



# École LeMarchant-St. Thomas School

## Les nouvelles de décembre 2024

### December 2024 News

#### Theme: Generosity/ la générosité

### Parent/Guardian-Teacher interviews

LMST will host in person Parent/Guardian-Teacher interviews on December 5th.

Appointments will be available in **2 blocks**: 1-4pm and 5:30-7:30 pm

**Students do not have school on December 5.** The morning is for staff professional learning.

Interviews are available to be booked online through OPTIS (Online Parent Teacher Interview Scheduler) beginning November 19 and closing December 5 at 9:00 am

To access OPTIS please visit: <https://secure.parentinterviews.com/lst> and follow the instructions. If you have any questions or difficulty using the system, please contact the main office at 902-421-6769.

### Lost and Found

The lost and found items will be on display in the cafeteria on December 5. Please take a moment to look through these items and claim any that belong to your child(ren). All unclaimed items will be donated December 5 at the end of the evening.

### LMST participates in Feed Nova Scotia's Stuff-a-Bus

On December 6 students will help with Feed NS and Halifax Transit's annual Stuff-a-bus campaign. **We are accepting food donations from December 2-6.** Thank you for your support!

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## Holiday Concerts

We are looking forward to showcasing our musical talents with our upcoming concerts. Due to space restraints and the fire code each family will receive 2 tickets. If you have more than one child going to one concert- the tickets will go home with the oldest sibling of that concert. If you have a child in both concerts, parents/guardians will receive two tickets for each evening. Tickets will go home in your child's agenda/backpack on Monday, December 9.

We also have a 1:15 pm dress rehearsal each day that has some extra space. There are no tickets required for the afternoon rehearsal.

***\*New this year- please tuck in \$5 cash when you come to the Holiday Concerts this year. The H&S will be selling raffle tickets for 4 chances to win 2 front row tickets to each concert. Tickets will only be sold the evening of each show, and the draw will be done before the show begins. All proceeds will be donated to families in need this holiday season.\****

### Primary – Grade 2/3 - Tuesday, December 10 1:15 pm and 6:00 pm

**Theme: Snoozy Snowflake** \*(includes 2/3 Englehutt and 2/3 Drapeau)

*\*Students are asked to arrive at 5:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm*

### Grades 3-6 Wednesday, December 11 1:15 pm and 6:00 pm

**Theme: Snow Bizz** \*(includes 3 Gallivan, 3 LeDuc, ¼ Barkhouse)

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## LMST Spirit Days

With the dark days of December LMST staff felt we needed to have some school spirit days. Students are invited to participate in some or all the days. We tried to give options for each day to make it easy to participate.

**Monday, Dec 16-** LMST Fan Appreciation Day

LMST Proud- Join our fan club and wear our school colours and logos with pride. Colours ( blue/white)

**Tuesday, December 17-** Holiday/Winter colours day

For example Red and white like a candy cane; blue and white for Hanukkah; black, red and green for Kwanzaa, White-snow etc.)

**Wednesday, December 18 –** Hat Day

Wear your favorite hat today.

**Thursday, December 19 -** Getting Ready for the Holidays

Ugly Holiday Sweater, Socks/Hats **OR** Mismatched clothing day :)

**Friday, December 20-** Just settling in for a long winter's nap

PJ DAY, Housecoats, slippers

## **LMST SHOPPING UNDER THE STARS ★ DEC 19 & 20**

### What is Shopping Under the Stars?

On December 19 &20 students will be invited to go “Shopping under the Stars” also known as “Recycled Holiday Shopping” right here at LMST! Students will have a chance to buy a gift for their parent/guardian/special someone. All items for sale will be \$1.00 or \$2.00 and gift wrapping will be available. **We will be looking for donations of gently used trinkets/wrapping paper for the sale.** Our grade 6 leaders will be helping with this event and funds raised will go towards their year-end trip and closing.

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In preparation for this event, we invite families to **donate** any new or gently used items that could become a gift for someone else. This is a great time to 'clean house'. Also, because these items will be wrapped or bagged, we are also asking for **donations** of wrapping paper, gift bags, tape, and gift tags. If you wish to send your child with a list of who to buy for- our helpers can assist. Depending on donations- students will be limited to 3 items each.

## Youth Running Series

LMST placed 2nd overall in the Youth Running Series School Participation Challenge. We received \$1500.00 to go towards physical activities or equipment. Bravo!

## Home & School News (H & S)

### **FREE FAMILY SKATE!!! THURSDAY DEC 5 (PD DAY), 10-11:30am!!!**

A LMST family has rented the CIVIC RINK at the Forum (2901 Windsor Street) this coming Thursday, December 5th from 10-11:30am (CIVIC RINK) and has generously invited our LMST community to join. Please grab your skates and helmet (mandatory) and join if you are able!

### **LMST Holiday Wreath pick up December 5:**

Wreaths can be picked up in the cafeteria during Parent/Guardian-Teacher Interviews on Thursday, December 5 (1-4pm and 5:30-7:30pm).

**PLEASE consider donating an hour of your time to help the H&S distribute (easy job, great way to meet our friendly community AND help the school). Sign-up online (link also posted on our FB page): [Sign up here](#) to help with handing out wreaths to customers.**

Our next Home and School meeting will be on January 21 at 6pm. All welcome to attend.

## School Advisory Council (SAC)

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 21 at 4:30 pm. All welcome to attend.

Our school advisory council has an annual budget of \$5000.00 plus \$1.00 per student (\$5601.00) to spend in the areas of integrated math, literacy and well-being. The SAC approved additional art classes for each class. Belle DeMont (HRCE teacher, art teacher, author of *I Love*

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*My Purse*, and illustrator of *The Little Tree By the Sea*) has been hired over the next few weeks to work with teachers and students on various art projects. Each class will receive two hours of art classes.

The remainder of the budget will be put towards having an expert teach a science class. Teachers will choose either an online science class or a visit from the Discovery center. This will be happening throughout the remainder of the school year.

## **LMST Receives French Cultural Grant**

We have received a French Cultural Connection Grant from HRCE that we will be using to enrich our students' learning and broaden their perspectives regarding the Acadian culture. We are planning to design and build an Acadian inspired garden, work with local artists to create a quilt for the main lobby and create authentic learning opportunities for students. If your family identifies as Acadian or has connections to Acadian culture, we would love to hear from you! Whether you would like to share traditional music, food, stories, crafts, or support a classroom or school-wide event, your contributions would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the quick survey if you're interested in participating or have any ideas on how we can best honour and learn about Acadian culture together. Thank you for helping us create a vibrant and inclusive learning environment at LMST! Survey Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9SqLkJU0IV0ovzc43IUCctGFCga4yq7ken5-1DLW\\_p75tsw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9SqLkJU0IV0ovzc43IUCctGFCga4yq7ken5-1DLW_p75tsw/viewform)

## **LMST Walk/Dance-a-Thon**

Thank you to our community, staff and students for their enthusiasm during our walk/dance-a-thon week in October. We raised \$12 600 that will go back to LMST! We have already allocated \$2000 of this money to our school library. Merci! Below are our students/classes that won a prize from the draw.

Principal chair	Ben (2 Manderville)	Andre (4/5 Michelin)
Vice Principal chair	Louis B (2Smith)	Izzy (1 Roberge)
Extra Phys-ed class	Hugh S ( 3 Gallivan)	Daniel ( P Lacroix)
Pizza party	Iryssa (5DM) / Sebastian (3/4 B)	Krista (PZelios)
Extra recess	Evan R (6C)	Maeve (4B)
Phys-ed helper	Audrey (4/5 Mouland)	

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## Important Dates



- Dec 2-6 FEED Nova scotia drive.
- December 5 no school for students- professional learning in morning
- December 5 Parent/Guardian- teacher interviews 1-4 pm & 5:30-7:30 pm
- December 5 Holiday wreath pick up 1-4pm and 5:30-7:30 pm
- December 6 FEED NS Stuff- a Bus collects food donations.
- December 10 P-2/3 Holiday concert 1:15pm and 6:00 pm
- December 11 Grades 3-6 Holiday concert 1:15 pm and 6:00 pm
- December 12-19 Shopping Under the Stars donations accepted.
- December 19 & 20 Shopping Under the Stars

Happy Holidays!! Joyeuses Fêtes!!

Check out up to date information and pictures on our [website](#)

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