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December

Our final month of 2021 has come fast! We would like to congratulate all our students for their hard work, achievements, and their commitment to personal growth. We are looking forward to the 2022 school year!

Congratulations... we will miss you!

The Brigden Bulldog school community would like to thank Mrs. Japp and Mrs. Holmes for their long-standing commitment and dedication to the Brigden community, school, and students. Our Bulldog family and community would like to wish Mrs. Japp a happy and well-deserved retirement! We also wish Mrs. Holmes the best of luck in her new position as the Vice-Principal at P.E McGibbon.

Winter Is Coming!

The holiday month has arrived and with it comes the colder weather. As a reminder, children need to be dressed for the weather, including a winter coat, hat, mitts, and boots. With the inevitable snowfall, please drive with extra caution around the school.

Winter Break

This is a reminder **that Friday, December 17, 2021,** is our last day of classes before the Winter Break. Students and staff will be returning on **Monday, January 3, 2022.**

Holiday Dinner

On **Friday, December 10th,** we will be offering a Holiday Dinner to all students and staff. The dinner will be prepared by ***The Black Goose Grill in Wallaceburg.*** We will be serving the dinner during our 1st nutrition break. The dinner will include turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, and stuffing. **There will be no cost for the dinner; however, donations are welcomed - via - School Cash Online.** Due to COVID restrictions, lunches will be individually packaged and delivered to classrooms.

Operation Christmas Tree

This year, Operation Christmas Tree will look a little different. Staff and students will be able to drop-off (**only within their classrooms**) donations starting **Monday, December 6th until Friday, December 10th, 2021.**

Evidence of transmission of COVID-19 through contact with food products is limited; however, efforts should be made to reduce transmission risk when handling food donations. If you are planning to donate food items, there are a few easy steps you can take to help further reduce the risk of COVID-19 and other health concerns. If you are sick, please postpone donating until you are feeling better and contact the food bank for other arrangements.

Donation Drop-off & COVID-19 Precautions:

- ✓ **Hand Hygiene**
 - Wash or sanitize hands before and after touching items.
 - Encouraged to wear gloves.
- ✓ **ALL** donations are placed in a *box, paper, and/or plastic bag.*
- ✓ **Social Distancing & Wearing** of mask.

Note: Before donating, please review the document (**link below**) from the Lambton Public Health

- ✓ Please click on the following link: [GUIDELINES FOR FOOD DONATIONS](#)

Donations

- ✓ Non-perishable food items
- ✓ Personal care items such as soap, toothpaste, etc.
- ✓ New Toys

Thank you for donating and supporting our community

Holiday Activities

It's that time of the year where many classrooms will be participating in Holiday activities. Parents/guardians are reminded that students are unable to share treat items at this time. Please do not send in any items, food or otherwise, to share with classmates. Our school community appreciates your understanding during these uncertain times.

Holiday Travels

For those of you traveling outside of Canada during the Holidays. Please be advised as per the federal travel guidelines and the directions of the Ontario COVID-19 school and childcare screening, ***unvaccinated children under the age of 12 who travel outside of Canada*** with a fully vaccinated companion are exempt from federal quarantine; however, unvaccinated children under the age of 12 are not permitted to attend school or childcare for 14 days following their return.

Daily COVID-19 Screening Tool

Thank you, parents/guardians, for assessing your child(ren) daily and reporting whether they are experiencing any signs of illness. Please refer to the Ontario screening tool <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/schoolscreening/> *The screening tool will advise you whether you should send your child(ren) to school or not and will also advise you of next steps.* ***All students who are experiencing symptoms*** consistent with COVID-19 must not attend school and should seek appropriate medical attention as required.

Note: For the first two weeks in January, we will be asking families to confirm as to whether or not they have completed the screener. Additional information regarding confirmation options will be provided/sent home before the winter break.

School Playground

Please be advised that our playground equipment is now closed for the season and will re-open in the Spring.

Inclement Weather - Brigden P.S is in Bus Zones 3, 4, and 5

The Lambton Kent District School Board has administrative procedures, which will assist parents on mornings when dangerous weather conditions exist, such as snow at this time of year. If snowing, busses may be cancelled. The decision whether to cancel busses will be made by the bus operators. Parents should listen to their local radio station or check the transportation website at 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 for additional details.

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Dates to Remember:

December 10th - School Holiday Dinner

December 17th - Last day of classes before the Winter Break

December 20th - Winter Break begins (Dec. 20th to Dec. 31st)

January 3rd - First day of classes for 2022