

PARIS CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOL



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | EDITION 2 - DECEMBER 2022

Important Dates To Remember

Dec 6	Int. Girls&Boys Volleyball
Dec 7	Eco Club
Dec 20	PDHS Concert
Dec 21	Holiday Concert
Dec 23	School Assembly
Dec24-Jan6	Winter Holidays
Jan 9	School Resumes
Jan 16	PA Day – no school
Jan 24	Virtual Safe Schools Presentation: Colour Blind
Feb 20	Family Day Holiday



Dear Paris Central Families,

It was nice to see so many of you at our parent-teacher interviews. If you were unable to attend the interviews and you have questions or concerns about your child/children, please know that you can reach out to us anytime during the school year. The Ministry of Health and Safety requires schools to conduct practice fire drills, practice lockdowns, and practice safe and secure drills throughout the school year, so students are aware on how to safely follow procedures in case of an emergency. Staff are always given advance notice so they can prepare their students for it. Our next practice lockdown is scheduled for February 2023, next set of three fire drills will be practiced in the months of May and June 2023, and our safe and secure practice drill is scheduled for April 2023. We encourage you to discuss the importance of these practice drills with your child/children. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please feel free to contact me.

As colder temperatures begin to set in, please be sure to send your children bundled up with their winter gear so they are dressed appropriately during outdoor recess. Please do remember to have an emergency back-up plan in place for weather-related, early school closures. Child care arrangements at home or riding the bus back home should be made, well in advance. Our board transportation procedures for early dismissal can be found below in this newsletter. Please take a few moments to read them.

On behalf of the entire staff of Paris Central, I would like to wish you all a happy and safe holiday season! We hope to see you on December 21 for our school Holiday Concert.

Kind Regards,
Latha Reuben



Holiday Concert

Paris Central School will be hosting our annual Holiday Concert on December 21 in the school gym.

This year's theme is "A Snowman Carol!" and every class will be participating in the concert.

There will be two shows on **Wednesday, December 21**: one **at 2pm**, and the other **at 6pm**. Please look for ticket information that will be sent home to you in the next couple days. There will be a matinee and an evening show to accommodate work schedules of families and to abide by our building fire code requirements. Tickets will be limited to 2 per family and any family wanting more than 2 tickets will be considered after all families have received their first 2 tickets.



Pizza Days at Paris

Thank you for all your donations to the Community Food drive. To recognize your tremendous kindness and generosity towards this cause, all children will enjoy a slice of pizza on December 23 as a token of appreciation.

Pizza days will start in January 2023. Look for more information on this coming to you soon. We plan to have our pizza days every Friday at second recess.

Paris Central Eco Club: The Paris Central Eco Club is working hard to make our school eco-friendly. Our first initiative is Litter-less Lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We encourage everyone to bring a litter-less lunch to school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you for helping us reduce waste at our school!

Student Council News
Holiday Fun at Paris Central
December 12 -23

Student council has planned out events for the "Wonderful Winter Weeks" before the break.

Monday December 12: Jersey Day

Tuesday December 13: Character Dress Up Day (Dress as your favourite character/superhero/etc.)

Wednesday December 14: Snowflake Craft Day (Craft and supplies to be provided to each class by Student Council)

Thursday December 15: Winter Hat Day

Friday December 16: Door Decorating Day (supplies to be provided for each class by Student Council) - Judging will take place at 2:30pm

Monday December 19: ICE day (Wear Blue and White!)

Tuesday December 20: Silly Sweater Day

Wednesday December 21: Chain Link Day (Each class will be provided with enough chain link pieces for each student to write a Winter Greeting or a Winter Wish - student council will collect them at the end of the day to connect and hang in the library)

Thursday December 22: Fancy Dress Up Day and Snowflake Ball for Grades 6 - 8 at 2:00pm (snacks and drinks will be available for sale during the dance for Grades 6-8 and outside of the dance for all other students to purchase if they wish).

Friday December 23: Comfy Clothes Day!

Mlle Dent & Mrs. Steckle
Student Council Advisors

Bus Ridership Policy

Grand Erie has a strict ridership policy which speaks to students only boarding their regular buses and only getting off at their scheduled stop. 17,500 students are transported on approximately 400 school buses locally which makes for a lot of moving parts. These rules are in place to maintain safety and minimize the chance of any student being misplaced.

When the scheduled services offered by the Board does not meet the needs of a family, we do require families to put in place alternative services, such as picking up your child/children at the school at the end of the school day.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND BUS AND SCHOOL IMPACTS

As temperatures dip, Grand Erie is reminding families about school and bus cancellation process for when hazardous winter weather hits.



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What you need to know:

- The decision to cancel school or student transportation services for the day is made by 6:30 a.m.
- There are two cancellation options:
 1. Closure of all Grand Erie schools
 2. Closure by zone. If the cancellation is for a specific zone, the notifications will identify which zone(s).
- If there is a cancellation, it will be posted on the board's website, and Twitter account (@GEDSB). Grand Erie will also share the information with local media.
- Student Transportation Services Brant Haldimand Norfolk will communicate closures on Twitter (@STSBHN) and share information via its phone line (519-751-7532).

What zone am I in?

For transportation purposes, Grand Erie is organized into four zones: Norfolk County (Zone 1), Haldimand County (Zone 2), Brant County (Zone 3) and City of Brantford (Zone 4). Grand Erie students from Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation are included in Zone 2. Each student should be coming home from school with a postcard that identifies the zone your school is in. You can also see a chart on our website. Grand Erie's Inclement Weather Policy also allows for the option to cancel transportation

services when there is extreme cold weather. In this case, student transportation services would be cancelled, but all Grand Erie schools would remain open to students and staff. Extreme cold weather is defined as -30 degrees Celsius (without wind-chill) at 5 a.m. or a high risk of frostbite (10 minutes or less) as of 5:45 a.m. If schools are closed on inclement weather days, students will have the option of accessing asynchronous learning activities online through Brightspace, posted by their teacher. Thanks, and stay safe this winter!

Parent Council News

Come and join our Parent Council Committee. All parents/guardians are invited to attend our in-person Parent Council Meetings.

*Our next meeting date:
Tuesday, February 28
at 6:30 p.m.*

Hope to see you then!

THE FACTORY
Basketball Academy

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where passionate players learn, play and
most of all have fun!

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**HOUSE LEAGUE
PROGRAM
AGES
8-10 & 11-13**

**INTRO TO
BASKETBALL
PROGRAM
AGES
4-7**

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