



## ***November 2023***

Winston Churchill Public School  
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Weather Zone: 8

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### ***Attendance***

All children are expected to attend school every day unless they are sick or off with parent approval. A parent can make a request, in writing, to remove their child from school for short term periods-under 15 consecutive school days (family reasons or vacations). An alternative program of study will not be provided for these absences. Students are required to complete regular program activities and assessments. Requests for absences over 15 days, in writing, will require that a program of study be provided and must be completed by the student. If a student is absent for more than 15 days without a written request or a program of study, the student will be removed from the school register.

### ***School Council Meeting***

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at 3:45pm. All parents/guardians are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to stay up to date on events at the school, and to share ideas and input.

### ***School Bus Expectations***

Please reinforce these bus procedures and expectations with your child:

- ✓ Wait in a safe place, away from traffic, at your pickup site.
- ✓ Stay away from the bus until it has come to a complete stop and the door opens.
- ✓ Stay in your designated seat from the beginning until the bus stops completely.
- ✓ Keep yourself and all items inside the bus.
- ✓ Be sure you are visible to the driver and the driver is visible to you when approaching the bus.
- ✓ Always obey the directions of the bus driver

***Please be aware that busing is a privilege that will be withdrawn if your child's behaviour is unsafe, disorderly or outside the behavior that is expected.***

## ***Progress Reports & Student-Led Conferences***

Progress Reports (Grade 1-8) and Initial Observations (JK and SK) go home Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Student-Led Conferences will be held on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00p.m.- 7:00p.m. and on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m. - 11:45a.m. Families are encouraged to schedule a conference. Your child's teacher will contact you with additional information regarding scheduling.

## ***Treaty Recognition Week***

Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> students and staff within our school will participate in school wide learning as well as classroom lessons about the importance of treaties. This learning follows the recent learning around the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.

## ***Remembrance Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>***

As November 11<sup>th</sup> is on a Saturday this year, our school community will be recognizing Remembrance Day on **Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Many classes will be participating in the assembly and students have been working hard to prepare. Parents are invited to join our assembly which will begin at **10:15 a.m.**

## ***Winter Is Coming!***

As a reminder, children need to be dressed for the weather!

## ***Inclement Weather***

As we experience winter weather conditions, it is important to understand the school board's policies regarding inclement weather. ***Our school is in Zone 8. If buses are cancelled in Zone 8, they will not pick up or drop off children.*** The school is open even when buses are cancelled, unless otherwise stated. On days when buses are cancelled, academic programming will continue as normal. If your child is not a bus student, they are expected to be at school and will be marked absent if they do not attend. If they are not able to attend, please contact the office at 519-352-8680, so that we know they are safe. Our phones are busier than normal on these days so feel free to leave a message. *To get school bus information, please visit the following website: [cklass.ca](http://cklass.ca) or listen to CKSY (94.3 FM) or The Rock (95.1 FM) for any announcements as to bus cancellations or school closures.*

Parents should also check the transportation website at [www.schoolbusinfo.com](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com).

## ***Download the MySBI App!***

Student Transportation Services is pleased to offer the MySBI mobile app to receive instant notifications of school bus delays, and cancellations. Just download the free app from Android/Apple app stores, and subscribe to Weather Notifications, as well as to your school bus(es). Please visit [www.mysbi.ca](http://www.mysbi.ca) for additional details.

## ***End of the Day Procedure & Parking Lot***

We continue to work to keep our parking lot safe. We need your help! We would ask that you arrange ahead of time how students are getting home. ***If you are picking your child up, please ask them to stay in the school yard until you have parked your car, so that you can meet them in the yard.*** This ensures safety for everyone. Also, please remember that we do not want students crossing the road on King Street unless they are at the Merritt/King intersection, or the lights at Crystal and King. Parents are important role models for all students, and we hope you will work with us to instill this practice. We have a staff member on King Street to remind all students and families about this expectation. ***Walkers are reminded to use the path on the west side of the parking lot (the pathway closest to the field). Students should not cut through the parking lot to access King Street.*** All scooters and bikes should be walked while on school property. Please park in the spaces provided, and not along the fence (***no parking zone***).

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### ***Important Upcoming Dates***

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Event</u></b>
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cookie Dough pick up
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Council Meeting
November 9 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day Assembly (10:15 a.m.)
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Progress Reports go home.
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Retakes
November 11 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day
November 16 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup>	Student Led Conferences (Also a chance to order Spiritwear!)
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Development Day – No Classes
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bulldog Gear Day (Wear Red & Blue that day!)