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## décembre—December 2018

Dear Confédération Families;

December brings us to the end of another year. This year, we will be hosting a Kindergarten performance before the holidays. Families of our Kindergarten students will be invited to view either an afternoon or evening performance. All other grades will host a performance later in the new year. Details will follow.



Thanks to all parents who were able to attend parent-teacher conferences in November. We appreciate your collaboration in contributing to the success of our students!

On behalf of the staff at École Confédération, we would like to wish all of our families a safe and restful holiday season. We hope the break provides you with the opportunity to relax, recharge, and spend some quality family time together.

Yours in cooperation,

Mme A. Smith  
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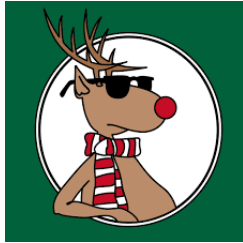
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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**\*\*Student Council has many spirit days planned for December. See the Student Council section of this newsletter for details.**

Dec. 3-COURAGE assembly (Wear spirit wear), Accessibility Awareness Day  
Dec. 4-Junior Volleyball Tournament  
Dec. 5th– Glenhyrst Night-6:00-8:00 (choir performs at 6:30)  
Dec. 6-Gr. 2 /3 and 3 to Glenhyrst  
Dec. 10 Gr. 3 and 4 to Aladdin (BCI)  
Dec. 11 (Gr. 1 and 1/2 to Aladdin (BCI), Hockey Canada presentation for Gr. 4 and 5, Food orders due online  
Dec. 13-Kindergarten Performances (12:15 or 6:00 pm)  
Dec. 17-Skating for Gr. 3 and Gr. 4  
Dec. 18-NPC Orchestra performance for Gr. 7 and 8  
Dec. 20-Gr. 4, 5, 6 Bowling Trip  
Dec. 21-Grade 2 to Bell Homestead (pm), Last day of school for 2018  
Dec. 22-Christmas Break begins (Return to school Mon., Jan. 7th)

### A Note From Our Public Health Nurse...



#### **Tips for Keeping Your Family Safe This Holiday Season**

The holiday season may be the most wonderful time of the year. It is also a time of year where mishaps and visits to the emergency room may increase, especially for children. Protect your little ones from common holiday dangers by following some of these holiday safety tips:

- \*Make sure your Christmas tree is sturdy. Trees that are not secured properly can fall onto children.
- \*Keep trees away from sources of heat such as electrical outlets, radiators and portable space heaters.
- \*Practice fire safety and have a family emergency plan in the event of a fire.
- \*Hang smaller decorations higher up on the tree. Small decorations may look pretty but can pose a choking hazard for young children.
- \*When buying toys, look for ones that are well-made and age appropriate. Remember to check the Government of Canada's Recalls and Safety Alerts database to see whether any toy has been recalled.
- \*Keep holiday plants out of children's reach. Mistletoe and holly are poisonous and can cause an upset stomach.
- \*Be aware of food safety guidelines to avoid accidental food poisoning over the holiday season.
- \*For more holiday safety tips, visit the injury topics section of Parachute Canada at [www.parachutecanada.org](http://www.parachutecanada.org).

### School Safety Procedures

We completed our mandatory lockdown drill during the month of November. We will have two additional fire drills and another lockdown practice in the Spring.

### Peanut/Nut Aware School

If your child is bringing in treats to share with the class for a holiday celebration, please read the label carefully to ensure that the food does not contain nuts or traces of nuts.

This is a peanut/nut aware school. Please do not send peanut based products, peanuts, or any nut products that may contain any of these items to the school. The safety of other children depends on this.



- Peanut butter substitutes are not allowed in elementary schools in GEDSB.
- Food is not permitted on the school playground at recess and at lunch. Students are permitted the opportunity to eat their snacks and lunches prior to going outside or immediately following the morning and afternoon recess periods.

### Student Council News

Nov 30- Dec 10: Candy Cane Grams for sale on School Cash Online \$1/candy cane or 6 canes for \$5.

Dec 11-13: Candy Cane Lane is open! Students who purchased grams will come fill out the gift tags before our elves deliver them

Mon, Dec 17: Candy Cane Day- dress up in red and white!

Tues, Dec 18: Favourite Holiday Day- Christmas isn't your thing? Dress up as the Easter bunny, in Halloween gear, in traditional Diwali robes or in celebration of Canada Day! Any holiday goes!

Wed, Dec 19: Winter Wonderland Day- hats, mitts, scarves; its Winter in the School!

Thurs, Dec 20: Ugly Sweater Day- wear your ugliest sweater. Lucie le Lutin will also be around to judge the door decorating contest! Bonne chance!

Fri, Dec 21: Pajama day- get ready to settle down for a long winter's nap and come to school in your PJs.

Fri, Dec 21: grade 6-8 Winter Dance (last block in the gym)  
Snack combos available for purchase on School Cash Online



## **School Council**

### **Student Injury and Illness**

Students should not be contacting parents directly themselves on their personal devices/phones. All communication with parents in regards to student illness or injury that occurs during the school day must be done through an adult at the school. This might be a teacher, DECE, or the office staff. This is so that we can make sure that our attendance is accurate and that we are know where all of our students are at all times. Thank you for you assistance with this matter.

### **Parking Reminders**

Just a reminder when parking on the streets around the school, it is important to be respectful of our school neighbours and to follow the parking rules:

- parking and stopping are allowed on only one side of the street (the side with the sidewalk). Signs are posted indicating this;
- parking is not allowed in front of a fire hydrant;
- please do not use our neighbor's driveways unless you have permission from the homeowner;
- parking is not permitted in the space between the corner of an intersection and the posted no parking sign.

Thank you to everyone for their continued cooperation in keeping our students safe during drop off and pick up. If you are sending a family member who is not familiar with our routines, please remind them that there is no drop off on site between 8:45 and 9:15 daily, and no pick up on site between 3:15 and 3:45.

The only exception to this is for those with an accessible parking pass or with a special parking pass that has been issued by the school.

### **Monthly Assemblies**

We will be recognizing students who have shown excellence in demonstrating Understanding. During the months of December and January, we will be encouraging students to demonstrate Resilience. Next assembly will be on January 25, 2019.

School council meetings are open for all to attend. Meetings are usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the library. Start time is 6:00 and child minding is provided. We continue to organize fundraising for the school. Thanks to all who have participated in our QSP fundraiser. While the deadline for gift order items has passed, magazine orders can continue throughout the entire year. Thanks to all who purchased spirit wear. Orders will be placed late November. We may see delivery prior to the holidays, however this is not guaranteed. We will be holding our annual Glenhyrst Family Night on December 6th from 6:00-8:00 pm. We hope to see you out for some family time and a cup of hot chocolate!

### **Punctuality and Student Lates**

Accepting responsibility for being punctual is an important life skill. Students are expected to arrive promptly for school. Late students interrupt classes, distract others, and often miss routines and announcements.

If your child will be late for school, please call the school (519-751-2891) in advance. A student who arrives late at school (anytime after the 9:10 bell), for any reason must report to the office before going to class. Students will be given a late stamp before they may enter class. Students continue on to class while the caregiver remains at the office to sign the child in. Caregivers say goodbye to students at the office.

Attendance is monitored by an Attendance Counsellor throughout the school year. Parents will be informed by letter when their child's attendance is of concern.

A parent wishing their child to be excused from school early must send a note to the classroom teacher. Do not call the school office to make this request during the day. Students who will be missing school for a period of more than 3 consecutive days that is not due to illness are requested to complete the "Request for Temporary Absence" form, available from the school website or the main office.

A copy of this information has been provided in the school handbook, which is in the front of the student agenda.

## Inclement Weather and Transportation

Winter is just around the corner. In the event of inclement weather, there is the potential for transportation delays or cancellations and school closures.

### **Confédération bus routes:**

503 = Paris - zone 3 and 4  
504 = St George - zone 3 and 4  
505 = Ancaster, Hwy 2/53 - zone 3 and 4  
507 = Brantford only - zone 4  
509 = Brantford only - zone 4

510 = Lynden Rd - zone 3 and 4  
519 = Brantford only – zone 4  
528 = Brantford only – zone 4  
543 = Brantford only – zone 4



If transportation is cancelled for schools in Zone 4, École Confédération will be closed.

For those living in Brant County, buses 503, 504, 505, and 510 come from zone 3 before picking up students for Confédération. If Zone 3 is cancelled, there will be no pick up for students on these bus routes. The school will be open if zone 3 is cancelled and zone 4 is not cancelled.

### **Inclement Weather Information:**

- Information on Student Transportation Services can be found here: <http://www.stsbhn.ca/>
- For transportation delays, cancellations or school closures, visit:  
[www.transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations](http://www.transinfobhn.ca/Cancellations)
- If there are school or board facility closures, Grand Erie will post a notification by 6:30 a.m. on the Board's website here: [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)
- Information will be posted on Grand Erie's Twitter (@GEDSB) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/GEDSB](https://www.facebook.com/GEDSB)) accounts

In the event of a mid-day closure, the school telephone lines will be needed to work through our Emergency Phone Fan-Out to contact parents. Parents should note that it is very rare that the school will be closed half way through an instructional day.

On days of inclement weather, the staff of STSBHN and the bus companies, who provide service to our area, are actively reviewing current road conditions and future weather patterns in order to make a determination on delayed or cancelled transportation services. Information is collected from a number of sources and a decision is made and posted no later than 6:30 a.m.

As the decision to run, delay or cancel transportation is made in advance of services actually being provided, there may be some instances where variability exists in what was forecast versus what actually occurs. STSBHN and its member school boards want to provide options for the parents and students of our area and so, when it appears safe to do so, transportation services will be permitted to continue as usual.

If, on an inclement weather day you feel that your child(ren) would be better off not taking the bus and either being transported into school by yourself or staying home altogether as a result of the road conditions at or near your home, STSBHN and the boards do understand and respect that this decision ultimately rests with you.





# École Confédération School Food Sales

## Dates for Dec. 2018, Winter 2019

### **Booster Juice Smoothie Mondays**

*(organized by Jr. classes to support year end trip)*

December 3, 10, 17

January 28

February 25

March 25



### **Pizza Day Tuesdays**

*(organized by Parent Council)*

December 4, 11, 18

January 8, 15, 22, 29

**\*\*Orders for January close online on Dec. 11.**



### **Original Kettlecorn Popcorn Thursdays**

*(organized by Jr. classes to support year end trip)*

December 6, 13, 20

January 24

February 21

March 21



**Milk orders  
for  
January-March 2019  
are due on**

**December 11**

**through school cash  
online.**

### **Hot Lunch Thursdays**

*(organized by Parent Council)*

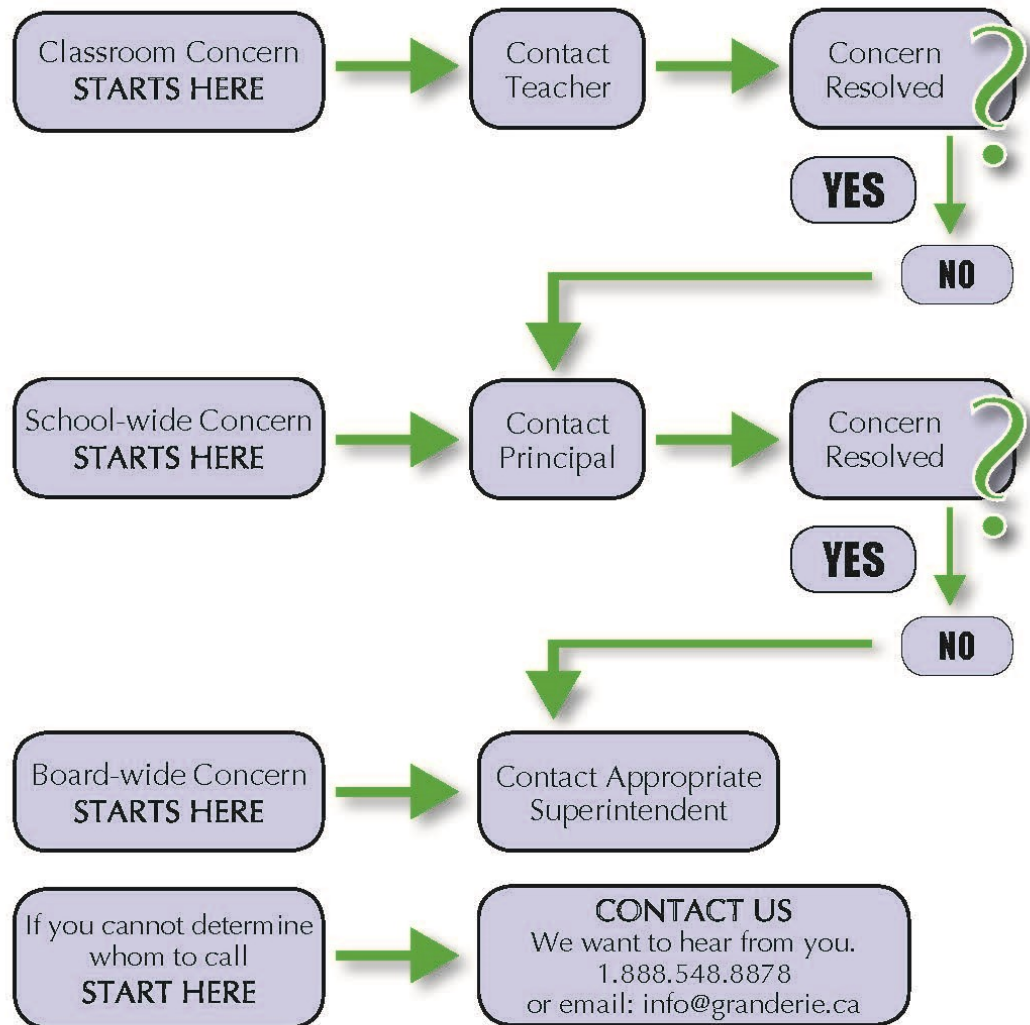
January 10, 17, 24, 31







## HOW TO GET HELP WITH A CONCERN



**YOUR TRUSTEE CAN GUIDE YOU THROUGH THIS PROCESS.**  
Find your Superintendent and Trustee Representative at [granderie.ca](http://granderie.ca)

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