



NORWOOD NEWS DECEMBER

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From the Office...

December is here and we have completed 3 full months of school and our students are looking forward to a winter break. As the anticipation builds it is important that we all remember that learning is still happening and programming is running strong. Teachers will continue to keep their expectations high for the success of all. We want everyone to finish 2019 off strong!

We are now officially into our winter season and with snow new conflicts arise on the yard. Our expectations are simple; we are kind, we are respectful, and students make choices that are their responsibility to own. Hands off is in our school Code of Conduct and if students are not respecting this they will have a consequence based on the behavior that they chose. Please help us and your child and have a conversation with them. Remind them of our rules and that being a bystander is just as bad as being the aggressor. Students are encouraged to be a part of the solution and not the problem.

We also have some bitter-sweet news to share. Mrs. Westgarth has retired! While we wish her well for the next chapter of her life, she will be missed by our students and staff. In her place, Mrs. Thompson has joined our team and she brings a tremendous amount of experience that we are all excited about.

Please continue to check our website for school updates.

Your Partner in Education,
Brooke Ostapek



Winter Concert

We are excited to share that moving forward we will be hosting our winter concerts in our own building! We are proud of our building and we want our families to have as many opportunities to experience their child's learning environment as possible so it only makes sense that we use our space and not the high schools. We are still finalizing details but once we have them they will be posted on our website and teachers will communicate the details with their students and families.



ALLERGEN AWARE SCHOOL

We would like to remind everyone that Norwood is an allergen aware school and we are scent sensitive.



DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

If you do, please contact your child's teacher and arrange a time to meet or discuss over the phone. Always speak to them first.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



A **HUGE** thank you to our council who approved the funds necessary to purchase new winter equipment for both of our yards! With the money that our families have donated and/or fundraised for, we put right back into our students and school. Any parents who are still interested in becoming a part of this important advisory group are encouraged to come out and join us.

Upcoming dates:

December 10th, 4pm – **Pot Luck Dinner**

Norwood Executive for 2019-2020:

Chair – Julie McLean

Vice Chair – Laurie Strawbridge

Treasurer – Becky Waldon

Secretary – Kate Webb

Bus Cancellations



Should there be need to cancel transportation service (including all vehicles, buses and taxis) for an entire region or county, a pop-up message to that effect will be posted on STSCO's home page and every Inclement Weather Page. Any such message means that all routes for schools in that region or county are cancelled. When a route is cancelled in the AM, the PM portion is cancelled as well.

Also, keep in mind that you should:

- know your child's school bus route number and the name of the company operating it;
- listen to your favourite local radio station for cancellation updates;
- visit the www.stsco.ca website in the morning for delays or cancellations; or
- access the www.stsco.ca website and choose to receive delay and cancellation information by:
 - voluntarily providing your email address for direct email notices from STSCO; or
 - signing on to receive STSCO's Mass Area Cancellation posts on Facebook or Twitter.

Other reminders include:

- If a bus is cancelled in the morning, it will also be cancelled in the afternoon.
- Make sure that your child is at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to the scheduled bus arrival time in the morning. If you meet your child in the afternoon, make sure you are at the stop 10 minutes before bus arrival.
- Review busing procedures with your child so they will know what to do if their bus is late or cancelled.