



## School Newsletter February 2026

### Dates to Remember



- Feb 5:** WWF National Sweater Day
- Feb 5&6:** Croc Jibbitz Valentine O'Grams - \$2 each  
(limit 2 per student)
- Feb 6:** **Spirit Day – Let's go, Canada!**  
Wear Canadian Gear/Olympics Day (Olympic Opening Ceremonies)  
Popcorn sales \$2.50/bag
- Feb 9:** Glow Stick sales all week – \$1 each or 3 for \$2  
Reports Cards go home
- Feb 13:** **Valentine's Day - Spirit Day – wear red, pink & white**  
Valentine's Dance – 3<sup>rd</sup> block  
Popcorn sales \$2.50/bag
- Feb 16:** **Family Day** – school is closed  
Hot Lunch – School Cash Online **OPENS**
- Feb 20:** Popcorn sales \$2.50/bag
- Feb 22:** Hot Lunch – School Cash Online **CLOSES**
- Feb 23:** Jr. Basketball Tournament @ SCS
- Feb 24:** Parent Council Mtg @5:30 pm – everyone welcome
- Feb 25:** Int. Girls Basketball Tournament @ SCS  
**Spirit Day - PINK** shirt day (Anti-Bullying Awareness)  
Music Bingo
- Feb 27:** Popcorn sales \$2.50/bag  
Movie Night – more info to come!!
  
- March 16-20:** March Break – school is **closed**



A reminder that school starts at **8:45 am** and pick up for those students **not** riding a bus is at **3:05 pm**. Please pick up your child(ren) and leave right away as we have had a few safety issues/close calls with busses and cars and children playing on the driveway and front area while with their parents.

It is also important that you DO NOT park in the circular drive between the hours of

**8:15 - 9:00 am and 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

## Kindergarten Registration Now Open

If you have a child (or know of a child) who will be 4 years old by the end of 2024 (born in 2022 or 2021 if not currently enrolled), registration is now open to begin Kindergarten this September 2026. Please visit [www.granderie.ca/kindergarten](http://www.granderie.ca/kindergarten) to complete the online registration process. Once registered, you will be contacted by the school to complete the process. Families are also welcomed to contact the school to arrange a time for in-person registration.

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## Student Council Update

**January** was a fun and spirited month for our school community! Student Council kicked things off with **Bring a Duck / Be a Duck / Dress Like a Duck Day**, followed by **Dress Like Your Favourite Superhero/Job Day**. We also helped warm up the winter days by providing **hot chocolate for the whole school**. A huge **thank you to Parent Council** for teaming up with us to make and distribute the hot chocolate—your support made the day extra special!

Students also enjoyed participating in **cooperative games in the gym** with their Colour Houses. These activities were a big hit and will continue throughout February.

Looking ahead, February is full of exciting events:



Once again, Bloomsburg Bulldogs will be participating in **WWF** (World Wildlife Fund Canada) **National Sweater Day**. Since 2010, more than a million Canadians have shown their support for limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius by turning down their thermostats by the same amount (or more) and wearing their favourite sweaters to stay warm. <https://schools.wwf.ca/events/primary-sweater-day>

National Sweater Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about climate change and energy conservation, and show how together – classroom by classroom, school by school – we can be a part of the solution.

Here at Bloomsburg, we will take part on **Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, we encourage you to take part at home as well.

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Student Council will also be selling **Croc Jibbitz Valentine O'Grams** on **February 5th and 6th** for **\$2 each**. Please note: **limit of 2 per student**.

To wrap up the month, our next Colour House event will take place on **February 25th**, where we'll be playing **Music BINGO!**

We're looking forward to another great month of school spirit and community fun!

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Last Wednesday, students from Grade 1 through 8 gathered in our Gym to compete in our annual public speaking competition. Students shared excellent stories and speeches. Our guest judges were extremely impressed with how prepared, calm and engaging all participants were.

### **Primary Division**

1<sup>st</sup> Lucy (Grade 2)

2<sup>nd</sup> Kailey (Grade 3)

3<sup>rd</sup> William (Grade 2)

Honourable Mention: Macie (Grade 1)

### **Junior Division**

1<sup>st</sup> Ben (Grade 5)

2<sup>nd</sup> Emmeline (Grade 4)

3<sup>rd</sup> Samira (Grade 5)

### **Intermediate Division**

1<sup>st</sup> Olivia (Grade 7)

2<sup>nd</sup> Darshil (Grade 8)

3<sup>rd</sup> Ainsley (Grade 7)



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## **Chess Club**

We will be hosting two clubs this year - *Learn to Play Chess* and *Chess Practice*. Students in Grade 3-8 will meet weekly to learn and brush up on chess skills in our Learning Commons. The Bloomsburg Parent Council has kindly donated several chess sets for this club to continue to grow - thank you!

## **Valentine's Dance – Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

Bloomsburg is going to have a fun glow up Valentine's dance party last block!

**Glow sticks** will be sold all week at first lunch: **\$1 each or 3 for \$2 to make a necklace**. Proceeds support the Primary trip transportation fee.

Glow sticks will be delivered Friday at second lunch.

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## **SPORTS**

On Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, students who signed up took place in the **Knights of Columbus Free Throw shooting competition** at the school level. Winners from each age and gender group then got to move on to the regional competition hosted at Holy Trinity on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. [Congrats](#) to school winners: Caleb D., Emmeline F., Issac C., Mason M., Malachi M., Mavilyn I., Cooper H, and Britton W.

Congratulations to all who participated!

## **PARENT COUNCIL NEWS:**



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## **SAFE ARRIVAL – Attendance Procedure:**

With **SafeArrival**, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these **3 convenient methods:**

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SchoolMessenger app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number **1-833-557-9420** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the **SafeArrival** toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

- Please report absences in advance using **SafeArrival** instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.
- Staff will be using the **SafeArrival** notifications to let you know if your student is absent (when you haven't reported the absence in advance).