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December News

Les nouvelles de decembre

December's school wide theme is generosity. Students will be discussing what it means to be generous within their classrooms, home and the school community. While in the hallway by the office, check out our student celebration boards and see who has been recognized by a teacher as having gone above and beyond! There are a lot of events going on this month. I look forward to seeing you at some/all of them.

Students have been enjoying break dancer, Marcus Wells (Nov 27-Dec 1) and will enjoy Latin and Acadian dancer, Brigitte Aucoin (Dec 13-19) during their regularly scheduled physical education times. This is in part paid for by a Perform grant and with monies raised from our walk- a- thon.

Report cards go home on Friday, Dec 1st. Students are assessed regularly in each of their classes/subjects. Teachers balance the types of assessments used and include learning opportunities through conversations, observations and products. We look forward to sharing your child's progress with you later in the month on December 7th, during parent-teacher interviews.

Parent Teacher Interviews- December 7 1pm-4pm and 6pm-8pm

Optis (online booking for P-T interviews) is open until Wednesday, December 6 at noon. **There is still time to book your appointment!** Please go to <https://secure.parentinterviews.com/lst/home> and follow the directions.

Holiday Concert



Our Holiday concert is on **Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 pm** at the **Spatz Theatre** which is located at **Citadel High School**. There will be an optional silver collection at the door to help offset the costs of the performance.

On the evening of December 12th, we are asking that students arrive by 6 pm. We will be gathering by homeroom class in the Atrium/Cafeteria- please look for your child's teacher.

Holiday Concert Dress Rehearsal

There will be a dress rehearsal for our Primary – Grade 2 classes on Dec 12th in the morning. The grades 2/3 – 6 classes will rehearse in the afternoon of Dec 12. **Permission forms for the rehearsal go home on Monday, December 4.** Volunteers will be needed for the walk to and from Citadel. Please speak to your child's teacher if you are interested in helping out.

Two tickets for the concert will go home with the youngest/only child on Friday, December 8th. If you do not need two tickets, please let us know as soon as possible.

New Website

All schools in the Halifax Regional School board are using a universal template for their school websites. While our current website is amazing, we have been working hard at populating the new website and it is ready to go!

Our new website is being launched Monday, December 4th. You can find it at lmt.hrsb.ca



Food Drive

In keeping with our theme of generosity, LMST is encouraging families to send in donations of non-perishable food anytime during December 1- December 15. Items that can be used for the Citadel High Breakfast Program will be donated to them. All other items will go to FEED NS. Many of our classes will be graphing the food donated. Thank you for your support!

Citadel High Breakfast Program Wish List Items -

Flour, Cereal (Cheerios, Life, Shreddies, Rice Krispies, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Bran Flakes), White sugar, Brown sugar, Packages of Individual Boxed Juice (Orange, Apple, Fruit Punch), Chocolate Chips, Raisins, Oatmeal, Dried Cranberries, Cinnamon, Nutmeg, Ground Ginger, Canned or jarred items (Pumpkin puree, apple sauce, canned tomatoes (crushed, paste, sauce), canned kidney beans, chickpeas, lentils), Dried beans, boxed pasta, Granola Bars, Breakfast Bars, canned fruit or vegetables.

- Please note that the Citadel High breakfast program is in need of perishable items; (eggs, butter, milk, bread etc). Half of the proceeds from our student shopping will go to support this cause along with a charity of our grade 6 leaders' choice.

Shopping Under The Stars

On December 20 and 21 students will be invited to go "Shopping under the Stars" or "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. More information on this event will be forthcoming. Stay tuned...!

SchoolsPLus at LMST

SchoolsPlus is a collaborative interagency approach supporting the whole child and their family with the school as the center of service delivery. The vision for SchoolsPlus is that schools become a convenient place for government and other services to be delivered to families. This approach will make it easier for professionals to collaborate with each other on behalf of children, youth, and families. Families are served in a welcoming, accessible place that they are already familiar with—a school in their own community.

Services SchoolsPLus can provide:

- Direct support to children and youth identified as being in need of access to further programs and services to facilitate their success in and out of school.
- Avocation and support in accessing resources in the community
- Facilitation of evidence-based programming in schools

SchoolsPLus also works closely regarding community partnerships as a collaborative service to offer members of community in family of schools. We are guided by the Key Directions of the Child and Youth Strategy: Identifying problems and helping early by:

- Building a strong foundation.
- Engaging youth and promoting shared accountability
- Improving access and closing gaps
- Coordination Programs and Services

Jacobi Cardarelle is the SchoolsPLus Community Outreach worker for LeMarchant-St Thomas and can be reached at 902-229-4915 or by emailing jacobi.cardarelle@hrsb.ca with any questions you may have regarding these services.

Important December Dates



December 1 -Report Cards go home

December 2- Breakfast with Santa at Hope United Church 9 am

December 3- Wreath pick up at LMST from 10:30-12 pm

December 4

- Permission forms go home to all students for concert dress rehearsal on Dec 12.
- New LMST website is launched imt@hrsb.ca
- Food Drive begins

December 7 – No school for students

- Professional Development in the morning
- Parent-teacher interviews 1-4pm 6-8 pm

December 8th – Concert tickets (2 tickets per family) go home with the youngest or only child.

December 12-Primary –Grade 6 Holiday concert **6:30 pm** (Spatz theatre) at Citadel High School

December 15- Food Drive closes. FEED NS/ Citadel High School to pick up food on this day.

December 21- School Spirit day- wear your PJ's to school ☺

December 21- Last day of classes before Holiday break.

January 3- First day back

January 11- SAC meeting 4:30 pm

January 11 & 18 - Grade 4-6's go to Dalplex. More info to come in the New Year!

Walk – a –Thon Prize Winners

Ms. Mandy for the day- Hannah in 6 C	Ms. LeBlanc for the day Panos in 2 B	Mr. Blackburn for the day Mats in $\frac{3}{4}$ C
VP chair for the day Ben in 1T	Principal's chair for the day Jack in P T	Gift card to the Halifax Shopping Center: Asia in 4/5 K, David in 5/6 T , Riley in 5 J, Bridget in 4/5 K, Jane in PT,
Beanie Boo – Isla in PR	Family Movie Pass- Huber and Jan in 4/5 M	Extra recess- Amaya in 2 B, Noah in 2/3 MY and Annie in 5J (includes whole class ☺)
Games and Craft kits- Charlotte in 3 F, Aviva in 4B Yael in 3F, Paul in $\frac{1}{2}$ SM , Ellis in $\frac{1}{2}$ M Sadie in 4B,	Surprise Bags- Annika in 1L, Elizabeth in P Josie in 4/5 M, Satine $\frac{3}{4}$ C, Alma $\frac{3}{4}$ C,	Class Pizza Party- Alan in 6 C Luke PR Eli in 4/5 K
Class box of Smarties- Noam in 3F and Brody in 2/3 J	Poster Van in 2 B	