



December 2023

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Weather Zone: 8

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December

Our final month of 2023 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 2024 school year... Go Bulldogs! 😊

School Council Meeting

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7th, 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.

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.

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 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.

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

Winter Break

This is a reminder that Friday, December 22, 2022, is our last day of classes before the Winter Break. Students and staff will be returning on Monday, January 8, 2024.

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 food/treat items. Please do not send in any food/treats to share with classmates. Our school community appreciates your understanding.

School Playground

Please be advised that our playground equipment is now closed for the season and will re-open in the Spring. Thank you in advance for reinforcing this policy.

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.

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**).

Message from CK Public Health

Chatham-Kent Public Health (CKPH) will be implementing the annual suspension process again in 2024 for all students with incomplete immunization records. We'd like to give you the opportunity to **report** your child's immunizations to CKPH or **visit your health care provider** to obtain missing vaccines before our first notices are mailed in early January. First notices are followed by a Suspension Order, which is mailed to those who still have incomplete records at least 4 weeks before the suspension date of **March 5, 2024**. Those students who have not received and/or reported required immunizations by the suspension date will be suspended from school for up to 20 days or until our records are updated.

The **Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) requires parents/guardians to report immunizations** (or provide appropriate exemption documents) to CKPH for the following diseases if their children attend school in Ontario: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Meningococcal disease, Pertussis (whooping cough), Varicella (chickenpox - for children born in 2010 or later).

Even if a student has all the required vaccines, if the vaccines have not been reported to CKPH, they will receive a first notice in the mail and could be suspended. Immunizations are not automatically reported by health care providers to CKPH, and it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure our records are up to date.

View your child's current record with CKPH and **REPORT IMMUNIZATIONS ONLINE** at www.ckphu.com/vaccination.

You may also mail/drop off a copy of your child's record: Immunization Records, 435 Grand Ave. W., 2nd Floor, Chatham, ON, N7M 5L8
CKPH wants children to stay in school, so we are here to support parents/guardians to ensure records are up to date. **If you have questions about submitting your records or vaccine requirements call: 519-352-7270 ext. 2457.**

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Important Upcoming Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
December 7 th	School Council Meeting
December 22 nd	Winter Assembly – 12:15p.m. - Parents/Guardians welcome
December 22 nd	Last Day of Classes – Holiday Break
January 8 th	First Day of Classes in the New Year

Churchill Holiday Activities 2023

Week 1

Friday (1st)	Put up the tree Bulletin board decorating (2nd block) 3rd block - Walk through the school and check out the bulletin boards
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Week 2

Monday (4th)	Make an ornament for the tree
Tuesday (5th)	Wear Holiday/Funky Socks
Wednesday (6th)	Read a holiday book
Thursday (7th)	Holiday Hat Day
Friday (8th)	Games Day - board games/holiday Bingo (Feel free to play with your buddy class) *Ask Mr. Mayo if you'd like a copy of the Bingo!

Week 3

Monday (11th)	Wear Holiday Pajamas
Tuesday (12th)	Candy Cane Day (enjoy a sweet treat from the office)
Wednesday (13th)	Make Holiday Cards Cards will be shared with Mrs. Evans (delivered to nursing homes)
Thursday (14th)	Wear Red and Green Day
Friday (15th)	Listen to Holiday music Bulldog spirit day (wear your Bulldog t-shirt)

Week 4

Monday (18th)	Ugly Holiday Sweater Day
Tuesday (19th)	Watch a Holiday Movie (Feel free to buddy up with other classes/book the learning commons!)
Wednesday (20th)	School Wide Holiday Treat
Thursday (21st)	Staff vs Student Volleyball Game (middle block) Bulldog spirit day (wear your Bulldog t-shirt)
Friday (22nd)	Holiday/Winter Assembly (@ 12:15)

