



# PRINCE CHARLES PUBLIC SCHOOL



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### Principal

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### Secretary

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### Important Dates

Jan 14– School Council Meeting (4:30)

Jan 20– PD Day

January 30-31– Vision screening for all SK students.

Jan 31– Hot Dog Day

### Message from the Principal

I apologize that this newsletter is late, but I was waiting on some important information that would affect the content of this communication.

Welcome back to Prince Charles School in a brand new decade! At the school, we are thinking about all of the past accomplishments of our staff and students. We can't wait to see what the next year and decade hold.

Some of our teachers made resolutions for 2020:

Mr. Sharma- "To grow another 6 inches."

Mrs. Veschler- "To learn a new student's name every day."

Ms. Mrkonjic- "To be healthier and have a better routine to eat regularly at work and to stay positive."

Miss Pustai- "To play a game of Rock, Paper, Scissors with at least one student each day."

Mrs. Hari- "To provide a more diverse variety of clubs around the school."

Mrs. Grieve- "To find out a student's favourite animal every day."

Mr. Walker- "To invite star students to lunch in my office on Fridays."

We would like to welcome two new staff members to Prince Charles School! Miss Smith will be our new half-time prep teacher and Ms. Hopkins is our new EA supporting students throughout the school. Soon, they will be familiar faces. Make sure you say, "Hi," if you see them.

If you have been looking for ways to get involved in the school, consider attending our next School Council meeting on Tuesday, January 14 at 4:30. This group consistently works for the benefit of all students and all members are greatly appreciated for everything that they do.

If you require assistance setting up School Cash Online, please contact the school and we will re-send instructions

### Lost and Found Items

Our Lost and Found continues to be full of summer, fall and winter clothing. If you are missing items, please come in and have a look. We will separate any items left over from 2019 from new items. Any unclaimed 2019 items will be donated to a local charity on January 31.

### Drop Off and Winter Weather

At some point, the weather will certainly change. Please be mindful of snow accumulation at drop off and pick up, as snow banks can often present dangers when unloading children from vehicles.



Also, please consult [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca) or the Grand Erie District School Board for school cancellations due to winter weather. Any cancellations will be posted no later than 6:30 AM. Please note that in the event that temperatures are below -20 degrees, school buses will be cancelled, but schools will be open. If transportation to a zone is closed due to dangerous road conditions, schools in that zone will be closed. Prince Charles is in Zone 4.

## Hot Lunches

As previously announced, our Hot Lunch program will continue in January but **orders will only be accepted online**. Boston Pizza lunches will continue on Tuesdays with orders due on the Thursday before the hot lunch day. The menu for January is as follows:

January 14– Salad and Bread

January 21– Bugs and Cheese

January 28– Chicken Tenders

Pizza days will continue on Thursdays with orders due on the Tuesday prior to Pizza Days.

## Basketball Tryouts



Basketball tryouts have begun. If your child has not returned a permission form but still wishes to participate, please ensure that they return the permission form ASAP.

Tournaments will be scheduled between January 23rd and 27th.

## Cold Weather Guidelines

In our climate, at times low temperatures can be unsafe and we will keep students indoors for Nutrition Breaks. Students may also be kept indoors due to icy conditions in the playground areas. **When temperatures are lower than –20 degrees with the windchill, students will be given immediate access to the school upon arrival and will be kept indoors during Nutrition Breaks.** When temperatures are below this threshold, please adjust your child’s departure time so that they arrive at school close to the bell time (8:40).

Students should dress according to weather conditions. If you are in need of a winter coat, we have some brand new donated coats to distribute.

## GRIT

We will begin a school-wide focus on being “Gritty” in the upcoming months. Having GRIT involves exhibiting the following traits: Self-Control, Persistence, Tenacity, Resilience, Hard Work, Courage, Delayed Gratification, Perseverance, Open-mindedness, Optimism, Conscientiousness, Gratitude, and Social Intelligence.

Research shows that effort and persistence is twice as important as “talent” when it comes to achieving goals. Let’s get GRIT!

## Bargaining Updates

As you are aware, all public sector education workers are in the collective bargaining process. The public secondary teachers (OSSTF) have recently staged a one-day withdrawal of services. This withdrawal did not affect public elementary schools. As negotiations continue, you can get the most up to date information about the impact of negotiations on schools by visiting <https://granderie.ca/board/community/newsroom/labourUpdates>

## Skating Dates

As you may have heard, teacher job action has recently escalated and all field trips will need to be put on hold for the time being. Should job action end, skating times will continue as originally scheduled. Please check your email and visit the Board website ([www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)) for the most up-to-date information about job action and its impact on school activities.



Kindergarten registration is now open for the 2020-21 school year. To register your child, they must be born in 2016. Please bring your child’s birth certificate and proof of address in our school area (utilities bill, rental agreement, etc.) to the school and fill out registration paperwork. You must also have an emergency contact on file in case you can’t be reached. Kindergarten orientations and visits will be scheduled in the spring.

We can’t wait to meet the newest Prince Charles Knights.

