmental awareness and provides funds for our school. We encourage everyone to participate in our recycling program. **Please drop off your recyclables every Wednesday morning.** In the meantime, families may drop off their recyclables to your nearest recycling depot and have the refund credited to St. Teresa's Elementary.



PLEASE NOTE-EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE PROCEDURES

As in previous years we are prepared for the safe dismissal of our students when an early closure is necessary. District office personnel will make an announcement via **local AM/FM radio stations, Twitter** and **Status Central** (please note below the steps to follow to access this system through the District website). The target time will be 6:30 a.m. however, if it is determined that schools will close during the day because of weather the School District communicates that decision through the radio stations and Status Central as well.

Please read – important....We are continuing to use a system called **School Connects Notify..** This system will allow the school to call the phone numbers you've provided on your child's registration form. The automated system then informs you of the message. It therefore continues to be essential that the school has **up to date contact information.** If this information, which you provided in September on your child's registration form, changes throughout the year please make contact with the office and your child's teacher. It is also important as well that your child is aware of the plans that you've put in place for them in the case of a school emergency.

How to access School Connects Notify

To access **School Connects**, log on to the Eastern School District website: www.nlesd.ca. (The School Status Report notice board is on the right side of the main page.)

You can also customize **Status Central** and chose only those schools you want to view.

1. Click on... Click Here to Customize.
3. Select the schools you want to view.
4. Click the **Submit** button at the bottom of the page when finished.
5. When completed, you will see the message – Configuration Saved.

To ensure you're getting up-to-date information on stormy days, remember to refresh your screen regularly.