



Northdale Public School

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STAR News UPDATE

CHECK IT OUT!

Stay in touch and informed! Checkout our school website for updates, information and links to important happenings in and around the school and TVDSB.

<https://northdalewoodstock.tvdsb.ca/en/index.aspx>

Front Page: Important Updates and Links for our School and around TVDSB / School Cash online/Parent Portal /Brightspace

School Tab: School Council updates / Parent Tab: School Newsletters and Communication / Calendar updates

Consent Form: If you are okay with your child(ren)'s smiley faces being shown in our Spirit Day videos, please make sure you have filled out the consent form located in the Parent Portal. The answer defaults to "no" when it has not been filled out. There is a direct link on the front page of the Northdale website. https://schoolapps2.tvdsb.ca/parents/tvdsb_parents/

PARKING AT FAITHWAY BAPTIST CHURCH

I received a call from the Pastor at Faithway Baptist Church regarding the number of vehicles parking in their parking lot. Please be aware, you park there at your own risk and they do not accept any liability. They are not open during school drop-off and pick-up hours, so their parking lot is not maintained during the winter months. They have been very gracious in allowing our families to park there and will continue to do so but it is at your own risk. Please be aware, that next spring, construction will begin at Northdale on a new parking lot and kiss and drop loop situated at the front of our building.

CONSTRUCTION AT NORTHDALÉ P.S.

Beginning on Monday, November 30th and lasting into the new year, we will be having Robertson Restoration construction crew working at Northdale P.S. They are working to replace all of the exterior brick on the school. This means that we will have additional traffic around our staff parking lot off of Northdale Ave. They require 3 parking spaces to setup as well as additional parking spaces for their crew. We require your assistance and support. ***We remind all parents that the parking lot off of Northdale Avenue is for Northdale staff only and not to be used for pickup or drop off. Do not drive into this lot up to the chain and then try to back out as this poses a safety risk for staff and students.***

BOOKFAIR

Thank you for your support!! We had a very successful Virtual Book Fair! With last night's deadline, books should be delivered to your home well before the holidays (according to Scholastic). Enjoy the adventures with your new books!!

Our Virtual Book Fair Has Ended!



Thank you to everyone that participated and helped us to earn new resources for our school. Happy Reading!

Every Student Belongs" Survey.

The Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) is working to gain a better understanding of the diverse backgrounds of students and families across the district. To provide information that will help achieve this goal, TVDSB is launching **Every Student Belongs Survey** in December, 2020. The survey is guided by Ontario's Equity Action Plan, which asks school boards to collect information about students and staff related to their background (for example, their race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability).

Students in grades seven to twelve will be invited to complete the survey during the school day throughout the month of December. Families will be receiving a letter with more detailed information. Families of children in kindergarten to grade six will be invited to complete the survey on behalf of their child in January 2021.

For more information, please visit the website: www.tvdsb.ca/everystudentbelongs.

The Christmas Place

MONETARY AND GIFT CARD COLLECTION:

Cash, cheques and gift card donations can be dropped off at

The Christmas Place

Parking lot Entrance of College Avenue United Church

Corner of Wilson and Peel Streets, Woodstock

Nov. 23rd-Dec.11th - Mon.-Fri.- 10am-4pm

Charitable Tax Receipts will be issued for Cash/Cheque/Gift Cards

Cheques made payable to Operation Sharing with Christmas Place noted in MEMO.

FESTIVE FEAST –TODAY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE! ORDER by 3:30pm TODAY!!!

The School Council is very pleased to host a “Festive Feast” on **WED., DEC. 16TH** for all students and staff of Northdale Public School!! Swiss Chalet will once again be preparing the meal. The classes will be eating in their respective classrooms and the individually packaged meals will be delivered to them. The cost of the meal is \$6.65 / student and can be purchased through School Cash Online *only*. **NO CASH or CHEQUES** will be accepted (COVID protocols). To support our school community, families may purchase additional meals to gift a meal to another student. This will ensure that all students will have the opportunity to participate in our Festive Feast. Thankyou!



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

December 7th -School Council virtual meeting @6:30pm

December 9th - Virtual GRAD 2020 recognition

December 11th -WACKY HAIR DAY!

December 16th -Festive Feast –Swiss Chalet –Wear your Christmas Sweater and Festive Wear!

December 17th Red and Green Day

December 18th - PJ Day

December 18th- January 4th - Christmas Break

WEATHER/OUTDOOR TIME

Please be aware that students go outside every day for PE/ recess / outdoor lessons. They need to come to school dressed for the weather. This time is important as it is the only time students will have a break from wearing their mask. Students are welcome to bring an umbrella on those rainy days for recess time and if the teacher deems it appropriate for their outdoor learning time. If the weather is severe such as cold temperatures that public health identifies as a high risk or if it is a thunderstorm, we will not send them outside.

While inside their classrooms, students are required to remain seated with masks on, this is a South Western Ontario Public Health / TVDSB mandatory protocol. We feel it is important that students have an opportunity to have a fresh air break and a chance to move around.

If you have further questions, please contact the school.

SAFE ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE

Safety of our children is always our guiding principle when making any school community decisions. Please support us in our efforts to follow the public health unit protocols of social distancing and contact tracing during drop off and pick-up times. We recommend parents wear their masks and keep social distanced. *Please move away from the gate area* after you have dropped off your children in order that other families with students can safely access the fenced in playground. *Please do not walk your students onto school property at either entrance off Northdale Ave.* Parents are asked not to say their good-byes at the sidewalk or their vehicle. If your student must be driven, we encourage you to park a block away and let your student walk the last block to school. This will assist in decreasing the vehicle traffic at drop off and pickup times. Thank you for your assistance!

Reminders



-*Please send 2 labelled filled water bottles to school with your student each day.*

Please consider sending extra labelled masks in your child's backpack during the colder months. This ensures students have dry masks to wear throughout the day.

-Please send your student dressed and ready for outdoor play / recess / PE.