



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. Front Page: Important Updates and Links for our School and around TVDSB / School Tab: School Council updates / Parent Tab: School Newsletters and Communication / Calendar updates [Northdale P.S. website](#)

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.

COATS FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

Woodstock's Operation Sharing -Coats for Kids and Adults program will not be running the same way as it has in the past. If your family needs winter apparel, you must complete a request form and submit it to the Program Coordinators by November 30th. This service is offered free of charge. Pick up of the apparel will take place at Woodstock's Operation Sharing at a pre-registered date and time. If you require a request form, please contact the school.

PRODUCE EXPRESS Fundraiser! LAST CHANCE!!!

Do you shop here? Well you can help us earn money to support our fabulous snack program. It is as simple as putting in your order and then using **our school code: Northdale2020**. This fundraiser will only last for the month of November and will earn us 10% of all purchases. What a terrific opportunity to support our school and students! Thank you to Produce Express! See attached flyer for more information.



The Christmas Place

Due to COVID-19, our 2020 Christmas Place will look different this year!

- Parents only can register for gifts for their children (0-18)
- Gifts or gift cards will be set for each age group
- Registration is required no later than **Friday, November 27th**!
- An appointment time will be scheduled for parents to pick-up the gift packs and PJ packs. Please note Photo ID and proof of address is required.

MONETARY AND GIFT CARD COLLECTION:

Cash, cheques and gift card donations can be dropped off to:

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

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

VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR! *Time to Shop!*

<https://bookfairs-canada.myshopify.com/pages/5151311>

Our Virtual Book Fair has begun! *November 19th-December 3rd*. *Get reading Northdale!*

Check out the Estimation Contest on our School Facebook Page!

FESTIVE FEAST – WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16TH

The School Council is very pleased to host a “Festive Feast” 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 \$6.50 / 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:

November 27th - TWIN DAY!

November 30th - LAST CHANCE! To support our Produce Express Fundraiser!

December 3rd - Grade 7 Immunization

Virtual Book Fair Thursday, November 19th-December 3rd

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

December 9th - Virtual GRAD 2020 recognition – details to come

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

CONSTRUCTION AT NORTHDALÉ P.S.

Beginning 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 this parking lot is for *Northdale staff only* and not to be used for parking for pickup or drop off.

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 dropoff 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.