

# Meduxnekeag Consolidated School

December 2023



<p><b>Dec. 4</b></p> <p>MCS will be celebrating Christmas this month. Starting next week, each day will have a different theme and activities – stay tuned to the MCS Home &amp; School Facebook page for details.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 5</b></p> <p>Home &amp; School BINGO NIGHT – 6pm (Wear your Christmas Sweaters)</p> <p>Book Fair 8:30-3:00 and open before &amp; after BINGO</p> <p>PSSC Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Dec. 6</b></p> <p>Book Fair 8:30-3:00</p> <p>We are collecting store-bought individually wrapped snacks for Hayward House for the homeless. These can be sent in at any time before December 20<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 7</b></p> <p>Book Fair 8:30-8:30</p> <p>Parent Teacher Meetings 3:00-8:00pm</p>	<p><b>Dec. 8</b></p> <p>Parent Teacher Meetings 8:30-11:30am</p> <p>Book Fair 8:30-11:30</p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b></p>
<p><b>Dec. 11</b></p> <p>Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal (for students) 8:45am</p>	<p><b>Dec. 12</b></p> <p>CHRISTMAS CONCERT</p> <p>(Two identical concerts for K-5 parents 9am &amp; 1pm)</p> <p><i>Themed Gift Basket</i> draws during the afternoon concert</p>	<p><b>Dec. 13</b></p>	<p><b>Dec. 14</b></p> <p>Gr. 1 &amp; 6 French Immersion registration opens today for next fall.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 15</b></p> <p>Hat Day \$1.00</p>
<p><b>Dec. 18</b></p>	<p><b>Dec. 19</b></p> <p>FREE Turkey Dinner Day for Students &amp; Staff</p>	<p><b>Dec. 20</b></p> <p>Snack donations due for Hayward House</p>	<p><b>Dec. 21</b></p>	<p><b>Dec. 22</b></p> <p>½ Day of School</p> <p>Merry Christmas &amp; Happy New Year from MCS Staff!!</p>
<p><b>Jan. 8</b></p> <p>First day of classes for students in 2024</p>	<p><b>Jan. 9</b></p>	<p><b>Jan. 10</b></p>	<p><b>Jan. 11</b></p>	<p><b>Jan. 12</b></p>

**HOLIDAY GIVING:**

MCS has decided to donate to one local charity this holiday season: Hayward House. There are currently 57 homeless people in the Town of Woodstock. In addition to a cash donation, they are also collecting store-bought individually wrapped snacks (ie – granola bars, Rice Krispie squares, fruit cups, puddings, etc.) **We will be collecting donations until Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.** There is a box next to the Christmas tree in our front lobby.

## **ATHLETICS**

**Badminton** - The middle school badminton season is wrapping up in early December. Middle school grade level teams have been practicing and competing with one another in an effort to qualify for the district grade level final tournament. All players had the opportunity to play in a jamboree tournament against Townsview and Nackawic. The grade 8s, coached by Mr. Thomas Clark, will travel to Hartland for their end of season tournament. The 7s, coached by Mr. Nathan King, will travel to Townsview for their tournament. While MCS will host the grade 6 tournament with Mr. Dave Mahar coaching the team. Good luck to all MCS players.

**Basketball** - Basketball tryouts will begin at MCS for both the girls' and boys' teams early this month. Additional information will be shared at school and through social media for players and families.

## **BOOK FAIR IN OUR LIBRARY**

We're excited to announce that our Scholastic Book Fair is coming this week! You can shop from hundreds of items in-person from December 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, and all purchases help us earn new books and resources for our school. Each homeroom teacher will have the opportunity to bring their students to the Book Fair, plus we are excited to offer **TWO** family nights this year. On December 5<sup>th</sup> (MCS Bingo Night) from 4:30-6:00 and 7:00-8:00 and December 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-8:30 (during parent/teacher). We will also be open from 8:30-11:30 on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> for parent/teacher. We hope to see you there! Thank you for your support!

## **HOLIDAY DINNER**

MCS is happy and excited to spread some holiday cheer by having a free holiday dinner for all students and staff on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to having all of our staff and students share a meal together on this date. A huge thank you in advance to our amazing volunteers, who will help serve the meal. We couldn't do it without you! Happy Holidays! Please wear your Christmas sweaters on this day.

## **HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE**

Home and School is getting excited for Christmas! We have lots of fun activities lined up for December. Family BINGO night December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm - wear your Christmas clothing and receive a candy cane treat. December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am we have a family movie at Atlantic Cinemas "The Grinch" (Jim Carey version). Tickets are only \$5.00 and can be purchased at the school - just send a note with the money and we will send the tickets home. We hope to have some treats delivered to our students before the holidays arrive. Home and School would like to wish all our families a Merry Christmas!

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

As we move into December there are a few reminders for MCS families concerning our end-of-day procedures that serve to keep student safety top of mind:

1. All changes to end of day student travel arrangements must be made prior to 2 p.m. Any requests made after 2 p.m. will not be granted.
  2. Students can only be signed out during the day by an adult listed on their data form. The adult must come into the school to sign out a student and may be asked for identification.
  3. Student dismissal time is 2:50 p.m. We ask that parents picking up at end of day, wait for students outside as students come out with their teachers. We will not be interrupting classes to excuse students after 2:30 p.m.
- Please book your parent/teacher time for December 7 or 8 using our on-line system. We look forward to connecting with you about your child's academic progress.

We also hope to see everyone out at the Christmas concert on December 12<sup>th</sup>. On Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, MCS will be hosting a Holiday Dinner for all students and staff. This event will be free of charge, and I want to extend a thank you to all those folks who donated and who are volunteering for this special event.

Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> is a HALF Day for students. Busses will be departing MCS at 11:50 a.m. and the cafeteria will not be operating that day. Have a wonderful December everyone and Happy Holidays!

## GUIDANCE CORNER

This month our school is participating in the Ring a Bell Campaign, put together by Partners for Youth. The goal of the Ring A Bell Campaign is to raise awareness and inspire youth, their families, and communities to take positive actions in support of youth mental health. The emphasis of Ring a Bell is on educating everyone in our province on the importance of taking preventative and restorative actions to improve our mental health and wellness. On Thursday, December 7th, we'll be ringing the bell for 1 minute schoolwide to recognize this important initiative. Our Family Dares are also underway! If your family completes December's Family Dare (see below), please have your child/children let their teacher know so they can fill out a ballot for a chance to win a family trip to Atlantic Cinemas! We'll be drawing a name at the end of this month. We are also excited to welcome Tyler Jones to our ESS team! He is the new Behaviour Intervention Mentor for the school. Have a great month!

### Sweet Neighbors

**Bake something sweet and share the goods with a neighbor or friend nearby.**

If you have a special recipe, teach your student how to make it! If not, look something up together and see if you can make something delicious. If it doesn't turn out the way you want, you can always eat it yourself and try again next week!

