

# TECUMSEH PUBLIC SCHOOL DECEMBER NEWS



## From the office

With the unseasonably warm weather, it's hard to believe that it's December. At the school, our students are enjoying welcoming the festive season. Moving forward, we look forward to time with our families during the Winter Break and to welcoming students back on Monday, January 8th 2024. Please take the time to review this newsletter as there are important updates and information throughout. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Happy Holidays and all the best in the coming year.

## Don't be Late....

The office is dealing with a significant amount of LATES each morning. Students can be on the yard as early as 9:00am and the bell rings at 9:15am. Students have a more successful transition into class if they arrive on time and enter the school through their assigned door. Please be mindful of our start time and set your student up for success! Entry is at 9:15am and students need to proceed to their assigned doors and not enter through the front door.

## Mark your calendars...

PIZZA DAYS - Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21

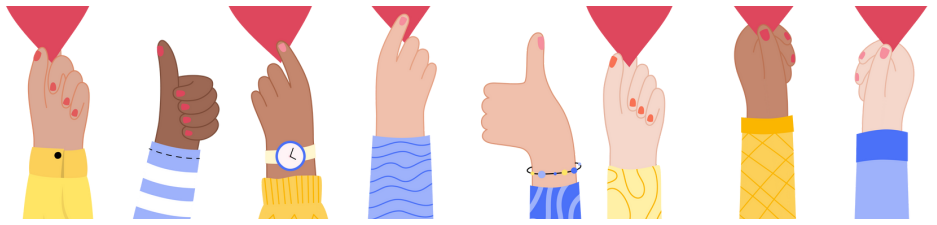
HOLIDAY CONCERTS - December 19 and 21 (classroom teachers will communicate which assembly their class is participating in). Arrive at 12:00, starting at 12:15pm.

FIRST SCHOOL DAY of 2024 - Monday January 8th

HOME and SCHOOL MEETING - Tuesday January 16th


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A special thank you to FREE HELP CK for their generous donation of socks to our students!

## Snack Program Donations



While we continue to and are grateful for the funding we are receiving from the Ontario Student Nutrition Program and President's Choice Children's Grant, some families have reached out to ask how they can best support the Student Nutrition Program here at Tecumseh. If you are able to we would love to receive donations of the following items:

- sandwich/snack size ziploc bags
- plastic spoons

A special thanks to the Tecumseh families who dropped off donations in the month of November! We appreciate you.

## Colder Weather is Coming!



Due to ice and snow during the fall and winter months, students are at a greater risk of falling or slipping off the playground equipment. To ensure the safety of students, equipment is now closed. Please make sure your students are sent to school prepared for the changing temperatures throughout the day. Having a hat, and a pair of gloves or mitts in their backpack would be helpful on those days when the temperatures drop.

## PIZZA and POPCORN my oh my..



**Our first few pizza days with OG has been a success. We have a few days left in December and an email will come out in January for pizza in 2024!**

**POPCORN will be sold MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS at first break for \$1.00 (cash only). All proceeds go to support our Snack bin program.**



TECUMSEH IS IN ZONE 8. LISTEN TO THE RADIO FOR BUS DELAYS AND CANCELLATIONS OR CHECK [HTTP://WWW.SCHOOLBUSINFO.COM](http://www.schoolbusinfo.com) FOR REGULAR UPDATES. IF BUSES ARE CANCELLED IN THE MORNING DUE TO FOG, THEY WILL RUN IN THE AFTERNOON. IF BUSES ARE CANCELLED IN THE MORNING DUE TO SNOW AND ICY ROAD CONDITIONS, THEY WILL NOT RUN IN THE AFTERNOON AND PARENTS AND GUARDIANS MUST MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PICKING UP STUDENTS AT THE END OF THE DAY.

The information below is distributed on behalf of Chatham-Kent Public Health. Should you have any specific questions about this information, please follow-up directly with Chatham-Kent Public Health.

**Chatham-Kent Public Health:**

Subject: Report Immunizations to Chatham-Kent Public Health



**Please see the message below from Chatham-Kent Public Health. Do not reply to this email. Contact Chatham-Kent Public Health directly [at (519) 352-7270 ext. 2457] if you have any questions.**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

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](http://www.ckphu.com/vaccination).

You may also mail/drop off a copy of your child's record: Immunization Records, 435 Grand Ave. W., 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

Thank you,  
Chatham-Kent Public Health